



Christ at the Centre : Children at the Heart

Loving to Learn : Learning to Love



**We have spaces! Please tell your friends.** We have spaces in classes across our school.

Our nursery has wrap around care and can accommodate your child during your working day. We are an inclusive Catholic school, welcoming of all children.

Please enquire now & tell others.

# St Louis Catholic Academy News



## MAY EDITION

Dear families,

We are now settling into a busy term and the children remain focused on their studies. It is great to have them all back in school. **May** is a very special month in the Catholic calendar as it marks the month of

**Mary**. This is a time when we should take time to think about **Mary** and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. Fr Christopher will lead us in weekly prayers during May We will be praying to **Mary** using our Rosary beads.

In April we completed our plans for achieving Artsmark and we won our Healthy Schools Status. Over the future years, we will be working hard to promote health in school and increasingly using drama to develop our children as writers. In May, we are making the most of our outdoor learning areas to teach outdoors.

We are making the most of our brilliant new outdoor learning areas for Foundation Year and continuing to look at new ways to support our youngest learners.

After only two weeks of Ukulele teaching in school, I am writing this whilst listening to the sound of a ukulele tune being played. It will be brilliant to be able to invite you to concerts once Covid rules relax to share the excitement of a return to music.



"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son."

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

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We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



## CAFOD Fundraising

You helped raise an

incredible **£1259**

for CAFOD during Lent.

Our families and their children are truly amazing .



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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



FRESH AIR



# We are Writers

A key improvement priority for our school is to develop our writing skills and our Governors, our Executive Head, Head of School, subject leader, Mrs. White, the wider school leadership team and teachers have been working hard to support children to improve their writing skills. Like all schools in our Trust, we are using the Power of Reading scheme to teach using high quality and challenging texts.

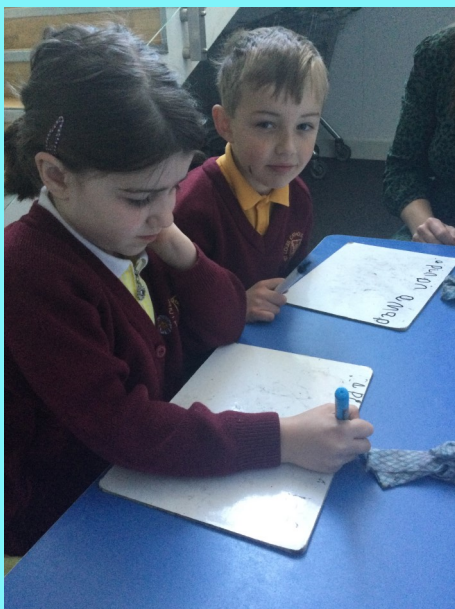
<https://clpe.org.uk/powerofreading>

Teachers read the books aloud and model reading expression and fluency to children. Children usually study two book texts each term and get to understand the rich language within the fiction and factual texts. They use these to stimulate their writing using different genres of writing for example: newspaper reports, instruction texts and information texts.

Teachers have seen greater engagement in reading and writing, with children asking their teacher to buy the sequel for their library and urging them to read on. The Power of Reading Scheme is regularly refreshed and so the same books are not used repeatedly, keeping things current and exciting for pupils and teachers.

Our classrooms all have writing working walls that help children record their ideas and build skills over the period of planning their writing. These dynamic displays act to remind and support children with writing ideas.

Mrs White is currently working with other Trust English subject leaders to develop further writing support for St Louis and Trust schools. This includes a consistent age-related progression in teaching grammar and having a shared approach to teaching speaking and listening skills and agreeing the best approach to embedding the 8 genre writing skills as children progress through school.



Mrs White, alongside the leadership team has carried out book reviews and led a learning walk to investigate how writing is being taught in each class. This is used to help us agree what is working well and our next steps in improving. In Summer term, we will be working with other Trust Schools and Schools in a Suffolk Partnership to look at our reading and writing progress and this allows us to compare our work with other schools.

Events including Meet the Author—Tom Palmer, World Book Day celebrations and more recently, our plans to work with Theatre Royal in Bury to develop our use of drama to teach writing are all contributing to improving our writing skills.

