



# St Louis Catholic Academy



May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



We had a busy and productive Spring Term of learning, despite the increased incidence of Covid amongst our staff as we approached

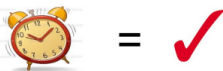
Easter. Everyone was wonderful in stepping in to support each other and we kept things going. I am yet again indebted to all the staff for their ongoing commitment and hard work in caring for the St Louis children.

This month a letter arrived from the Trustees working on behalf of the Sisters of St Louis and it informed me that the Sisters have gifted St Louis Catholic Academy £100,000 to be invested in a wellbeing hub where we can support children and their families. We have many families and children that need extra help and struggle to find a calm and private area to provide this support. Whilst we have mental health first aiders, drawing and talking therapists, family support workers, speech and language therapists and other health professionals meeting in school, we need some dedicated space to deliver services from. Over the coming months, I will work with the Diocese, who are the custodians of the legacy, to develop a proposal for creating a new small space to spend time supporting children and families. We will need to carefully negotiate planning consents because we are within a Newmarket Conservation area. Meanwhile, I anticipate contractors will be on site towards the end of May to fit our new teaching kitchen. This will create a wonderful facility for learning and a space for children to cook with their families. Hopefully, we'll be able to access some nutrition-focused workshops once we have the dedicated space.

Our Year 6 and Year 2 children will be sitting their SATs tests shortly. Despite interruptions to school life over the past two years, we know they all work so hard and we wish them well in these assessments. Please ensure your children get plenty of sleep to be at their most energetic and alert. Please contact me by email on [sueblakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:sueblakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk) with any queries.

With best wishes, Sue Blakeley, Headteacher

### Every minute counts



Lateness = lost learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

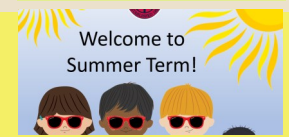
Please bring your child to school each day and support them to arrive on time. Missed minutes, hours and days over the school year reduce your child's chances of success.



Vacancies for MDSAs 11.30am to 1.30pm

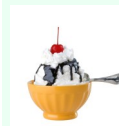
Come and work in our wraparound club? 7.45am to 8.40am or 3.20pm to 6pm

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You have raised £547.91 for CAFOD



Activity Packs, milkshakes, and ice-cream Sundaes

This was from sales of the Fairtrade



Please and thank you are still magic words!

(No matter how old you are!)

We ask all children to use 'please and thank you' throughout the day. Please help reinforce this at home too.

# Welcome to Reception



Welcome to Reception!

Your child's first step into full time education at St Louis Catholic Academy. We welcome the children full time from September with open arms and big smiles. During the initial weeks of the Autumn term we focus on settling the children into their new environment and getting to know them and you, their family. The children soon settle and this supports their Personal, Social and Emotional development. We pride ourselves on achieving a good balance of adult-led teaching, especially for Literacy, Maths and R.E, but also recognise that children learn best through their play. Therefore, we observe the children in their chosen activity and come alongside them to support and extend their learning in the moment, enhancing the continuous provision to further support teaching and learning.

Alongside learning in the moment, we have our overarching learning theme each term. For example, the children have been scientists and learnt about lifecycles by watching chicks hatch and grow and caterpillars creating a cocoon and finally emerging as a butterfly that we have released into the prayer garden. We have visitors into school for our 'People who help us' theme and have visited a wildlife park to support teaching and learning about animals.

A key area of learning for Reception children during their year with us, is Communication and Language. We teach the children how to be a good listener and an effective speaker with others one-to-one, in small groups and as part of a whole class. A life skill that will support their learning throughout their time at St Louis and beyond.

We are very lucky to have some wonderful outdoor spaces for the children to explore and develop their physical skills, strength and co-ordination. The Pirate Ship area is probably one of the children's favourite areas. They engage in imaginative play, dig in the sand and develop their strength and agility on the monkey bars and other equipment. In addition to this, the children take part in weekly PE lessons provided by specialist PE teachers. During the year they study games, dance and gym. The children also benefit from outdoor learning during regular Forest School sessions, led by a specialist Forest School leader. So much fun to be had while developing their gross and fine motor skills!

We feel very privileged to be part of laying the foundations for your child's reading and writing journey. We follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics programme. This teaches the children letter sounds and names, common exception words (tricky words) and teaches reading comprehension. As part of our literacy lessons, we also teach correct letter formation to develop children's writing skills.

The Catholic faith of our school runs through our early years practice. The children learn how to grow like Jesus in their thoughts and actions. They are very good at looking out for each other and helping others. We celebrate special events throughout the year in the Church calendar as well as learning about other faiths and cultures by coming together with others. The children attend Mass, liturgies and assemblies, learning a range of prayers and hymns to further enhance their Religious Education.

