



Christ at the Centre : Children at the Heart
Loving to Learn : Learning to Love



You are invited to all our Masses. Please see the Mass Calendar. There will be more dates added but here are dates for your diary. Your family and friends are always welcome.

St Louis Catholic Academy News

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WELCOME TO OUR 2022-2023 YEAR OF LEARNING

Dear families,

Welcome to our Autumn Term. We look forward to welcoming our new children joining Nursery and Reception. We know that all the children joining other year groups will be warmly greeted and new friends eagerly await their arrival. I know that children in Year 6 will lead the way with supporting the teaching team in managing the smooth day to day running of the school. Our Year 6 children love stepping up to show us that they are getting ready for secondary school. Throughout this year, we'll be supporting them to become increasingly independent and resilient.

Finally, we welcome our new teachers, some returning after brief travels away from St Louis. It is great to have you back!

Our school focus is developing great reading writing and we are busy planning our second Writer's Festival. We know that this stimulated great writing last year. We're excited to launch our new curriculum for History, Geography, Art and Science using Primary Knowledge Curriculum to guide us. This will ensure learners are consistently offered a rigorous, progressive and challenging knowledge base across all year groups. School learning visits during Autumn term will support history and geography understanding too. Last term, we invested in a new reading books that form KS2 follow on to our Little Wandle teaching of phonics and support us in teaching reading skills. These beautiful new books are ready to use from the start of term.

Fr Leo led teachers in a Mass to celebrate the new school year and we are looking forward to many opportunities for prayer throughout the year. Please diary the school Masses listed in the newsletter. Your families and friends are always welcome at school Masses.

We will be hosting our termly introductions to class curriculum meetings soon to help you gain an overview of the learning this term. These are brief and informative teacher-led sessions that I hope that you are able to attend.

Friends of St Louis has now formed a PTA and Emma Joy-Staines has driven the relaunch with great energy. I would like to thank Emma and the large group of volunteers who organised a wonderful Summer Fair and I would encourage new volunteers to come forward to join the group. All funds raised directly support improvements to the school.

I pray that our children, families and staff are supported in God's care as we begin the year.

God bless,

Sue Blakeley Headteacher

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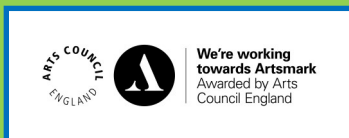
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We have spaces in Nursery school and limited places in some year groups. Please tell your friends. We welcome visits from new families wishing to join St Louis School. We also encourage visits from 2023 intake for Nursery and Reception classes.

We have a school prospectus available on the website:

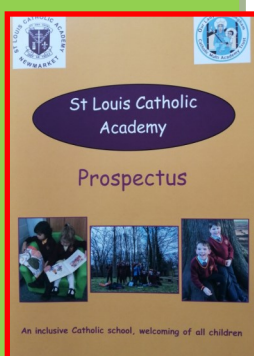
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Self-validated 2020 - 2023



Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda Catholic Church, Newmarket

For all church dates and news, check the weekly church bulletin <http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/> Link to the latest newsletter from the parish home page



Join us at St Louis Nursery

Welcome to Acorns Class – our wonderful nursery at St Louis.

Our top priority in nursery is that the children learn through self-initiated play. We observe this to identify how to provide next steps to ensure that they make good progress and offer support for them to develop their skills across all seven areas of learning in the Foundation Stage curriculum. Please admire their painting when they come home, even if it just looks like a splodge! It is much more important that they have the opportunity to independently investigate processes – so much more valuable than us telling them exactly what to do to create a product.

We record observations of the children with an app that enables us to create a progressive learning journey. Shortly we will begin sharing these with parents. I know you are looking forward to this.

Throughout the course of the year we will teach RE, phonics, mathematics, rhymes, songs and stories through short adult led teaching sessions that are engaging for the children but help them to prepare for the expectations of Reception and beyond.

Our primary focus in nursery is in developing the prime areas of learning-communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional development. Our aim is to secure these important skills so that the children are ready to learn as they move on. We are called 'Foundation Stage' because a firm foundation is important to build on!

We teach Forest School and are delighted that Ms Le Serve is a trained Forest School practitioner. The children have great fun during their weekly Forest School sessions trying lots of different activities.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know all of our nursery families. Foundation Stage is very much based on forming positive relationships with families and we will invite you in for reading and games sessions as the year progresses. Almost all of our Nursery children have now moved across to begin St Louis Reception Class and they have been well prepared for their move by our excellent team.

