

St Louis Catholic Academy News



Our Faith in Action Group prepared cards to be shared with our vulnerable parishioners, near-neighbours and friends.



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You raised an incredible £ 804.57 for CAFOD

Thank you



I hope that you are safe and well despite the rising Omicron cases. The final weeks in school became increasingly challenging as staff and children became unwell. Thank you so much for all your help in keeping socially distanced, arriving and leaving alone and keeping to the time for drop offs and collections and avoiding congregating. Despite ventilating well, sanitising often, keeping phases apart as much as possible, we began to see reports of Covid in school. This has been seen across Suffolk and it is a relief to enjoy a break to allow everyone to recover before starting the Spring term.

We've had a wonderful Advent raising funds for CAFOD, Save the Children Fund supporting the Open Door foodbank, dressing as angels, kings and shepherds and learning our class carols to perform for you. I am hoping that the cancelled singing at gates can go ahead in the New Year but we were missing so many beautiful voices, not least from Mrs Muscionico, and we were increasingly aware of the need to maintain distance.

Classrooms have looked wonderful and every class has enjoyed decorating their Jesse trees. We'll be planting them in our grounds and hopefully, they will be returned to classes in Advent 2023 (next year we plan to reuse the 2020 trees that we've grown on). Christmas dinner was fabulous thanks to Trina and her team. They adapted at short notice to serving dinner in classrooms for KS2 and everyone enjoyed generous sized portions because some of our children were absent. We've loved seeing Fr Leo light our Advent wreath and celebrate Mass in school and in Church. Thank you for all your support throughout the term, especially your generosity towards our charities.

It has been good to welcome families into school for parts of the term and I hope that this can recommence as soon as we are advised to do so by Suffolk County Council. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and we can't wait to see the children return on 5th January 2022. Sue Blakeley

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ST LOUIS CHILDREN TO BISHOP ALAN

Mrs Cox and KS1 children made a wonderful video that was sent to Bishop Alan on behalf of St Louis.



FRIENDS OF ST LOUIS AT CHRISTMAS

FOSL Raffle Prize Winners

	Adult raffle	Child raffle
Nursery	Alfie Abbs	Harrison Gilbert
Cherry	jake mcgowan	William bramhill,
Holly	Natalie spadlo	lots of generous
Rowan	Jordan Bovitz	Neave Nowosad
Oak	Miles Davey	Kitty Bramhill
Lime	Maxime Thomas	Valentino Dimascio
Beech	Chloe Thomas	Theo Carolan
Elm	Alfie Grimes	Ashan Mlongoti
Sycamore	Roxy Bryne	Charlie Cornally
Hazel	Alexander Walker	Alys Byrne
Larch	Natalia Marszalek	Alfie Norman
Maple	Orla Ashen	Darragh O'Dowd
FAIRTRADE	Milosz Gorzynski (Hazel)	

You have been incredible again in supporting the FOSL raffle. Classes were able to create some fantastic gift hampers and we raised an incredible £654.11 towards school funds.

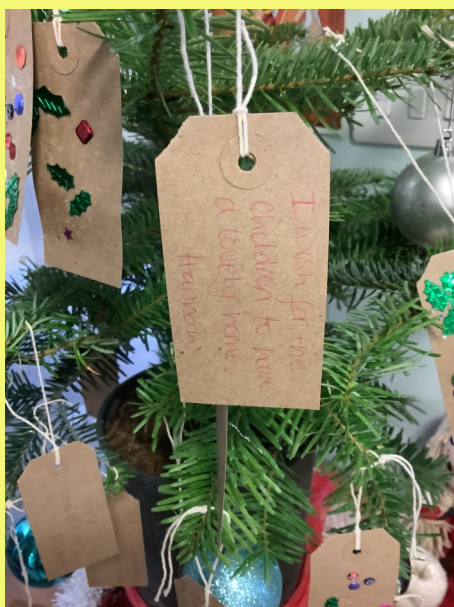
Sadly, Wendy Patman– Smyth stood down from FOSL after years of brilliant work and Shelley needs help. If you have joined St Louis in recent years (or longer) and would like to help raise funds for the school, please contact FOSL.

“This year, despite more Covid, our amazing families have dug deep to help support the school. On behalf of FOSL– thank you ” Shelley Bosley–Friends of St Louis.

Catholic life

WE’LL BE COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK THROUGHOUT JANUARY

This month we are collecting: tinned soups, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned beans, tinned fruit and vegetables and breakfast cereals (within their best before date please). **We’ll also collect your Christmas treats that you have left over please. Each class has a collection box.**



Newmarket **Open Door**

Churches Together With People in Need



On our Christmas Jumper Day, we raised an amazing amount of £221.50 which has been donated to Save the Children. Thank you all very much for your generosity.