We hold regular Stay and Play sessions for our Reception parents so if you have not been able to attend any so far please ask Mrs Baldwin or Mrs Smith when future sessions are so you can come and join in with your child's learning.





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Welcome back to the third and final term of this school year! The coming months see a lot of feasting in the Church: whilst we **fasted** for 40 days in Lent, we **feast** for 50 days of Easter!

**What's going on in the Catholic Church:**

**Calendar:**

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths **white** as we will be in the **season of Easter!** White symbolises innocence, purity, victory and joy and is used for joyful and glorious occasions including Jesus, Mary the angels and the saints! We move back to Ordinary time on 8/6/22.

*Nearly every day is a saint's day in the Catholic calendar(!), but these are a few key dates coming up:*

- (Holy Days of Obligation are in bold.)**
- 24/4/22 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- 26/4/22 – St George's Day (Solemnity)
- 3/5/22 – Ss Philip and James, apostles (feast)
- 4/5/22 – The English martyrs (feast)
- 8/5/22 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 26/5/22 – The Ascension (solemnity) – Holy Day of Obligation)**
- 26/5/22 – St Philip Neri (feast)
- 31/5/22 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)
- 5/6/22 – Pentecost!
- 19/6/22 – Corpus Christi (Solemnity)
- 24/6/22 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
- 25/6/22 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 29/6/22 – Ss Peter and Paul (Solemnity) – Holy Day of Obligation)**
- (25/8/22 – St Louis' feast day)

# INTER FAITH WEEK

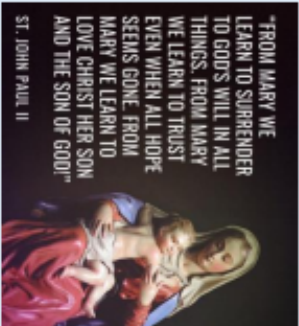
Watch this space!

**May is the month of Mary!**

Whilst October was the month of the Rosary, May sees Catholics celebrating Mary as our wonderful mother! This has been happening since the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century but has been more 'mainstream' since the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Mary was conceived and born without sin (hence her 'immaculate conception') and Jesus gave her to us as our **spiritual mother from the cross** (see John 19:26-27).

We are hoping to mark this wonderful month together as a school. Watch this space!

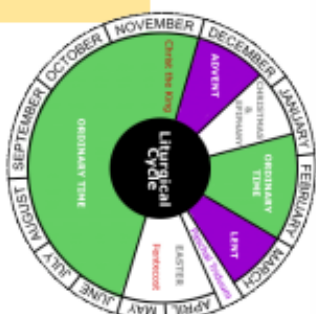


**Pentecost!**

Pentecost is celebrated by Christians throughout the world and is often referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church'. In ancient times, the Jewish people used it as a time to celebrate the grain harvest; it then became known as the 'Festival of the First Fruits'. More recently, it has been associated with the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai (and is called 'Shavuot').

Since the **coming of the Holy Spirit** to the apostles in the upper room, it has become a time for Christians to celebrate the 'first fruits' of the **Holy Spirit's harvest** of God's people and don't forget, of course, the **fruits of the Holy Spirit** that we receive through the third person of the Holy Trinity in our lives!

We are looking forward to having some Pentecost celebrations soon!



**RE in school this term:**

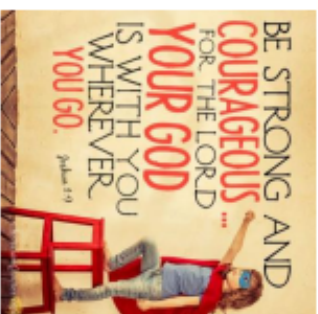
Our Gospel values are:  
**Summer 1:** Service and Tolerance  
**Summer 2:** Courage

**Units of Study:**

- EVFS:** New Life;
- Serving: Good News (Pentecost); Special Places: The Church.
- KS1:** Easter/tide; The Mass; Sikhism
- LKS2:** Celebrating Easter & Pentecost; The Eucharist/The Mass; Hinduism
- UKS2:** Life in the Risen Lord; Pentecost – Serving: Islam

**Let us pray...**

Lord, during these coming months, help us to remember that although you struggled on Earth and died, you also conquered death and rose into Heaven. **Help us to remember to lift our eyes and hearts to Heaven** whenever we feel as though life is getting on top of us. Help us to discover and trust in those gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we can live our lives to the full and glorify your name through them. Amen.



## Meet St Louis Governors

Governors play an active role in supporting and challenging the school. The Board of Governors consists of a Staff Governor, an elected Parent Governor and several Foundation Governors, who are appointed by the Bishop of East Anglia and have a special role in supporting the Catholic ethos of the school.



