

# St Louis Catholic Academy



St Louis Catholic Academy: June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good Bank Holiday with your children and enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We had a great picnic on the final day of term to recognise the unique achievement of 70 years on the throne for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

In our final half term, we are grateful to FOSL's many volunteers who are planning the St Louis Summer Fair, the first for three years. Please join the many organisers in making this a fantastic return to gatherings of families of friends of St Louis School. The Fair will be 1st July 2022 immediately after school ends.

Well done to Year 2 and 6 who sat their SATs tests last term. The children coped so well with return to these assessments. We know that children continue to have some gaps in learning after two years where studies have been interrupted and extra catch up teaching continues. Please book holidays outside school terms to avoid further loss to learning.

Thank you for getting your children into school on time. We start teaching immediately and so children arriving late miss some of their learning.

Over the coming weeks, all children will be taking part in pilgrimages to churches as part of the deepening of their faith. UKS2 are visiting Walsingham, LKS2 travel to Clare Priory and KS1 and Reception will be walking to Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda Catholic Church, Newmarket.

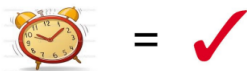
I hope that our final weeks in school this academic year are filled with new learning and that all of our children continue to develop their skills. We plan to make some great memories for our Year 6 leavers as they begin days out visiting their new schools to start transition.

Please contact me by email on [suelakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:suelakeley@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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**ST LOUIS**  
**summer fair**

An afternoon of fun for all the family

**FRIDAY 1ST JULY**  
3pm - 8pm

**Activities:**

- Face Painting
- BBQ
- Inflatables
- Raffle
- International Food Stall
- Fun and Games and much more

**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.



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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

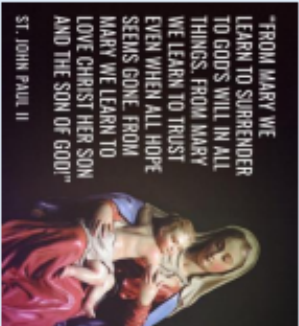
Watch this space!

**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!

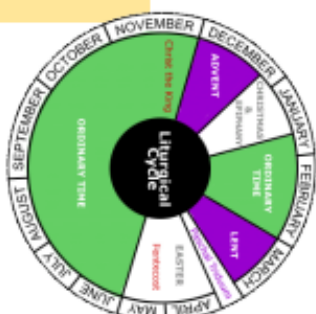


**Pentecost!**

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:**

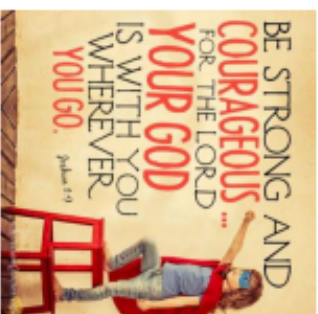
Our Gospel values are:  
**Summer 1:** Service and Tolerance  
**Summer 2:** Courage

**Units of Study:**

- EYFS:** 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.





**FOSL NEWS : PLEASE COME AND HELP**  
**SUMMER FAIR—FRIDAY 1st JULY at 3.15pm**



The Friends Committee are working hard with the staff to make this a truly special Summer Fair on 1st July 2022. We want to ensure the whole school community can come together to celebrate being able to get together again and also celebrate getting through such tough times.

We have some requests which we hope you can help us out with:

- There will be a non-uniform day (wear your own clothes but no football kits please) on **Friday, 17th June** on which we will ask your child to please donate:

- A book they no longer read/want for the children's tombola
- A variety of bottles for the adults tombola
- We are on the hunt for raffle prizes – if anyone has their own business and could kindly donate a prize no matter how big or small - ALL PRIZES ARE VERY WELCOME
- Are there any parents/carers who LOVE TO BBQ? We would love a BBQ chef to help our BBQ team out on the day.
- Class Links will be contacting you soon to ask for volunteers to help prepare and man a stall. We have divided the stalls up between the class links and the only way this works is for everyone to get stuck in for a short amount of time to ensure EVERYONE has a chance to enjoy the celebrations. Each class only needs 3 or 4 volunteers and each person will only need to help out for an hour, your time and effort will be

greatly appreciated. There will be a team briefing on zoom on Wednesday, 22nd June for everyone lending a hand to ensure we are all on the same page and ready for a truly special Summer fair.

- Our International food Stall would love to represent every country we have in our community, parents/carers and staff. If you were born in another country, please do consider baking a dish of that country which we can add in. It doesn't matter how big or small but it is so important we celebrate all the countries which affect our community and we will be every grateful for your donations. For anyone keen to donate please email [friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com) and we shall put you in touch with Alessandra who is organising the stand.