We still have places in our nursery, although we are still welcoming new children into our group every week. If you know of families who may be interested in seeing what we have to offer, please encourage them to come and see us! Ms Le Serve can be contacted at acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk to answer any questions or concerns.

Over the past year, we have invested in redecoration of our three room nursery, wrap around gardens and play spaces and Mrs Humphries has developed a wonderful garden where the children grow fruit, vegetables and flowers together and enjoy eating the fresh produce together (if birds do not beat them to the delicious berries). We are regularly refreshing our learning resources too.

Children can access the Treetops wraparound childcare service, arriving for breakfast before nursery and then staying on after school for supper. This enables working families to manage the longer workday. Some children join nursery part time and build up to a longer day. Where spaces are available, we try to support the needs of your child to ensure they settle quickly. We are happy to offer taster sessions too.

Ms Le Serve, Nursery teacher and Mrs Baldwin, Phase Leader for Early Years



OUR CATHOLIC TEACHING FOCUS IN SCHOOL THIS AUTUMN



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EAST ANGLIA

Mission statement: By recognising Jesus Christ in ourselves and others, our school strives to be a living Christian community which values and nurtures each individual through a sound education and encourages responsible attitudes towards our changing world.

Welcome back to the new school year 2022-2023!

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

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths **green** as we will be in the **season of Ordinary Time!** Green symbolises **hope and life and growth** which is rather lovely at the start of the new school year.

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

- 1st Sept: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 8th Sept: The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11th Sept: Education Sunday
- 14th Sept: Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast)
- 18th Sept: Home Mission Sunday
- 21st Sept: St Matthew (feast)
- 24th Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham (solemnity)
- 25th Sept: Harvest Sunday
- 27th Sept: St Vincent de Paul
- 29th Sept: Feast of the archangels (Michael, Gabriel, Raphael)
- 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary + Harvest Fast day
- 18th Oct: St Luke (feast)
- 1st Nov: All Saints Day (solemnity)
- 2nd Nov: All Souls Day
- 11th Nov: Remembrance Day
- 13th Nov: Remembrance Sunday
- 20th Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (solemnity). Youth Sunday!
- 27th Nov: 1st Sunday of Advent
- 8th Dec: Immaculate Conception of Mary

Our Lady of Walsingham.

St Louis is part of the 'Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Trust' along with several other schools.

In 1061, a Saxon noblewoman called Richeldis de Faverches had a vision. In this vision, Mary 'took' Richeldis to her home in Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel had appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to give birth to the Son of God. Mary then asked Richeldis to build an exact copy of this house in Walsingham, hence why this little village in Norfolk is sometimes referred to as the 'Nazareth of England'. This house was built and became a prime pilgrimage spot.

Although it is no longer there, pilgrims can visit the shrines and the remains of the Augustinian priory which was in use until its dissolution in 1538 (part of Henry VIII's reforms).

Relics Tour: St Bernadette.

This Autumn, the relics of St Bernadette are coming 'on tour' around Great Britain, including a stop off in OLEM, Cambridge in October (see <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>)

Bernadette was born in Lourdes on January 7th, 1844. She was the first of 9 children born to her very poor parents.

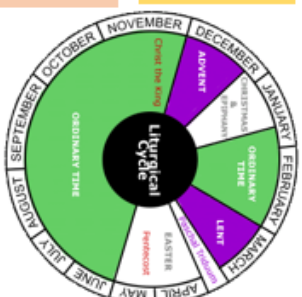
When she was 14, a beautiful lady wearing blue appeared to her. On February 18th, the lady asked Bernadette to return each day for a fortnight. During this 'holy fortnight', the lady asked her to drink from the spring which required digging through mud until Bernadette found some water. The next day, a spring had appeared and many believed that it had healing powers. Many people still visit Lourdes today with the hope of physical healing; 69 healings have been confirmed by the Church! During another vision, the lady asked Bernadette to have a chapel built over the grotto. When Bernadette asked the lady her name, she replied with 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

Some people believed her and some people didn't. In 1862 following rigorous interviews with Church authorities and the French government, they confirmed she spoke the truth.

RE in school this term:

Our Gospel values for this term are **Responsibility** and **Thankfulness**.