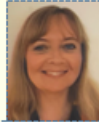
Kathleen Das Foundation Governor and Joint Chair

My name is Kathleen Das. I am a Foundation Governor and have been the Co-Chair of Governors since 2018. I also have a particular role in overseeing our SEND provision in school. I am a trained Primary School Teacher and worked in local schools until I had my children. I am passionate about education and giving children the best start in life. All 5 of my children have come to St. Louis and have enjoyed being part of this lovely school community



Charles Dore Foundation Governor and Joint Chair

I hope you are enjoying meeting your Local Board of Governors. My two girls attended St Louis many years ago and it is great to have a chance to give back something now. I am the CEO of Newmarket Open Door, which is also a privilege, so I am very involved with the Newmarket community. I like to keep fit at the gym and enjoy walking holidays. Take care.



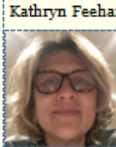
Karen Varma Foundation Governor

My name is Karen Varma and I am the Governor Lead for Safeguarding/ Child Protection. I currently work in a local school where I am a Senior Mental Health Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). I have two daughters, who both attended St Louis, and are now in Years 7 and 11 at St. Benedict's Catholic School.



Marc Walker Foundation Governor

Hello there! It's a real pleasure to become part of the school as a governor. I have two boys who attend here, Alexander and Elliot. My background is in the law and I'm also a trustee on the board of a carnival arts centre and the local Citizens Advice Bureau. When I'm not taking the boys to their (many!) after school activities, I run regularly with a local club, the Newmarket Joggers. My wife is Polish and I love to visit the country and eat the delicious food there. And my football team - Liverpool FC of course!



Kathryn Feehan Staff Governor

After working as a Graphic Designer for 14 years, I retrained to become a primary school teacher when our first child was an infant. I started working at St Louis as a midday supervisor and learning support assistant about 12 years ago. Since then, I have worked as a teaching assistant, then class teacher (in all KS2 classes, except Elm!). My family live in the Newmarket area, we worship in our Parish (at Kirtling) and our three children all attended St Louis. I am Year 6 Class Teacher, KS2 Leader and Maths Leader.



Bethan Byrne

I live in Cambridge with my husband and 2 daughters who attend St Louis. Whilst born and brought up in Wales I moved to Newmarket after finishing university and have worked in the thoroughbred industry ever since. Firstly with Tattersalls for approx 5 years and for the past 15 years based at Godolphin's breeding head quarters at Dalham Hall Stud. Apart from racing I very much enjoy cooking, reading, gardening, am an avid Wales rugby supporter and an active member of FOSL.



Anne Sugrue

Ann was a St Louis parent in school before becoming a grandparent to children in school too. Ann is an active member of the school parish and brings a wealth of experience of St Louis school development over many years.

## Little Louis Stay and Play

Friday 6th May and  
Friday 10th June

The sessions will start at 9.30am and finish at 10.45am on a drop in/out basis. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available for parents. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and toddlers to meet families who are likely to become part of our friendly and welcoming school ahead of joining us in our nursery class. All welcome! You do not have to already be committed to applying for St Louis nursery to join us and experience what we have to offer.

Please register your interest in attending  
[acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk).



## Helping our School

Since we featured our Governors, we have had queries from families asking to be Governors too. This is most welcome because schools often struggle to attract Governors. However, there are restrictions about how many our school has. One restriction is that no more than half of the Governors are parents. We currently have four parents as Governors, with Jenny Balmer joining most recently as a new parent Governor. The staff Governor is nominated and elected by staff. Generally, the non parent Governors are recruited from within the Parish, some having been parents of children at our school in the past. The Parish Priest, Fr Leo, is also a Governor.

We are always welcoming of parents who would like to join our school meal food panel. The current volunteers include a nutritionist and parents who are passionate about healthy food. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved.



### Help us to improve communications to home

Following the recent parent survey, we recognise that we can improve our communications. If you have ideas and would be willing to be part of a 1 hour focus group, please contact

[admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk)