Farewell and Good Luck Mrs Drayton and Mrs Davis

Mrs Drayton has retired after many years of service to St Louis as a Class Teacher and more recently a Teaching Assistant. She will be back in school soon to help our readers and so we look forward to seeing her soon. Mrs Davis also retired from her Receptionist and Admin role. We thank her for her many years of service

Our Theatre Royale visit to Bury St Edmunds



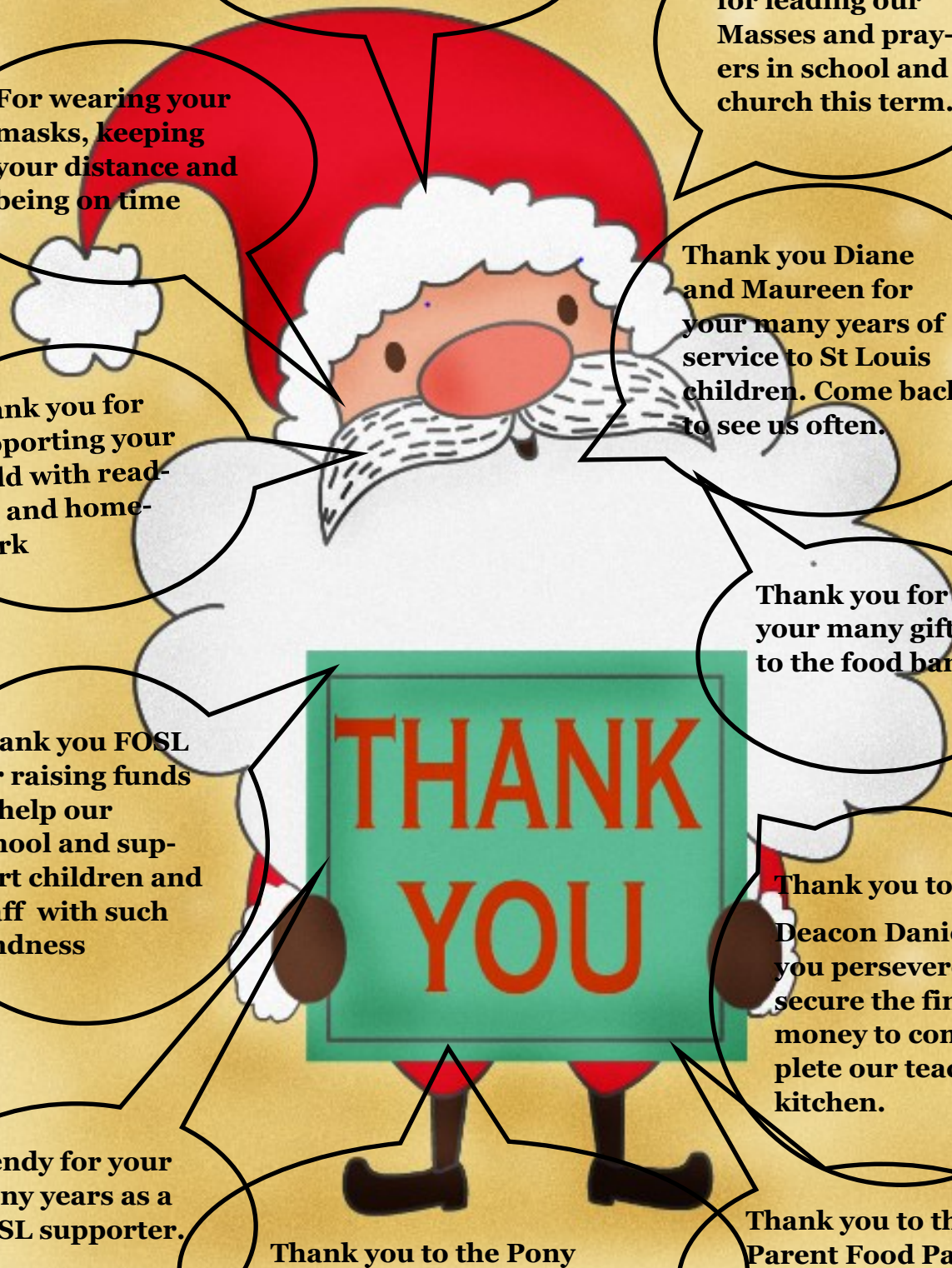
We finally had a visit beyond the school grounds and the children were so excited. It was the first travel by school coach experience for KS1 and many children had never enjoyed live performance in theatre before. This opportunity to see live performance was part of our commitment to becoming an Artsmark school and some children vowed to become actors.

Everyone slept well after the visit.



Welcome Mrs Conway and Mrs Liebenberg

Mrs Conway, a teacher, joins us on a part time basis to support teaching in KS1 and KS2 and Mrs Liebenberg will be our new Reception and Admin Assistant. We



Tesco for all our fruit gifted by you

Thank you Fr Leo for leading our Masses and prayers in school and church this term.

For wearing your masks, keeping your distance and being on time

Thank you Diane and Maureen for your many years of service to St Louis children. Come back to see us often.

Thank you for supporting your child with reading and homework

Thank you for your many gifts to the food bank

Thank you FOSL for raising funds to help our school and support children and staff with such kindness

Thank you to Deacon Daniel : you persevered to secure the final money to complete our teaching kitchen.