- EYES: God's World, Welcome (Baptism), God's Family (Advent)
- KS1: God's Great Plan, Families, Mary Mother of God (Advent)
- LKS2: The Bible, Judaism, Trust in God (Advent)
- UKS2: The Kingdom of God, Judaism, Justice (Advent)



Let us pray...

As we join together at the start of this new academic year, help us to make the most of every opportunity to grow in who we are as people and academically. Open our eyes to opportunities to help others around us and open our hearts more to living a life of love inspired by your son, Jesus. Amen.





Mrs Musciconico is our RE subject leader. She works with other RE subject leaders in the OLOW Trust to support teachers and to provide high quality Catholic teaching, build links with the Parish and contribute to the wider Catholic life of the school.

School Mass Dates (we will have more to announce soon)

- Thursday 15th September: start of year Mass
- Tuesday 1st November: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Friday 6th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation) / start of term Mass
- Wednesday 23rd February: Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 29th June: Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)
- TBC July: Yr 6 Leavers' Mass
- End of year whole school Mass

St Louis – Whole School Prayer Plan

Mrs Musciconico has developed a Prayer Plan for us all to use in class. By the end of each phase, the prayers become very familiar and known by heart so that they can be taken into their next phase. There they are introduced to further new prayers. We invite families to join with their children in using these prayers.

Term	EYFS		KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	FS1	FS2			
Autumn 1	The sign of the cross	The sign of the cross	Simple Mass responses: Gospel, Lord have mercy, The Lord be with you	Mass: Sanctus (said and sung); Agnes Dei (said and sung)	Mass: Gloria (said and sung) Nicene creed
Autumn 2	The sign of the cross	The sign of the cross	Hail Mary	Mass: Eucharistic Acclamations 1-3 (said and sung)	Fatima Prayer* + Hail Holy Queen
Spring 1	Morning prayer / end of day prayer	Morning prayer	Our Father	Act of Contrition (support First Holy Communions)	Prayer to Saint Michael
Spring 2	Morning prayer / end of day prayer	Lunch prayer	Glory Be	Lord I am not worthy (support First Holy Communions)	Way of the Cross / Stations of the Cross
Summer 1	Morning prayer / end of day prayer	After lunch prayer	Prayer to the Holy Spirit	Mass: Apostles Creed – to be familiar with (ties in with Y4 unit on early Christians)	The Litany of the Saints (ties in with Y6 unit on the apostles)**
Summer 2	Consolidate	End of the day prayer	Consolidate	Consolidate	Consolidate



Mass and Prayer in school

We are currently organising more dates for shared prayer in school and in church. You are always welcome to join us with family and friends.

Meet the Safeguarding Team



Mrs Blakeley



Mrs White



Mrs Smith

Safeguarding in schools is essential for keeping children safe. It means having:

- whole-school policies and procedures
- staff and volunteers confident in identifying and raising concerns
- leadership confident in responding to and referring concerns and working with other agencies to protect children
- teaching resources to promote wellbeing. Please contact the team with your concerns.

All our staff are trained annually with refresher training during the year. We collect all safeguarding and behaviour concerns on our MyConcern online safeguarding system to allow us to respond immediately to resolve concerns and worries.

FAIRTRADE



Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 30th is our St Louis Macmillan Coffee Morning. This is the world's biggest fundraising event to help people facing cancer. It is a special event held together to **raise awareness regarding, and funds for cancer.** Please donate cakes on the day and come to the 9am coffee morning where we'll serve Fairtrade tea and coffee.

Our children will each take part in their own mini fundraiser and need coffee so we biscuits



dren will each in their own mini fundraiser and need cakes and for these please.

FINAL FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IS ST LOUIS FOODBANK COLLECTION DAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you—your help is brilliant

Our first trolley collection is Final Friday of the month for our Food Bank Collection. More families need our help please.



Newmarket Open Door

Churches Together With People in Need

JOIN ST LOUIS PTA

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE



TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH

Email friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com for more info on how your parents/carers voice can be heard and what you can do to help raise funds so we can provide more opportunities for our children.

Registered Charity Number: 1124123

We hope everyone had a refreshing Summer Break and we are so excited to be back. We are beginning to plan our Autumn & Christmas Fundraising activities. If you would like to lend a hand or share some ideas please join us for our next meeting on **21st September** after drop off. We have a growing number of parents and appreciate everyone's ideas and helping hand even if its just for an hour. All funds raise go directly to the children so the more we raise the more our children benefit.