# Summer Menu

## SUMMER TERM MENU 2022

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Teachers Training Day	Beef Burgers served with Potato Wedges and Green Beans Fresh Fruit	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy Smooth Berry Yogurt	Pasta and Tomato Sauce served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit	Fish and Chips served with Baked Beans and Peas Jelly and Fruit
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday	Homemade Cheese, Ham & Tomato Pizza served with Baked Beans, Peas and Cauliflower Fresh Fruit	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes served with Carrots, Peas and Gravy Flap Jacks	'Brunch' Sausage, Hash Browns, Scrambled Egg and Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	Fish Goujons served with Potato Wedges, Green Beans and Sweetcorn Smooth Berry Yogurt
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Smooth Tomato Ratatouille Sauce with a Sprinkling of Cheese served with Pasta, Broccoli and Peas Fresh Fruit	Panini with Ham and Melted Cheese served with Potato Wedges, Carrots and Green Beans Smooth Berry Yogurt	Roast Gammon and Pineapple served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy Jelly	Chicken and Vegetable Curry and Rice served with a Poppadum Fresh Fruit	Chicken Goujons and Chips served with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks Fresh Fruit
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Newmarket Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots Fresh Fruit	Meatballs with Tomato Sauce served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn Flapjack	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy Fresh Fruit	Tomato Pizza served with Baked Beans, Peas and Cauliflower Fresh Fruit	Fishcakes served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Green Beans Smooth Berry Yogurt
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Chicken Nuggets served with Mixed Vegetable Rice and Carrots Fresh Fruit	'Brunch' Sausage, Hash Browns, Scrambled Egg and Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	Tomato Pasta with Cheese served with Broccoli and Carrots Fresh Fruit	 'Royal Jubilee' Packed Lunch Finger Sandwiches, Strawberries, Queen Elizabeth Cup Cake, a Chocolate Coin and a Bottle of Water	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

18 <sup>th</sup> July	Margherita Pasta served with Broccoli and Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit	Nachos & Smokey Paprika Chicken served with Vegetable Rice Smooth Berry Yogurt	Ham and Cheese Pizza served with Sweetcorn and Baked Beans Ice Cream		
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Special medical or religious dietary requests must be pre-ordered via Reception

ALL DINNER MONEY TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Daily £2.30 Weekly: £11.50



We buy locally from the butcher and Newmarket market to support local business and buy good quality food products.

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Newmarket Hotdog Sausage served with Baked Beans, Peas and Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit	Macaroni Cheese and Tomato served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn Smooth Berry Yogurt	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy Ice Cream	Nachos Chilli Con Carne served with Corn on the Cob Fruity Tray Bake	Fish and Chips served with Carrots and Peas Fresh Fruit
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Pasta Bolognese served with Broccoli and Carrots Fresh Fruit	Chicken Wrap served with Salad Smooth Berry Yogurt	Cottage Pie served with Carrots and Peas Muffin	Ham and Cheese Pizza served with Peas and Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly	Jacket Potato and Cheese served with Cucumber & Carrot Batons Fresh Fruit
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Beef Burger served with Chips and Beans Fresh Fruit	Chicken Parmigiana Pasta served with Broccoli Smooth Berry Yogurt	'Brunch' Sausage, Hash Browns, Scrambled Egg and Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	Beef Curry served with Rice and Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower Oat Cookies	Chicken Nuggets served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheese Pizza served with Baked Beans and Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Beef Con Carne Burritos served with Corn on the Cob Flapjack	Sausage Roll served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn Cheese, Crackers & Raisins	Chicken Burger served with French Fries and Salad Fresh Fruit	Fish Goujons in a Bap served with Baked Beans, Peas and Smooth Berry Yogurt
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Pulled Pork Baps served with Sweetcorn and Peas Fresh Fruit	'Brunch' Sausage, Hash Browns, Scrambled Egg and Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail	Meatballs and Pasta served with Broccoli Smooth Berry Yogurt	Fish Fillet served with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans Jelly	Jacket Potato & Cheese served with Coleswal Fresh fruit
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Vegetable Fingers served with Sweet Potato Fries and Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	Chicken Curry served with Mixed Vegetable Rice and Cauliflower Fresh Fruit	Beef Lasagne served with Salad Smooth Berry Yogurt	Beef Stroganoff served with Rice and Broccoli Fruity Tray Bake	Fish Fingers served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Baked Beans Fresh Fruit

## Thursday, 26th May 2022

Book Your Child's Platinum Jubilee Picnic lunch

(booking form to follow shortly)

'Royal Jubilee' Packed Lunch Finger Sandwiches, Strawberries, Queen Elizabeth Cup Cake, a Chocolate Coin and a Bottle of Water



## Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

You might be eligible for free school meals. Free school meals also means that your child is prioritised for after school and free holiday clubs. School also receives extra funding to help in school. We are able to help you to make the application if you think that you may be interested? Free school meals also mean that we can issue food vouchers to you in holiday periods.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190, If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

To check if your child is eligible, apply online for an immediate response or call 0345 606 6067 for advice.



### Mental Wellbeing

We are working to support mental wellbeing in school. Some of our staff have received additional training to help children.

