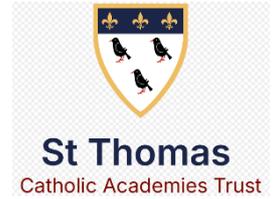




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"We work together, we pray together, we grow together"



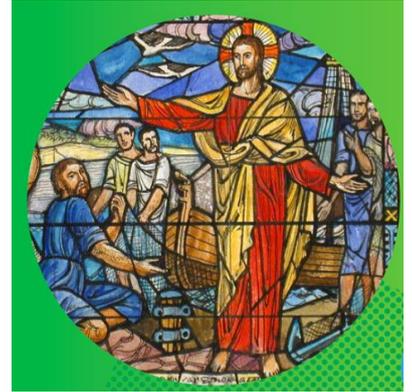
Headteacher's Update – 30.1.26

Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel assembly reminded children that Jesus was a 'fisher of men', calling the first disciples to follow him.

We encourage the children through scripture, prayer and Catholic Social Teaching to find ways to follow in the disciples' footsteps and live the way Jesus taught us.

With that in mind, I was really impressed by a letter I received from Kacper in Y6, relating what he had been learning in class about the environment to actions he would like us to take as a school to help take better care of our world. This fits beautifully with the Catholic Social Teaching aspect 'Caring for Creation'. As a result, we will be re-starting our Eco Council and looking at ways to implement Kacper's recommendations. Watch this space for further updates!



Links with St Michael's – Y5 sports event

We are very fortunate that we have St Michael's Catholic Secondary school within a short distance of our school. This allows us to build great links and to offer our pupils a range of experiences to which they may otherwise not have access. Our Faith Ambassadors went for a day of training recently, and this week our Y5 children attended a sports event there.

They enjoyed an exciting and active trip, where they took part in a fantastic PE coaching session led by five of the school's Sports Coaches. During the session, the children were introduced to a range of new skills while also having the opportunity to practise and develop skills they already use in their own PE lessons. The coaches provided clear guidance and encouragement, helping pupils build confidence, teamwork and resilience throughout the activities.

The children represented the school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, focus and a willingness to challenge themselves. It was a valuable experience that inspired them to keep improving their skills, such as hand-eye coordination and teamwork, as well as enjoying physical activity.





Netball

This week our Year 5 and 6 netball team had their first netball match against Buckingham Park Primary School. The team did so well in showing off their skills and keeping their enthusiasm high especially as they were playing an exceptionally good team! Unfortunately, despite a brilliant performance, Buckingham Park beat St Louis 7-1 and named Amyah as player of the match! A great first game for St Louis, onwards and upwards for our netballers! Thank you to all the parents who attended and gave their support and encouragement.

Learning walks

It is a privilege for me to get to spend time in classes across the school, seeing how well our children are learning. This week, I visited the Y1 classrooms during their English lesson. We know how vital it is that children learn how to form their letters correctly, know how to spell key words and how to write simple sentences correctly punctuated with capital letters and full stops. Children in Y1 practice these skills at the start of every English lesson and it was fantastic to see how well they are able to do this increasingly independently. I can see clearly the progress they are making from the start of the year to now. I know you will be just as impressed when you come and see their work at our next book look after school event.

If your child is in Y1 (or any year group) and you would like more information as to how you can support them at home with these key skills, please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to help.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Nursery



We have been learning: to put meaning to our marks when drawing pictures.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about their drawings and encouraging them to give meaning to their marks.

Reception

We have been learning: how to use the Bee-Bots.

You can help at home by: helping your child to use the words 'turn left, turn right, forward', when walking to school.

Year 1

We have been learning: number bonds to 10 and 20.

You can help at home by: practising number bonds with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: about multiplication.

You can help at home by: helping your child learn their 2 x tables up to x12.

Year 3

We have been learning: to measure in mm (millimetres) , cm (centimetres) , and m (metres).

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to measure objects around the home.

Year 4

We have been learning: about rivers of the world.

You can help at home by: asking your child to name a river in the UK and a river somewhere in the world.

Year 5

We have been learning: about decimals and their equivalence to fractions.

You can help at home by: asking your child what is $\frac{2}{10}$, $\frac{5}{10}$, $\frac{13}{100}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ as a decimal.

Year 6

We have been learning: about the importance of protecting our oceans.

You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you what some of the threats to the oceans are and how marine life can be affected.