We welcome Katie Abbs onto the Trustees with Emma Richardson and John Gilbert.

Very best wishes

Emma Joy-Staines

St Louis Writers' Festival 2022

Two weeks of brilliant writing every day

31st October to 11th November

Author visits, writing challenges, storytelling and much more.



Buddy writing

Story telling

Chalk writing

Sand and mud writing

We are so excited about our forthcoming Writers' Festival taking place in school. We are passionate about children writing and we will be having a fun packed fortnight developing our skills school wide. From mark making in mud in Nursery to publishing books in Year 6, staff are working hard to create a memorable time for everyone. We plan to complete some writing with families too.

A programme of daily writing activities will be sent out by parent mail early in October.



Teacher story writing

Writing with families

Younger and older writers meet ups



PLEASE REMEMBER

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL



Healthy packed lunches

Thank you for supporting our Healthy Schools Award. OneLife Suffolk works with St Louis school to promote a

healthy lifestyle. They have shared a few ideas about filling a lunchbox with healthy foods to keep children lively and ready to learn during the school day.

Include :

- **Healthy carbohydrate (bread or cracker)**
- **Healthy protein (cheese, chicker or fish)**
- **Healthy colour (apple, carrot sticks, orange)**

Once children have eaten these, an added snack could be **plain popcorn, raising and oat cookie or mini pretzels/Pom Bears**

These supplement and not replace the carbohydrate, protein and colour

With food shortages, One Life Suffolk are keen to support families to prepare simple, healthy and low cost meals. A volunteer dietician works with school too.

The aim of our policy is...

To keep up our success of being a Healthy School, we think all children should enjoy a healthy lunch. This guidance is to help packed lunches be as healthy as school meals which meet the School Food Standards.

How we will support the policy ...

- We will ensure that free, fresh drinking water is available at all times and we strongly encourage a water only policy. It is not essential to include a drink in packed lunches as water is provided.
- We will provide menu ideas and practical advice for healthy, affordable packed lunches.
- We will reward pupils who bring in healthy packed lunches with praise, prizes and/or certificates.
- We will allow pupils who bring a packed lunch and pupils who have a school dinner to sit and eat together.
- We will ensure we listen to our pupils' and parents' views and ensure that this policy is fair and meets everyone's needs.
- Our traffic light system is in line with the School Food Standards for school meals.

Why have a policy for packed lunches?

Eating a healthy packed lunch or school meal is important to help children stay healthy, feel good and improve their ability to learn.

Our packed lunch guidance has been developed in response to parent surveys and observations of children's packed lunches, that found some less healthy foods that can affect energy levels, concentration, behaviour and health.

A healthier packed lunch focuses on the four main food groups of the Eatwell Guide, foods in purple the small section are not allowed to be eaten in school.



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PACKED LUNCH POLICY LEAFLET



Leeds Packed Lunch Guidance
This policy has been created in consultation led by our School Council, supported by parents, governors and the Leeds Health Wellbeing Service.

Red foods

These foods are not allowed in school lunch boxes.



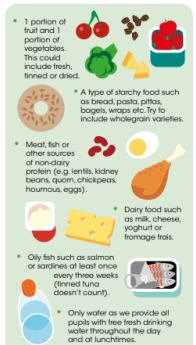
Amber foods

These types of foods could be included occasionally as part of a balanced packed lunch.



Green foods

You can put these in lunch boxes everyday or as often as you like.





Our Catholic Feeder School is St Benedict's



Our Catholic Secondary School

Last year, the majority of our Year 6 children moved on to St Benedict's Catholic School in Bury ST Edmunds when they



Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience through Prayer and Work

We know that choosing a secondary school for your child is a big decision. At St Benedict's we believe that our community is what makes us different and we have worked hard to ensure that this is evident in all we do. We are incredibly proud of our school and the young people at St Benedict's. We hope that you will get a clear sense of the school and the distinctiveness of our community both from our materials and through visits to the school. Our school is a high-achieving one, with our curriculum underpinned by Gospel values and by our Catholic ethos in practice. Our vision as a school centres particularly on the Gospel values of Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience and our curriculum reflects these values and principles. As a school community we serve a large geographic area and welcome students and families who are supportive of our distinctive ethos from all backgrounds. As a result, our community serves many students who describe themselves as Catholic, those of other faiths, and those with no faith. We are an inclusive school where students of all abilities, talents and cultures are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential.