Mrs Ashen  
Mental Health First Aider



Miss Baxter  
Drawing and Talking Therapy  
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Roseley  
Drawing and Talking Therapy  
trainee



Mrs Bryan  
Drawing and talking Therapy



Mrs Cox  
Drawing and Talking Therapy  
Mental Health First Aider



Miss Haines  
Lead Mental Health Teacher  
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Hodson  
Mental Health First aider



Miss Hutchings  
Drawing and Talking  
Therapy



Mrs Lebbon  
Drawing and Talking  
Therapy



Mrs Parker  
Mental Health First Aider



Mrs Sheridan  
Mental Health First Aider



Congratulations on passing your exams



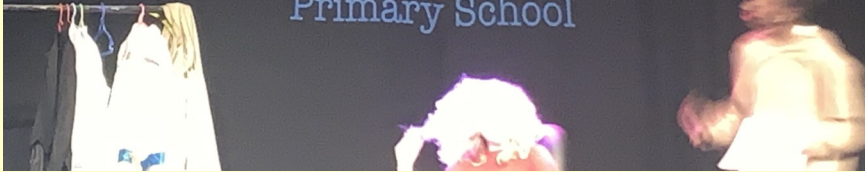
Two of our teaching assistants, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Burgess, have been studying for their Higher Level Teaching Assistant accreditation. After an onerous process, we are delighted that they both passed and made the grade. We are committed to developing all our staff as part of life-long learning.



# "The Wealth, The Looks, The Difference"

by  
Jessica Cournane

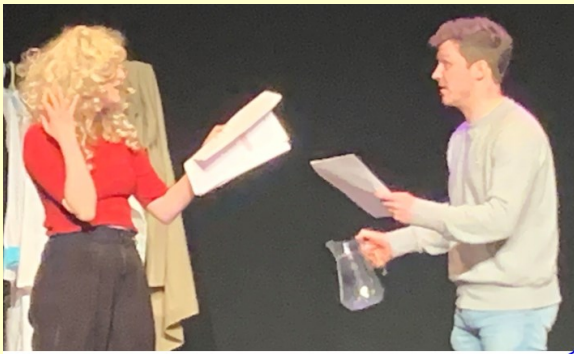
Saint Louis  
Primary School



## Watch out William Shakespeare !

From 450 Tiny Plays written with playwriters, Jessica Cournane's script was performed at Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds by professional actors alongside 12 other plays developed across Suffolk. Our Year 6 class were there to witness its first public performance. All our Year 6 had been involved in playwriting as part of a Tiny Plays Theatre led writing programme. We await Jessica's next work and look forward to seeing more of her work performed in future years.

Well done!



## Government Tests This Term

### Key stage 1

The key stage 1 tests should be administered during May 2022.

Date	Activity
May 2022	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 6 June 2022	Phonics screening check week

### Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May 2022.

Date	Activity
Monday 9 May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 12 May 2022	Mathematics paper 3

### Multiplication tables check

Schools should administer the [multiplication tables check](#) within the 3-week period from Monday 6 June 2022.

For the first time since 2019, schools are taking part in government-set tests for Year 1 (phonics), Year 2 (English reading, Maths) and Year 6 (English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading, Mathematics).

Year 4 will be complete times tables tests

Please ensure that children continue to prepare for the tests, have sufficient sleep and get to school on time.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

## FOSL (PTA from September)

The first monthly cake sale raised £322 that will be used by Yr 6. **The next cake sale will be led by Year 5 families and held on Friday 6th May.**

## Summer Fair 1st July

We would be very grateful for any time you can offer FOSL in preparing for the Summer Fair.

email [friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas you might have.

All best wishes

FRIENDS OF ST LOUIS

(We will become an official PTA in September.)

A planning meeting for the Summer Fair will be held in May—please come along and get involved!





**We are working with children to develop their skills. You can access many resources at home using the homezone site. A common skill that we are working to develop is teamwork. We are keen to develop children who are confident in working collaboratively in small groups. Please look at the Homezone to find lots of tips and ideas to develop your child's speaking teamwork skills. This month, the focus is teamwork in school and at**

Work with your family to either play a well known piece of music or create your own brand new piece of music together.

You could use your voices, household objects, or real instruments if you have them to help you make your music.

Make decisions so that everyone knows what is going on and can be involved.

Practise before performing together.

#### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** When do you find it easier (or more difficult) to work with others in a positive way?

**Intermediate:** Have you helped make decisions with others?

**Advanced:** How can you encourage others to help out too?

**Mastery:** What is an 'unhelpful conflict'? How can you avoid this when working with others?

Work together in your family team to build the tallest tower you can.

You can use anything you like to build your tower safely.

It must be free standing (not leaning against anything or fixed to anything to keep it upright).

You could use blocks, other toys, empty cereal boxes, cushions - anything really!

Work as a team to try out different ideas and remember to measure your towers.

What is the tallest tower your family team can build together?

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#### ★ Teamwork

Work with your family this week to get any household chores done together.

Draw up a plan of action so that everyone knows what chores they need to do.

Talk to each other about how you can get your chores done quickly (and well) so that you can then enjoy relaxing together.