# Staying Healthy and Ready to Learn

One Life Suffolk are working in school to raise awareness in every year group about keeping healthy. Please look at the many services available through One Life Suffolk and talk to your child about looking after their body. These are the dates that they will be in school:

## Week 1 – Snacks Tuesday 25th May

Foundation 10.45am-11.15am,

KS1 10.45-11.15am,

LKS2 11.30pm-12.10pm,

UKS2 1.30pm-2.10pm,

## Week 2 – Human Body and Estimate Weight in Grams /Portion sizes—Date to be confirmed

Nursery, 10am-10.30am, Human Body,

Foundation, 10.45am-11.15am, Human Body,

KS1, 10am-10.30am, EWG/Portions,

LKS2, 10.45am-11.25am, EWG/Portions,

UKS2, 11.40-12.20, EWG/Portions, hall

## Week 3 – Breakfast and Sleep—Date to be confirmed

KS1 1-1.30pm,

LKS2 1.40pm-2.20pm,

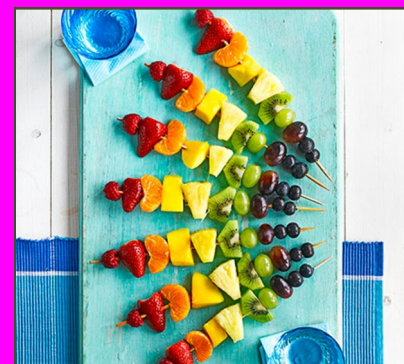
UKS2 2.30pm-3.10pm,

## Week 4 - Eating sustainably—Date to be confirmed

LKS2 1.40-2.20pm,

UKS2 2.30-3.10pm, hall

A letter will be sent to all families to offer help and support shortly.



**WE ARE OPEN!**

Visit <https://onlifesuffolk.co.uk/> to find out how we are currently delivering our services.



<https://onlifesuffolk.co.uk/services/families-young-people/our-programmes/>

## Did you know?

Some people have allergies to lots of different foods such as milk, eggs, soya, sesame, fish and lots more



## It's not just nuts!

Follow our tips to make your school allergy aware

- Always wash your hands before and after eating
- Don't share your food
- If you are not sure, always ask an adult if a food is safe
- If you carry adrenaline, take your two auto-injectors with you wherever you go
- Always check labels on packaged products
- Bullying because of allergies is unacceptable - tell an adult
- If you spot any symptoms act quickly - tell an adult
- Don't be afraid to tell your friends about your allergy

Anaphylaxis Campaign (incorporating the Latex Allergy Support Group), a charity registered in England and Wales (1085527) and a registered company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (04133242). Registered office address: 1 Alexandra Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 6BU.

Welcome to St Louis Forest School

Year 2 and 3 have all taken part in the first Forest School outdoor lessons. Here are some of the things they have been busy enjoying.



The countdown is on for our Allergy Awareness Week 2021, taking place this year from 24th – 31st May 2021.

[https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/allergy-awareness-week-2021/?dm\\_i=10KE,7BS83,512QU1,TQ5Q1,1](https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/allergy-awareness-week-2021/?dm_i=10KE,7BS83,512QU1,TQ5Q1,1)

This site provides free advice about allergens

Allergy Awareness Week

24th-31st May 2021

Click [HERE](#) to get involved >>

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS TO HELP PAINT OUR FENCES OR HELP WITH CARING FOR OUR PRAYER GARDEN PLEASE?





## Forest School Year 2

### Our Writing Themes Summer Term

We are launching our themes with activity days:

UKS2 welcomed a speaker as part of their Human Migration theme who spoke to them about human rights

LKS2 - Held a Travel and Transport theme day and designed parachutes to safely land eggs

KS1 Pirates Day was held and children had an opportunity to return to the pirate ship, now much enhanced with new equipment.

Foundation launched their Lifecycles theme with a planting day outdoors.



# FAIRTRADE NEWS



## FAIR FOCUS: FREE WEBINAR FOR BUSINESSES

How to keep ahead of sustainability trends in online retail.

Join Ocado, Fairtrade and a GlobeScan consumer insight expert to learn how to tap into online retail markets with Fairtrade.

Thursday 8 May, 11am

[REGISTER NOW](#)



<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/where-does-lucias-cocoa-go/>  
Watch a film together at home about Fairtrade chocolate farmers



Over Summer term, Governors will be speaking to children about their views about the school. School councilors have an important role in representing the views of their class and showing leadership at meetings.