St Benedict's students are polite, conscientious, reflective and supportive of one another. We have many opportunities for student leadership including charity work and service in the local community and our students engage with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Our values as a school encourage students to see competition as a mutual challenge where all contribute and we take pride in both personal and collective success. As a school we hold the Gold Award for religious studies and ensure that the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of students is a priority. We also hold the Gold Artsmark and are a Duke of Edinburgh Award accredited centre and encourage our students to develop their understanding of the world through many extra and super curricular activities. We are very proud of both the recent Ofsted report (April 2022) and our Section 48 Inspection (July 2022) which highlighted that this is a school where young people are happy and flourish and where it is 'OK to be different'. (Ofsted report)

Students leave St Benedict's well-prepared for the life that awaits them beyond school through a well-rounded education that goes beyond the confines of the academic curriculum and examinations. We believe that every one of our students should go out into the world ready to make it a better place. If you are interested in finding out more or visiting our school, please join us for our Open Morning or get in touch.

Imogen Senior

Imogen Senior Headteacher, St Benedict's

Saturday 24th September 2022 10am-12pm St Benedict's Catholic School Open Morning

Year 7
2023



**St Benedict's
Catholic School**


*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and
Resilience through Prayer and Work*

left St Louis. October is the month to make applications for your child's secondary school. If you are in Year's 4 and up, it is never too soon to look at the best school for your child when they move on from St Louis. Please take the opportunity to visit on 24th September 2022.

When our past Year 6 learners return to see us at St Louis, they always tell us how brilliant it is at St Benedict's.

Meet your teachers

Mrs Muscionico's Lime Class!



Some facts about me:

- When I was In Years 4-6, I lived In Belgium with my family!
- I enjoy travelling and have visited countries as far away as Indonesia and Canada.
- I'm married to an Italian but my Italian's pretty awful... I need to practise more!
- I used to spend my summers and autumns working in a vineyard.
- A weak point is going to book shops where I spend 99% of my time in the children's section; there's some really beautiful books out there at the moment :)


Hello! My name is Mrs Muscionico and I am excited to be back in Lime Class after a few years in Key Stage 2!

My favourite colour: yellow (such a joyful sunny colour!)
My favourite food: Italian gelato...
A favourite book: The Book With No Pictures

Mrs Muscionico is the Phase Leader for KS1

Mrs Cox is excited to see year 4. She taught some of you in Year 2!

Mrs Cox's Sycamore Class!



I am so excited to be back with so many familiar faces, lots I have taught and some I know from Forest School or the playground. I am looking forward to you showing me how much you have learnt and all the new things that you can do...then we've got lots to learn together! I think we are going to have a wonderful year and I can't wait to see you.
We are SYCAMORE CLASS!

Mr. Cox, Anika and I still live in a local village and are very involved in our Church. Bertie and Lola (dogs) and Lily (cat) like to try and keep everything in order, but Scruff the rabbit is the boss!

My favourite food : Roast dinner
My favourite animal : Warthogs
My favourite sweets : Fairtrade chocolate!
Favourite Books : Matilda (still) and The Animals of Farthing Wood (it's different now you are older!)
My favourite film : Robin Hood (Disney version)
My favourite colour : Purple

Miss Wyatt's Sycamore Class

Hello! My Name is Miss Wyatt



I am a new teacher to your school this year and I am excited to get to know all about you and your school. I have lived in Essex since I was a little girl and I am now moving to Suffolk to start a new adventure with my family.

Some of my favourite things to do are:
Horse riding- I love riding around the countryside finding new places to explore.
Art - I really enjoy drawing and sketching when I have some free time.
Reading - a good book in the sunshine is a perfect way to spend summer days.

My new house is on a farm and we have 3 dogs, 1 horse, 1 pony and a new cat called Carrot!


My favourite colour: Red
My favourite food: Lasagne
My favourite animal: Horse
My favourite film: Frozen 2
My favourite sweets: Chocolate
Favourite Book: The Christmasaurus

Miss Wyatt will work with Mrs Cox whilst Mrs Cox recovers from her recent broken leg.