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## Big Bedtime Read

Within our school, there is a great focus on providing a rich and stimulating environment, in which children are immersed in oral language and books. Staff invest a lot of time in developing a love of stories, and on introducing children to a range of information books. They skillfully develop children's concept of print throughout the day incorporating text into different areas of learning.

Mrs White is keen to encourage everyone to read to their child at bedtime and she is hosting a Big Bedtime Read to help raise awareness of the importance of reading to children. Establishing good bedtime routines that include a story book are important in showing children that their family values reading for pleasure. Mrs White invites you to come back to school on **23rd June at 5.30pm to enjoy a free pizza supper for families followed by a bedtime read.**

**Details about booking your place will be sent out ahead of the Big Bedtime Read.**

## Little Wandle Phonics

In Summer term, Reception children will begin using Little Wandle teaching of phonics. We have selected the Government validated scheme because we believe that it provides school with a synthetic phonics programme that will support all of our children to read successfully. The resources on Little Wandle website will help families and carers to support their child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. Find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/) to see what your child will learn and when.



From September, all KS1 will be using the Little Wandle teaching programme.

We are making the change because all schools have been asked to use one of the Government validated programmes. Reception and KS1 teachers worked with Mrs. White, English Leader, to select Little Wandle from a shortlist. In selecting Little Wandle, we are investing in new books and resources and teachers are have received extensive training.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools. Based on the original Letters and Sounds, but extensively revised to provide a complete teaching programme meeting all the expectations of the National Curriculum and preparing your children to go beyond the expectations of the Phonics Screening Check.

### Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently:

A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

### Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

### Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!



## Doorstep Theatre Festival



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

We have signed up for theatre in school for a second year as part of our arts development work as we work towards Artsmark Silver. This will take place in June and July.

Nursery, Reception and KS1 classes will watch a performance of Party by Half Moon Theatre. Afonso wants to go to his best friend's birthday party, but where is his invitation – has it been lost in the post, or maybe he wasn't even invited? When it finally arrives the excitement and nerves become too much to handle. What should he wear? Will they have balloons? Will anyone play with him? And what about the cake? Heartfelt, provocative and full of quirky humour, Party features striking, colourful designs and a glorious contemporary soundtrack. Let the warmth of a Portuguese summer take you to a place where difference is something to celebrate.

KS2 will watch The Lies You Tell by New Wolsey Theatre, High Tide and Theatre Royal BSE. T has just moved from the City and he's making a fresh start. He's not ashamed of his mum, but he's not sure the other kids will understand. It's ok not to tell everyone the truth about everything, isn't it?

This brand-new, joyful, music-filled play encourages young people to speak up, and speak out, around their mental health and well-being following the disruptions of the pandemic.

Following these performances, each class will take part in workshops about the plays. We hope that the live theatre in school will encourage writing and discussion across the school.



We polled families and carers to see if you wanted us to organise a visit to the Theatre next Christmas. The vote was unanimous to go ahead for a second year. We have booked a whole school visit to see The Legend of Robin Hood for Reception to Year 6 inclusive: so we will all attend together. We have the whole auditorium reserved for us for the 10.30am performance on the 29th November 2022. The cost will be similar to last year.

# The Gospel Show

Mrs White and the LKS2 teaching team worked incredibly hard to prepare the children for a brilliant performance this year. The children were amazing and it showcased so many of their talents. Three live performances were hosted and the cast kept changing because of Covid absences. It was a huge achievement and everyone involved should take a bow. Thank you.





# Community News

## Newmarket Tennis Club, Hamilton Rd CB8 0NQ

### SUMMER TERM JUNIOR GROUPS

All ages welcome from 4 to 17. All standards from Beginner to Performance

NEWMARKET SUMMER 2022				
PHONE 07958494182 TARRANTENNIS@BTINTERNET.COM				
DAY	TIME	TYPE	APROX AGE	COST PER TERM
MONDAY 25 Apr to 18 Jul excl 2 May and excl 30 May	4-4.45pm	RED	4-8	MEMBERS: £75 for 11 sessions NON-MEMBERS: £85 for 11 sessions
	4.45pm-5.45pm	ORANGE/GREEN	7-11	
	5.45-6.45	YELLOW	11-17	
WEDNESDAY 27 Apr to 20 Jul excl 1 Jun	4-4.45	RED	4-8	MEMBERS: £82 for 12 sessions NON-MEMBERS: £92 for 12 sessions
	4.45-5.45pm	YELLOW	9-15	
THURSDAY 28 Apr to 21 Jul excl 2 Jun	4-4.45	RED	4-8	MEMBERS: £82 for 12 sessions NON-MEMBERS: £92 for 12 sessions
	4.45-5.45pm	ORANGE	7-11	
FRIDAY 29 Apr to 22 Jul excl 3 Jun	5-6pm	YELLOW	9-15	MEMBERS: £82 for 12 sessions NON-MEMBERS: £92 for 12 sessions
	6-7pm	YELLOW PERFORMANCE	11-17	
SATURDAY 23 Apr to 16 Jul excl 4 Jun	9-10am	RED	4-8	MEMBERS: £82 for 12 sessions NON-MEMBERS: £92 for 12 sessions
	10-11am	ORANGE	7-11	
	11-12	YELLOW	9-15	
	12 to 1pm	YELLOW ADVANCED	12-17	

