

Headteacher's Update – 14.3.25

Dear Parents,

Parent Survey

We are now just over half way through the academic year, and as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the educational experience for your child, we are seeking your valuable input through our Parent/Carer Survey.

Your feedback is essential in helping us understand your perspectives on various aspects of our school community. The survey will take only a few minutes to complete, and your responses will directly influence the decisions we make to support our students and their families.

Survey Details:

- **Deadline:** 4th April
- **Access the survey here:** <https://forms.office.com/e/3vFxZynEML>



Your responses will be kept confidential, and we highly encourage all parents and carers to participate. The insights you provide will help us create a positive, supportive learning environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or need assistance with completing the survey, please feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your time and support. We greatly appreciate your involvement in making our school community the best it can be.

Important Information about Free School Meals – checking before 31st March 2025

There are some changes coming into effect from 1st April in regard to eligibility for free school meals (not universal free school meals which will remain unchanged).

If you think you are eligible for free school meals but are not currently claiming, then please see the school office who will be able to run a check for you. **It is vital this takes place before 31st March.** If the check comes back 'true' before this date, your child will remain eligible for free school meals until they leave us in Y6. This is why it is important to do this now, even if your child receives universal free school meals (which is anyone in Reception, Y1 and Y2). **Please see the attached form to complete and return by 21st March, this will give us time to send off for your information to be checked.**

If the result comes back 'true' from 1st April onwards, your child will only be eligible for free school meals as long as the result remains 'true'. Checks must be run throughout the school year, meaning some children **may not** be eligible for free school meals for the duration of their time with us.

This applies to children in nursery too, so please do ask for a check to be run before 31st March.

Outside school achievements

I know from choir practice that we have some very talented singers and dancers (yes, we are adding dance moves to one of our songs!) among our pupils. It is great to hear how children's talents are being nurtured outside school too.



This is Ella in Y4 who performed in the West End in a show called 'Across the Line'. What an exciting opportunity and well done to Ella on what I hear was a wonderful performance.

Lenten Reflection

As we enter into the second week of Lent, we can focus on how to become Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year by sharing God's peace and forgiveness with others. We know that our sins separate us from God and from each other but that Jesus is the source of forgiveness and eternal life with God. Jesus invites us to receive full forgiveness and the peace God offers us.

With your child, you may like to think about the question: 'How can you share God's forgiveness and peace with others this week?'



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: about Science during 'National Science Week'. We have been learning how things can move using air, e.g. making paper rockets then blowing through a straw to see how the rocket moves across the table.

You can help at home by: practising this and talking to your child about it.

Reception

We have been learning: about Spring. We went on a walk around school to find the signs of Spring.

You can help at home by: taking your child for a walk and hunting for signs of Spring.

Year 1

We have been learning: about length and height.

You can help at home by: comparing the length of objects in your home.

Year 2

We have been learning: about growing up by looking at the life cycle of a chick and visiting the eggs/chicks in Reception.

You can help at home by: looking at the lifecycle of other animals and comparing it to the chicks.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to use short division.

You can help at home by: practicing simple division problems with your child, using everyday objects or scenarios.

Year 4

We have been learning: about villages by the sea, what might attract tourists and writing a tourist brochure as part of our English lessons.

You can help at home by: asking what your child's ideas are to attract people to a small fishing village.

Year 5

We have been learning: about Fairtrade.

You can help at home by: asking your child to look out for any items with the Fairtrade symbol and ask why Fairtrade is important.

Year 6

We have been learning: about the Gods that the Ancient Maya believed in.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the different Maya Gods.