Meet your teachers

Mrs Hodson's Oak Class

Hello! My Name is Mrs Hodson



I have two children, pictured with me above. They are very excited for me starting with Oak class and have given me lots of ideas for fun things to do in and outside of the classroom, books to share, sports and games that you might enjoy! I'm wondering what books and activities you'd like to share with me...

I am looking forward to moving into Oak class for my third year of teaching at St Louis. I can't wait to catch up with some familiar faces and meet some new ones too. The Key Stage One team and I have lots of fun activities planned. At university I studied Environmental Science and I am the STEM leader at St Louis. One of my favourite times of the year is Science week, where we can get our families involved and share our love of science together. Oak class is going to be an exciting place where we can learn and have fun together, build resilience and have a really great year!

I like to travel and have visited some amazing places, including the Sistine chapel and the Colosseum in Rome and Muscle Beach in Los Angeles. I'd really like to go to Egypt and see the ancient pyramids and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.


My favourite colour: blue!
 My favourite food: spaghetti!
 My favourite animal: cat!
 My favourite film: Iron Giant!
 My favourite sweets: chocolates!
 Favourite Book: Fantastic Mr Fox!

Mrs Hodson is also our Science Leader. She's excited to organize the next Science Week later in the school year on May 25th with the 2023 theme being 'Connections'.

Miss Haines is coming back for a while to work with Mrs White because Mrs Lebbon is taking some time away from school to be with her family.

Mrs Smith's Cherry Class

Hello! My Name is Mrs Smith



I have been at St. Louis for many years. My own children (Jasmine and Tyler - who are adults now) came to this school and I've been working here since they began their education. I enjoy going for a run early in the morning before I come to school.


When my children were young, we spent school holidays camping in France and around England. Now I like to hop on an aeroplane and discover new places and adventures as often as I can!
 I'm named after a racehorse - not many people know that!

Hello!
 Cherry Class is always busy and fun.
 You will meet lots of new friends and learn new skills. I look forward to meeting you!

My favourite colour: Blue
 My favourite food: Italian
 My favourite animal: Cat
 My favourite film: Top Gun
 My favourite sweets: Yorkie
 Favourite Book: The Girl on the Train

Mrs Baldwin's Holly Class

Hello! My Name is Mrs Baldwin



I have been part of the St Louis family for several years and delight in watching the children blossom and grow. My special interest at school is the arts and phonics. There are always resources available to inspire and be creative with.

I am Mrs Baldwin. I live with Mr Baldwin and my dog Molly. I have two grown up daughters - Sian and Sophie who I am immensely proud of. I enjoy walking, going for bike rides and spending time with my family. I also like listening to music and pottering around in the garden.

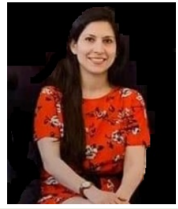
We have lots of fun at school and learn lots too. I am sure you will enjoy exploring your new classroom and the outdoor spaces. I look forward to welcoming you all to Holly class.

My favourite colour: Pink
 My favourite food: Spaghetti Bolognese
 My favourite animal: My little dog
 My favourite film: Bohemian Rhapsody
 My favourite sweets: Peanut M&Ms
 My favourite book:
 Favourite Book: Life's what you make it by Phillip Schofield

Meet your teachers

Ms Spratt's Hazel Class

Hello! My Name is Ms Spratt



I'm delighted that I will be the new Class Teacher for Hazel Class. After spending a day getting to know you, I see that we have many interests in common and it's going to be a fun year!

I simply love to travel and, in recent years, have discovered a love of hiking up volcanoes! The last one I climbed was Mount Etna on the gorgeous island of Sicily. It's one of the world's most active volcanoes and is one of the tallest ones in Europe at a height of over 3,300m.

I'm interested in languages and can speak, read and write English and Hindi fluently. I can converse in Spanish (which has been very helpful when I've been in Spain and Mexico) and am currently learning to speak and read Japanese.

My favourite colour: Yellow
My favourite food: Chinese food
Favourite animals: my Cats, Hetty and Sora
My favourite films: The Apu Trilogy, by Satyajit Ray
Favourite book: Passage to India, by E.M. Forster
My favourite sweets: Werther's Original

Mr Mannell is working in Larch Class

Hello! My Name is Mr Mannell



Welcome to Larch Class! I am so excited to be back at St Louis. I can't wait to see some familiar faces and getting back involved with St Louis life!