Please **BOOK AND PAY ONLINE** at [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BruceTarranCoaching/Coaching/Junior](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BruceTarranCoaching/Coaching/Junior)  
OR book by email to [tarrantennis@btinternet.com](mailto:tarrantennis@btinternet.com) and **PAY ONLINE DIRECTLY TO BRUCE TARRAN LLOYDS BANK SORT CODE 30-99-86 ACCOUNT NUMBER 01728857**

**"LEARN TENNIS, LOVE TENNIS"**  
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07958 494182

## Hold the Date 14th June 9.15am Mass in celebration of Mary's 40 (or 48 years) of service to St Louis School Community

You are most welcome to join us for Mass to celebrate Mary's long service. According to school records, this is 40 years since she joined as a Teaching Assistant. However, we have settled on this year to celebrate based upon our records but we now understand that we could count this year as 48 years. After much discussion, we have agreed with Mary that as she is by



far the longest serving member of staff, we'll choose this year to say thank you for her service so far (and we look forward to more years to come). We will come together for a school Mass in Church and we'll end the school day with tea and cake. If you have stories to tell about being a pupil from 48 years ago up to the present day, write to us and we'll put a book of memories together to help

Mary remember all her exciting times. Mary has no intention of leaving us, so please do not send farewell cards and messages.



**Park safely  
Park legally**

**Park considerably**

Consider walking part of the way to school or share the school run with other parents ....

... meaning fewer cars at the school entrance

... making it safer for you and your children.





## NEWMARKET CRICKET CLUB





### SIGN UP NOW FOR THE NEW SEASON

- BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 – 15 YEARS OLD
- ECB QUALIFIED COACHES
- WE CATER FOR ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE
- FANTASTIC FUN PLACE TO LEARN NEW SKILLS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- BE PART OF A THRIVING COMMUNITY CLUB
- SESSIONS START FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 6PM-8PM

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[WWW.NEWMARKETCRICKETCLUB.CO.UK](http://WWW.NEWMARKETCRICKETCLUB.CO.UK)



Do you like horses?  
Do you have a positive attitude?  
Do you want to make a huge impact on childrens lives?





Do you have some spare time every week?  
Contact Hetty for more information:  
[newmarketponyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:newmarketponyacademy@gmail.com)  
Volunteering is a very rewarding experience.



# BehaviourSafe At home

*"All parents who have children with a learning disability should receive this training. It enables you to keep your children safe and to have the confidence to access the community more."*

**BehaviourSafe at home** supports parents, carers and family members living with children who display extreme behaviours, to improve the safety of everyone.

Suitable for parents of children with additional needs including Autism, ADHD, learning difficulties and mental health difficulties, the two day course includes:

- Early Intervention**  
Understanding the triggers of challenging behaviour and how to deal with them is essential to improve the safety of all in the home. This course supports parent/carers to gain a better understanding of the theory and use of physical interventions and to cope with all levels of behaviour, with a focus on early intervention and de-escalation techniques.
- Theory and Practical**  
The course covers:
  - The theory of de-escalation
  - The legal framework around restrictive techniques
  - Tailored early intervention strategies
  - Individualised response plans
  - Physical intervention training, including non-restrictive and restrictive techniques if required.
- Support and Community**  
Participants have the opportunity to meet other parents and carers facing similar challenges, access to a closed website area and support from a private Facebook support group.

**BellsCroft CONSULTANCY** **ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED**

BehaviourSafe at Home is run by BellsCroft Consultancy and part funded by Activities Unlimited.