Recently school councilors asked for more trees near classes that represent their class names. We hope to improve the areas outside classes and put a tree near to the class when it is safe to do so.

School council have also asked for more contemporary music of the month. We are trying to find the balance in mixing music to widen children's awareness of a wide range of composers, writers and musical sounds.

## FOOD BANK COLLECTION DAY

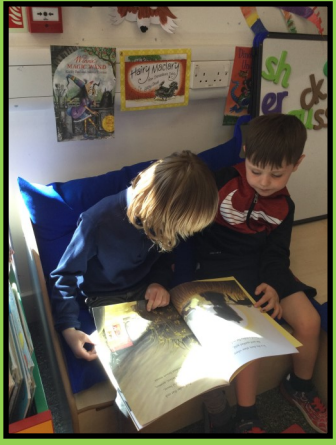
Thank you

### Our next trolley collection is Thursday 6th May



Newmarket **Open Door**  
Churches Together With People in Need

Rowan Readers  
Say  
THANK YOU  
FOSL  
WE LOVE  
OUR  
BOOK NOOKS



# Please Donate Your Unwanted Riding Equipment

We are one of the first schools in Newmarket to be offered spaces at the Newmarket Pony Academy in June 2021. This Academy funded by a range of organisations and based at the British Racing School seeks to develop the confidence, leadership and team skills in young people through working with horses over a development week. The skills developed during the week seek to improve learning back in school.

Carol Bramhill, Operations Manager at the British Racing School is asking for contributions of riding equipment that your children may have grown out of to donate to the New Pony Academy. They need:

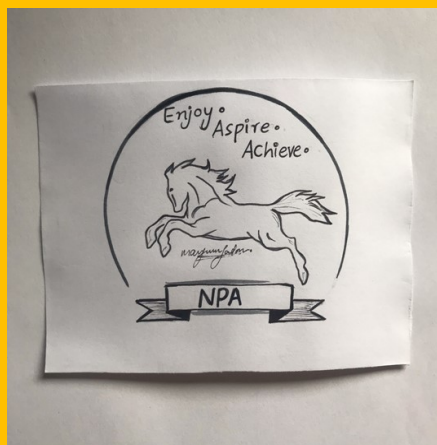


**Riding boots (long or short), half chaps, body protectors which must meet BETA 2009 Level 3 or BETA 2018 Level 3.**

Carol is happy to collect them from the school or alternatively you can drop them off at reception at the BRS, whichever is easiest for you.



In April, children from Nursery to Year 6 were invited to vote for the new logo for the Newmarket Pony Academy



104 votes

65 votes

111 votes

35 vote

**This vote winning will be used by the Academy on their promotional materials.**

The team at the British Racing School (BRS), where the NPA will be based, has been working with local schools, West Suffolk Council and Godolphin to bring the dream of the Academy to fruition. Following a successful pilot and thanks to the generosity of The Sir Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust and Godolphin, the project is now set to become reality. More recently, Orbit Housing have provided funding. One-week courses for Year 5/6 pupils from local primary schools will introduce them to ponies whilst making use of a different learning environment to engage them in core subjects. These courses will build on the curriculum, which students are studying, whilst also building confidence and resilience. St Louis were fortunate to take part in the recruitment of the new teaching team at the NPA and are looking forward to the learning opportunities this will present to some children over future years.





# St Louis Clubs - Summer Term

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.

If your child attends a sixth form, you need to contact the school directly to find out if they are eligible and how to apply.

Club spaces are offered free of charge to children receiving free school meals and we use Pupil premium Funding to cover that cost.

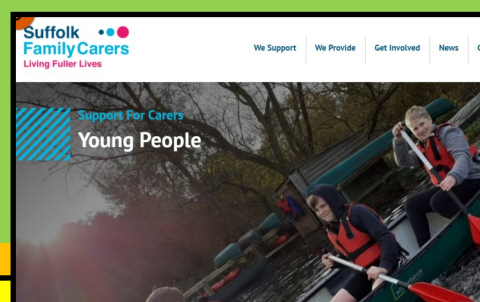
You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Please check

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

We also offer spaces to Young Carers as part of our commitment to supporting this group of children.