I started working at St Louis 5 years ago and despite a short break, being a PE Teacher, I am really looking forward to being a Class teacher again.

I love all types of different sports but an interesting thing to know about me is my actual favourite subject is... Maths! In my spare time, I love to spend time with my family and friends. I play football for a local team and compete in running races regularly.

My favourite colour: Red
My favourite food: Anything from Nandos!
My favourite animal: Dog
My favourite film: Shrek
My favourite sweets: Haribo
Favourite Book: Cool by Michael Morpurgo

Mrs Vickerae - Beech Class

Hello! My Name is Mrs Vickerae.



I have a husband called Peter and two boys called Samuel and Joshua. Samuel is 12 years old and Joshua is 10. We have a Bernedoodle puppy called Reggie.

Before becoming a teacher I danced around the world on Cruise ships performing in the musical theatre shows on board. I really enjoy travelling and have been to some fantastic countries. My favourite was Santorini.

I am originally from Preston, Lancashire but I have lived in Suffolk since 2005. I really enjoy the Suffolk countryside, eating out and visiting friends and family. As a family we go to the cinema, we like ten pin bowling and having fun!

My favourite colour: Yellow
My favourite food: Burgers
My favourite animal: Dogs
My favourite film: Bumble Bee
My favourite sweets: Whole Nut
Favourite Book: The Enormous Crocodile

Meet your teachers

Miss Jaffé's Elm Class

Hello! My Name is Miss Jaffé.



I live with my partner, Carl, and our three children, Ralph who is 10 years old, Alice who is 7 years old and Albert who is 5 years old. We also have a small dog called Percy and lots of chickens!

I have recently finished my PGCE via the University of Cambridge and I cannot wait to start teaching at St Louis. I am very excited to be the class teacher in Elm Class and know we are going to have an amazing year all together!

My favourite colour: Pink
My favourite food: Pasta
My favourite animal: Dogs
My favourite film: Matilda
My favourite sweets: Cherry Drops
Favourite Book: The Snail and the Whale

As a family, we love long walks with Percy, exploring the Suffolk countryside, trips to the beach and having fun days out. My favourite trip last year was going to Legoland!

Mrs White - Maple Class

Hello! My Name is Mrs White.



I have been a part of the St Louis family for the last 9 years, although I have been a teacher for so much longer than this! I have worked in Larch Class and then Beech Class. I feel privileged to be a teacher and cannot ever imagine doing anything else.

I am a proud mum to Beth and Luke and I love reading, cooking and travelling.
I have a dog called Storm that I love taking for walks and a ginger cat called Harry who sleeps for most of the day!

I cannot wait to welcome you into Maple Class!
I have lots of exciting learning planned for you and you will love being in Upper Key Stage 2.

My favourite colour: Purple
My favourite food: Chicken
My favourite animal: Red Panda
My favourite film: The Holiday
My favourite sweets: Chocolate
Favourite Book: Harry Potter

St Louis dates for your diary Autumn Term

KS1 13th September LKS2 14th September UKS2 12th September 2.50pm to 3.10pm in school hall	Induction welcome talks for families - outline about what we are teaching this term and expectations for homework, uniform, PE arrangements etc.	All years 1 to year 6 (Reception class attended an induction in July)
21st September	Clare Priory Year 6 retreat day to pray and reflect upon the significance of this final transition year	
w/c 19th Sept	Little Wandle welcome briefing Reception Class and KS1	
30th September 9am	MacMillan Coffee Morning Food Bank donations	Please donate cakes
14th October	Wear something Yellow with your school uniform for Young Minds mental health awareness	£1 per family donation for Young Minds
18th and 19th October 2022	Parent consultation meetings in the school hall for Reception to Year 6	Online booking will open in October
21st October	Friday the 21st of October 2022 is the date for this years Wear Red Day!	£1 per family donation for Show Racism the Red Card Charity
31st October to 11th November	Writer's Festival	
27th November - 24th Decem-	Advent	Cafod fundraising
29th Nov	Whole school pantomime trip to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds	School Mass Dates (we will have more to announce soon) - Thursday 15th September: start of year Mass - Tuesday 1st November: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) - Friday 6th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation) / start of term Mass - Wednesday 23rd February: Ash Wednesday - Thursday 29th June: Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)
9th December	Dress as Angel, King or Shepherd	
14th December	Christmas Dinner and Party Wear Christmas jumper or party clothes	



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