Thank you so much for your help in making this so special. We are all so excited to be hosting another Summer Fair after such a long time.

We shall be sending reminders through the class links and you will see posters up around the school. We hope we can all come together in small ways to build an exciting event for us all to enjoy.

Very best wishes.

Friends of St Louis

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 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 Dat 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 Coleslaw 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
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		

## Summer Menus

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.



**JOIN US FOR LUNCH!**

**Reception Parents Stay and Eat**

**with Us on 27th June 2022 at 11.30am**

When we carried out a parent survey earlier in the year, some new families said that their children did not like school meals. To help Reception families learn about the meals on offer, we are inviting families with children in Holly and Cherry to join us for lunch. Invitations will be sent out soon. For parents joining Reception in September, we'll offer this again in Autumn 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.

In 2022-23, school will directly receive £1385 for your child too and this is used towards additional tuition for your child, free and subsidised clubs and extra adult support in class.



**Join the school meals food panel: We are always looking for volunteers to help us make improvements to our school menu offer.**



## 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.

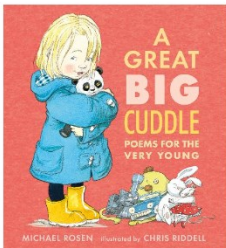
Mrs White, our English Lead, is keen to encourage everyone to read to their child at bedtime and she is hosting a Big Bedtime Read to help raise awareness of the importance of reading to children.

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.**

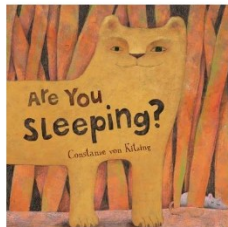
**Details about booking your place will be sent out at the start of this half term. Join us at the Big Bedtime Read.**



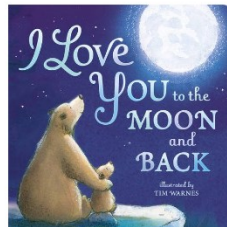
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/books-for-bedtime/>



**A Great Big Cuddle** by Michael Rosen. Heartwarming poems which are ideal to read and share with your child at bedtime.



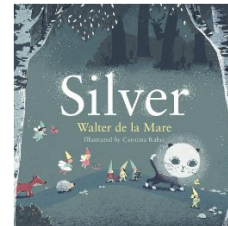
**Are You Sleeping?** by Constanze Von Kitzing. A lion who is desperate to find friends to play with before it's time for sleep. Can he find anyone before his mum calls him?



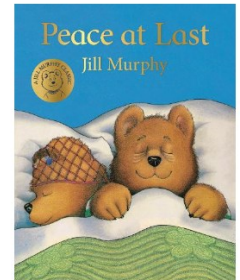
**I Love You To The Moon And Back** by Tim Warnes. Perfect for shared reading at the end of a busy day. A great book to reread.



**The Night Knights** by Gideon Sterer. A story about chivalrous knights who protect children from monsters.



**Silver** by Walter de la Mare. A dreamy and evocative poem for a perfect day's end.



**Peace At Last** by Jill Murphy. Noises, actions, voices, illustrations – possibly your child's next favourite bedtime story.

## 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 to see what your child will learn and when. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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



# Join us in prayer: Masses this Term

## **Please join us at Mass in Church on 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



thankyou for her service so far (and we look forward to more years to come). We will come together for a school Mass in church. Mary has no intention of leaving us, so please do not send farewell cards and messages. Mary is off to the Clare Priory with LKS2 following Mass, so she will have a memorable day!

LKS2 will have their pilgrimage to this beautiful priory.

**Reception and KS1 classes** are walking together to the Catholic Church of Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda on 16th June for their pilgrimage visit and they will be celebrating Mass followed by some time for learning in church. Families of children are invited to join them for the Mass at 9.30am.



## **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**

Year 6 will celebrate Mass on 7th July in school at 9.15am and their families are warmly invited to join us for this Mass of thanksgiving.

## **Thursday 14th July in church 9.15 am**

Mass for all year groups. Join us in prayer as we approach the end of the school year.



**Year 5 and 6 Pilgrimage  
to Walsingham  
Tuesday 21 June**



# SPORTS DAY

## 8th July

Mrs Smith is busy planning our Sports Day 2022. Sadly, we no longer have access to the field next door because the property is in new ownership following the sale on behalf of the Sisters of St Louis. However, we are able to accommodate all the carousel sporting events on our site. Like last year, our younger children will take part in the morning, with older children after lunch.