For more information, visit [www.bellscroft.co.uk](http://www.bellscroft.co.uk) or to book a course, email [info@activities-unlimited.co.uk](mailto:info@activities-unlimited.co.uk) or call 01473 260026

*"Excellent trainers with a huge wealth of experience. Thank you very much"*

*"I feel empowered by the information and techniques I learnt on this course"*

## Sharing Parenting

making a difference to families

## FREE for Parents Summer 2022

<p><b>International Families Group</b> Newmarket Children's Centre Wednesdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm Contact <a href="mailto:nina@sharingparenting.com">nina@sharingparenting.com</a> for more information</p>	<p><b>SEND Support Group</b> Online via Zoom Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm Contact <a href="mailto:clare@sharingparenting.com">clare@sharingparenting.com</a> for more information</p>
<p><b>Build your Rainbow</b> Ely Baby Bank Drop Ins Thursdays 10am to 12pm 7 April / 5 May / 2 June / 7 July</p>	<p><b>Facebook Live</b> Nina will host a Facebook Live Session Last Wednesday of every month @ 1pm 27 April - Tips for managing tantrums 25 May - Tips for starting a new school 29 June - Why "labelling" children can be bad for them 27 July - Tips for Co-Parenting</p>
<p><b>SEND - Outside the Box 4 Week Course</b> Freshfields, Newmarket Dates TBC 9:30am to 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Wellbeing Sessions</b> Newmarket Venue TBC Wednesdays @ 1pm 27 April - Anxiety 4 May - Low Mood 11 May - Mindfulness 25 May - Adult Resilience</p>
<p><b>The Road Ahead</b> Wednesdays 10am - 12pm Starting 27 April for 6 weeks Contact <a href="mailto:hannah@sharingparenting.com">hannah@sharingparenting.com</a> for more information</p>	<p><b>Newmarket Summer Event</b> Newmarket Memorial Gardens Thursday 28 July</p>
<p><b>Raising Toddlers</b> Tesco Community Room Dates TBC Times TBC</p>	<p>If you would like to join our mailing list to receive regular updates please email <a href="mailto:info@sharingparenting.com">info@sharingparenting.com</a></p>
<p><b>New Parents Course</b> Newmarket Community Church 4 Week course for new parents Dates and times to be confirmed</p>	<p>Facebook   Twitter   Instagram   LinkedIn   YouTube</p>
<p>To book a place or for more information on all the FREE support available: Visit: <a href="http://www.sharingparenting.com">www.sharingparenting.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@sharingparenting.com">info@sharingparenting.com</a></p>	

## What is Sharing Parenting?

Sharing Parenting is an **Evidence Based, Community Interest Company**, based in Newmarket since 2009, **working in partnerships with Parents, Carers, Schools and Organisations, Children's Centres, Community Groups and the General Public** in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, USA, China and the Middle East, delivering parenting support in the form of Courses, Workshops, Taster Sessions, One to One support and Community Pop up's for **parents to gain confidence and knowledge in their role as parents, or professionals supporting parents, in a non judgemental environment.**

We believe that **good quality, reliable parenting information and support** should be available to *all* parents and professionals and we are working hard to **'normalise' parenting support.**

When we start a new job we usually get training, on-going support and regular feedback. Even when we buy a new car, microwave or TV we can reach for the manual when we don't understand how it works.

**Parenting is the biggest and most important job we will ever do**, so we feel it is normal and natural for parents to want to come along to our Sharing Parenting Courses, Workshops, Taster Sessions and Pop Up's to support them in their parenting role as their children move **from toddlers to teens and into adult hood.**

Many parents and professionals tell us time and time again that our programmes and support has **made a significant difference to both their and their children's lives.**

<https://www.sharingparenting.com/about-us/what-is-sharing-parenting/>



## Little Louis Stay and Play

Friday 6th May and  
Friday 10th June.



The sessions will start at 9.30am and finish at 10.45am on a drop in/out basis. Tea/ coffee and biscuits will be available for parents. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and toddlers to meet families who are likely to become part of our friendly and welcoming school ahead of joining us in our nursery class.

All welcome! You do not have to already be committed to applying for St Louis nursery to join us and experience what we have to offer. Please register your interest in attending [acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk).

## St Louis Summer Fair 1st July 2022 3.15pm to 8pm



Hold the date!

### Please donate raffle prizes for the Summer Fair raffle

Prizes so far:

2 Grandstand and Paddock tickets for  
either 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Sport Day!) or  
6<sup>th</sup> August (Super Hero) Raceday.



## Food Bank Collection

Thursday 12th May 2022

The trolleys will be placed at Rayes Lane  
gate and by the office reception.

All donations welcomed. Thank you



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**(or 48 years) of service to St Louis School Community. Tea and cake with  
Mary at the end of the day.**

**23rd June at 5.30pm to enjoy a free pizza supper for families followed by a  
bedtime read.**

**Details about booking your place will be sent out ahead of the Big Bedtime  
Read.**

Our Lady Immaculate and  
St. Etheldreda Catholic  
Church, Newmarket

Our Parish Church

[http://www.olise.co.uk/  
wordpress/](http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/)



## Cake Sales after School

Friday 6th May Year 5

Friday 10th June Year 4



## Summer Term 2022

Friday 27th May: School  
closed

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Term  
Ends

Staff Professional Day -  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

  
Summer  
Term

Please remember to apply  
sunscreen to your child and  
for them to bring sun hats to  
school this term.