<https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/young-carers/>



We are very fortunate and excited to welcome some specialist sports coaches into school this term. Class teachers work alongside the sports coach in order to develop their own skills and knowledge within this area.

Cricket (Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching) Lime and Larch class.

Chance to Shine is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket.

Dance (Qualified Dance Teacher) Rowan and Elm class.

Tennis coach Year 6.

Playmakers Award Year 5. The Playmakers Award does not consider a learners sporting ability but instead helps them develop leadership skills which they can use to lead others in sports activities. Playmakers that complete the Award must be able to communicate effectively, be organised, take responsibility and work with other people; all core skills which are important throughout life.

As we all know, the benefits of physical activity are not only good for the body, but also our mental health and wellbeing. So it is great to be able to offer the children these specialist coaches as part of their PE curriculum.

We have been busy restarting clubs. However, we remain in bubbles and have tried to offer each bubble something. We are also limited by space to host these and the wish to keep costs low for you. We are also trying to extend our offer beyond traditional sports to yoga, music, Forest School, book clubs and art over coming months. We are able to offer free DBS screening to parent volunteers who are able to run school clubs. Let us know if you could help or lead with a club.

Here is a reminder of St Louis Clubs for the Summer Term that are available to book on Parentmail. Please check because we may have a few spaces available.

We only charge for the cost of the coaches that we bring into school for these sessions and we continually search for offers of free coaching in school. We are hoping to secure some free after school basketball coaching for Summer 2 term for Years 5 and 6.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Lunchtime</b> Year 2 Ukulele Club 12.10pm to 12.40pm			
<b>After School</b> KS1 Multi-sports finish at 4.15pm	<b>After School</b> Year 4 Netball finish at 4.15pm	<b>After School</b> UKS2 (Year 6) Multisports finish at 4.15pm Year 4 Art Club finish at 4.30pm Year 5 Ukulele Club finish at 4.15pm – after half term	<b>After School</b> Year 4 Forest School finish at 4.30pm LKS2 Yoga with Bridget Pooley (external instructor) finish at 4.15pm UKS2 Hockey Club finish at 4.15pm	<b>After School</b> LKS2 Multi-sport finish at 4.15pm



# Gallery of Learning

## It's Great to Enjoy Summer Term



# Our Amazing Foundation Gardening Team

Cherry and Holly classes are looking forward to an exciting time filled with activities that will help us to learn about many different life cycles, which is our theme for the summer term. We launched our theme on Wednesday 21st April with a gardening day to develop the Prayer Garden as an introduction to the life cycle of different plants. The children really enjoyed weeding, planting and watering and were enthused by this. Best of all, they were rewarded for their efforts with an ice cream treat from school because everyone was astonished at what they achieved in a day! The FS staff team were delighted with the impact of our day's work. Please check out the area as you pass by and let us know what you think. We have ordered bird feeders and a dragonfly freeze to further enhance the area. Children are being encouraged to use the area for quiet play and chat at lunchtimes too.





# Our Catholic Faith in School



the DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

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! And don't forget, we're still in the **Year of St Joseph** and, as of 19/3/21, it's also the **Year of the Family!**



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

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths **white** as we will still 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 24/5/21.

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

- 11/4/21 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 23/4/21 - St George's Day
- 29/4/21 - St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church (feast)
- 3/5/21 - Ss Philip and James, apostles (feast)
- 4/4/21 - The English martyrs (feast)
- 13/5/21 - The Ascension (solemnity)
- 14/5/21 - St Matthias, apostle (feast)
- 23/5/21 - Pentecost
- 26/5/21 - St Philip Neri
- 27/5/21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest (feast)
- 30/5/21 - The Most Holy Trinity (solemnity)
- 31/5/21 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)
- 6/6/21 - Corpus Christi (solemnity)
- 11/6/21 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity)
- 12/6/21 - Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 24/6/21 - The Birthday of St John the Baptist (solemnity)
- 29/6/21 - Ss Peter and Paul, apostles (solemnity)
- 3/7/21 - St Thomas, apostle (feast)
- (25/8/21 - St Louis)

On 19/3/21, Pope Francis announced the **Year of the Family**, which runs until 26/6/22. Our diocese has lots planned to support families more during this time; we'll try to update you as these initiatives are laid out more fully!

## 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 will be marking this month in school in several ways, including Father Christopher leading us in our weekly virtual rosary decades again.

