

Headteacher's Update – 10.1.25

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful and joyful Christmas break and that you and your children are looking forward to a busy and productive new year ahead.

Nursery Open Day – Thursday 30th January

If you or anyone you know is looking for a place in Nursery for September 2025 then please note our Open Day is on Thursday 30th January. There are 3 sessions to choose from: 9-10am, 1.30-2.30pm or 3.15-4.15pm. There is no need to book, just come along to a session that suits you to find out more about our Nursery that was recently part of Ofsted's Outstanding rating of our Early Years.

To apply for a place please see the information on our website on the Nursery tab along the top of the page, or contact the school office for more information.

Choir Performance

We were very sad not to have the end of term that we planned. The children in choir have worked very hard learning and practising the songs for Christmas so we decided the Christmas spirit could last a little longer and that they could still sing for you as planned.

Thank you if you were able to join us today to hear the children sing. I'm sure you'll agree that we have some very talented children at St Louis.

The plan is to continue with the choir throughout the year, so hopefully we will have some more songs to share with you at the end of this term too.

Paper Chain Challenge

We nearly made it around the hall with our paper chain decorations which you may have seen when you came to your child's class Christmas celebration or Nativity play. The children who organised this should be really proud of themselves. Their enthusiasm and enterprise resulted in raising almost £200 for their chosen charities (£191.93 to be precise). Thank you to everyone who took part.



Mass and Epiphany Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Father John who came to celebrate mass with us this morning. It is always such a positive way to start a new term as we reflect on how we can be more like Jesus over the coming year.

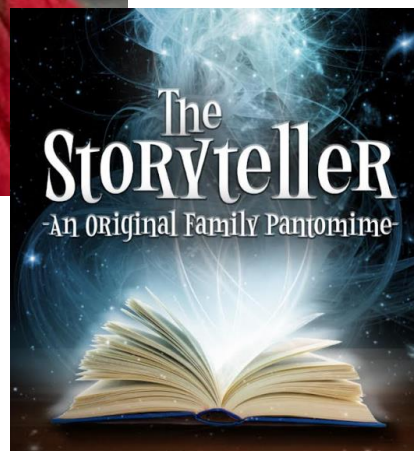
The children also reflected on the journey of the wise men in our Gospel assembly to mark the Epiphany as we continue to celebrate this period of Christmastide.



Outside school achievements

I was delighted to receive an email from the parents of Isabel in Y5 who created the most amazing clips of her singing a Christmas song of her own composition as well as one she has been learning in choir. I know from choir that she is a talented singer and from the look of these videos she may well have a future as a singer and performer.

It was also lovely to hear about the achievements of Freya, also in Y5, and Valerie in Y4, who took part in a pantomime over the Christmas break. Freya played the role of Katy the story teller, and Valerie played the parts of Fantasy and a book worm. They have clearly been both ambitious and brave in learning the part and then performing in front of an audience. I also understand that Aarna Zoe was also part of this production. Well done to you all.



Congratulations to Staff

Huge congratulations to Mrs Hamshere for all her hard work on the school travel plan. Her efforts to get our school community travelling to school in sustainable ways, along with your support, has resulted in St Louis being awarded the STARS Local Authority Primary School of the Year Award, for which we have just received the certificate. We are very proud of this achievement, so thank you in helping us by walking, scooting and cycling to school.



Congratulations also go to Mrs Farrow, our Reception TA, who had her baby girl, Bonnie, on 30th December. We are pleased to say that both mother and daughter are doing well, and I'm sure the children along with the staff, can't wait until they are ready to pop in for a visit!

Wrap up warm and have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Nursery



We have been learning: about people who help us in our community, this week our main focus was bus drivers.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about bus drivers and how they help to get us to places.

Reception

We have been learning: new sounds including the trigraph 'igh'.

You can help at home by: asking your child to write some words with the sounds they have learnt e.g. rain, light, feet, goat.

Year 1

We have been learning: our number bonds to 20.

You can help at home by: giving your child a number and asking them what they add to it to make 20.

Year 2

We have been learning: about our patron, St Louis.

You can help at home by: seeing what facts your child can remember about him.

Year 3

We have been learning: about different types of applied force.

You can help at home by: asking your child to give examples of actions that demonstrate pushing, pulling or both.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the battle of Bosworth.

You can help at home by: asking your child to outline the battle and the reasons Richard III lost.

Year 5

We have been learning: about South America.

You can help at home by: asking your child which countries make up the continent.

Year 6

We have been learning: about lines of longitude and latitude.

You can help at home by: asking your child to recall some of the facts they have learned.