Our new Foundation Curriculum: with a focus upon gaining knowledge

This Summer term, we are starting to use a new Primary Knowledge Curriculum to strengthen our teaching of History, Geography, Art and Science and to help us extend what we teach in Reception.

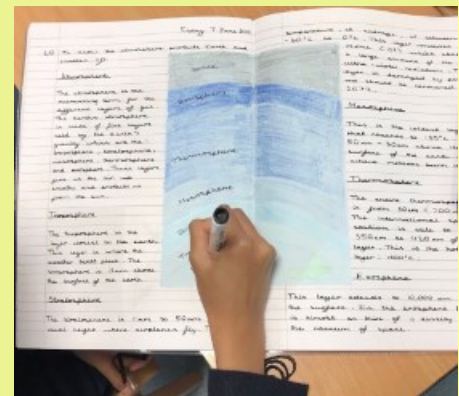
The Primary Knowledge Curriculum Partnership is a **network of primary schools** dedicated to the delivery of a knowledge-rich curriculum. By joining the Partnership, we have become part of a community of like-minded teachers, who collaborate to enrich pupils' lives through providing them with a well-sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum.

### The aims of the PKC Partnership are to:

- Support schools to embed a coherent, well-sequenced knowledge-rich curriculum
- Create a network of like-minded schools
- Provide high-quality professional development to school leaders and teachers

You can read more about this at:  
<https://www.primaryknowledgecurriculum.org/>

We will be working closely with some of the other OLOW Academy Primaries to provide a more challenging and interesting curriculum for our young learners.

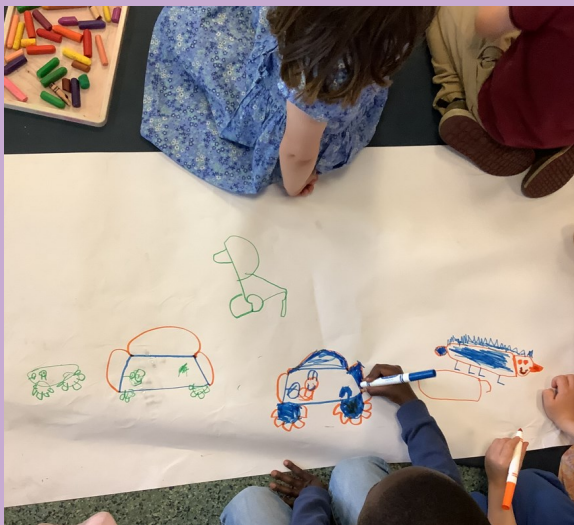


# ROMEO & Juliet

13th July 2pm

Miss Haines will be especially busy this term working with Year 6 to rehearse for their end of year performance. This will be the first time that school has been able to host a Year 6 show since Covid but we have every confidence that this will be a great success. 2 tickets for each Year 6 child's family will be available soon.





Our Platinum Jubilee Picnic





## Little Louis Stay and Play

Friday 10th June.  
We'll be setting dates for 2022 23 soon



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).

## Cake Sales after School Friday 10th June Year 4



June	Doorstep Theatre Festival with live performances and workshops in school
6th to 10th June	Yr 1 National Phonics Assessments for all Year 1 pupils
6th to 24th June	Yr 4 National Times Tables Assessments
14th June	Mass to celebrate Mary's 48 years of service to children
14th June	LKS2 pilgrimage to St Clare's Priory
16th June	Reception and KS1 pilgrimage to Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda Catholic Church
17th June	<b>Non Uniform Day:</b> Please bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A book for the children's tombola</li> <li>• A variety of bottles for the adults tombola</li> </ul>
21st June	UKS2 pilgrimage to Walsingham
25th June	Yr 5 visit to National Racing Museum and Children's University Graduation for participants completing passports
27th June	Reception children invitation to dine with your child
1st July	Summer Fair 3.15pm onwards
4th to 6th July	Year 6 residential Caythorpe Court
7th July	9.15am Mass in school for leavers and their families
Date to be confirmed	Sports' Day in school AM Nursery, Reception and KS1 PM KS2
11th July	6pm welcome evening for 2022 –23 Reception classes
13th July	Year 6 Performance of Romeo and Juliet 2pm
14th July	Mass in Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda Catholic Church for all classes: families welcome
14th July	School reports and new class information
15th July	New Class Day: all children moving up will spend the day in their new classes
20th July	Final day of term. School ends at 3.20pm Treetops open AM. No PM Treetops

## Summer Term 2022

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

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

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

Summer  
Term



Our Parish Church

<http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

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{No matter how old you are!}