"FROM MARY WE LEARN TO SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO TRUST EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE SEEMS GONE. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO LOVE CHRIST HER SON AND THE SON OF GOD!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



## 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 (Covid-tweaked) Pentecost celebrations soon!



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 on top of us. Help us to glorify your name through them. Amen.

I LIFT MY EYES  
To the hills  
FROM WHERE DOES  
my help come?  
MY HELP COMES  
from the Lord,  
WHO MADE  
heaven & earth.  
PSALM 121

**RE** in school this term: Our Gospel values for this term are humility and tolerance.

**EYES:** New Life; Serving; Good News (Pentecost); Special Places: The Church.

**KS1:** The Resurrection; Serving: Holidays and holydays (Pentecost); Judaism

**LKSS:** Mission of the Church; Belonging to the Church; Hinduism: the Mandir

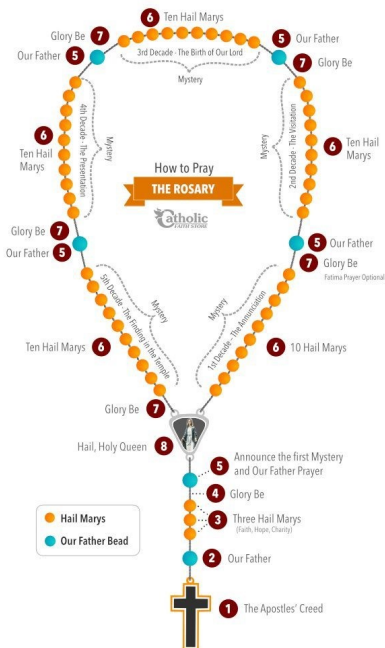
**UKSS:** The Work of the Apostles; Anointing of the Sick (part of Pilgrimage); vocations and Commitment: The Sacrament of Ordination; Islam

Father Christopher will be in school each Thursday during May to pray the Rosary together. We also plan to celebrate Mass in KS1 this term and for Foundation Year to have an opportunity to pray with Father Christopher. Whilst we cannot invite families, we always include you in our prayers.

We will be holding our Year 6 leaver Mass and details of this may change depending upon Covid restrictions at the time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

## Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary For All Suffering From the Coronavirus Pandemic



# Dates for your diary

3rd May Bank Holiday

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

6th May 2021 Food Bank Collection Day.

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 non uniform day. A fundraising day towards the Friends of St Louis who support the school in its ongoing improvements.

24th May 2021 Pentecost Party in School. Children should dress up in the colours of the flame (red, yellow, or orange)

7th and 14th June—Vocations Fortnight Dress as your Vocation Fundraiser

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Food Bank Collection Day.

14th June 2021 Eggs coming to St Louis for hatching to chicks

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 non uniform day. A fundraising day towards the Friends of St Louis who support the school in its ongoing improvements. Dress as your vocation

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 Food Bank Collection Day.

2nd July 2021—Sports Day (Carousel of Sports to win house points) - parent invite subject to Covid-19 restrictions (contingency day 5th July).

2nd July 2021—Year 6 Leavers Mass and Picnic—parent invite subject to Covid-19 restrictions

9th and 10th July 2021—Year 6 Camping in School— subject to sufficient take up.

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 non uniform day. A fundraising day towards the Friends of St Louis who support the school in its ongoing improvements.

9th July 2021—School Reports Sent Out

W/C 12th July 2021— Opportunity for parents to discuss reports with teachers.

15th July 2021 St Louis End of Year Mass for whole school or a selected bubble and St Louis Day - parent invites dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions.

## Induction Dates for Moving up Classes

17th June (am)

24th June (pm)

1st July (am)

8th July (am)

## Theatre Royal Festival

### Performances in School

Monday 14th June—The House that Jackson Built (LKS2)

Monday 21st June—Paper Aeroplane (Nursery, Reception and KS1)

Tuesday 22nd June—The House that Jackson Built (UKS2)

**Saturday Friends of St Louis Spring Grounds Tidy- Up Day (in bubbles) 10am to 2pm - supervised children welcome. Date to be confirmed.**

Volunteers needed with gardening, hedge tidying, fence painting, tidying around our grounds and more. We will pay for your DBS checks to allow you to help us.

## 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