Wendy for your many years as a FOSL supporter.

Thank you to the Pony Academy for ongoing support to children in school.

Thank you to the Parent Food Panel for your time and commitment.

ST LOUIS FAIRTRADE



Take part in Fairtrade Fortnight

21st February - 6th March 2022

Our Christmas raffle included a Fairtrade hamper gifted by staff donations and organised by Mrs Cox. Milosz in Maple class won the Fairtrade Hamper.

What is Fairtrade Fortnight?

For two weeks each year, at the end of February and start of March, thousands of schools, colleges and universities across the UK come together to learn from the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes – people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Through learning about how we are all connected through the things we eat, drink and wear, young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to

shape a more compassionate and sustainable world. Mrs. Cox is planning our 2022 St Louis Fairtrade Fortnight.



Father Leo led Mass for LKS2 in church



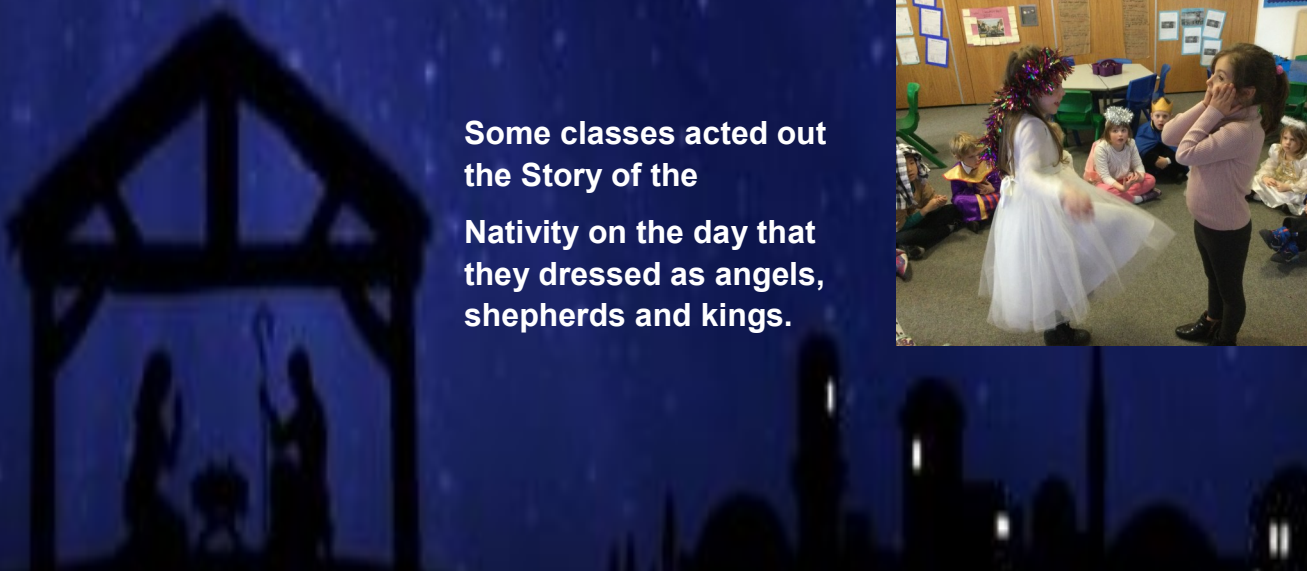
Father Leo led Mass for our LKS2 phase. We look forward to celebrating more Masses in the coming months.



Advent at St Louis



Some classes acted out the Story of the Nativity on the day that they dressed as angels, shepherds and kings.



Advent at St Louis



Christmas Dinner and Ukulele Concerts



We were fortunate to welcome families to our KS2 concerts. In Summer term, we hope that KS1 will be ready to showcase their new talents. too Children attending weekly Ukulele lunch club also performed for their families. Well done to all our children.

This is the overview of Catholic teaching in our school during Spring Term.



the DIOCESE of EAST ANGLIA

Welcome back to a new term and 2022! We hope that you had blessed and holy Christmases filled with the peace of Christ! Having just started a **new Liturgical Year** at the beginning of Advent, we are not far into the new Church year either.

What's going on in the Catholic Church:

Changes of Season:

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths **white** as we will still be in the **season of Christmas!** White symbolises innocence, purity, victory and joy and is used for joyful and glorious occasions including Jesus, Mary the angels and the saints!

Monday 10th January 2022: We move back into the season of **Ordinary Time**. Our prayer cloths will be **green** to reflect our growth, hope and life in the Lord.

Wednesday 2nd March 2022: We will enter into **Lent** where our cloths will be **purple** to reflect this season of preparation and penance.

(When we return to school after Easter on 12/4/21, we will be back to **white** again as we will be in the season of **Easter tide**.)

Key Dates (holy days of obligation in addition to Sundays are in bold*):

- 6/1/22 – Solemnity of the Epiphany**
- 9/1/22 – Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- 2/2/22 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- 2/3/22 – Ash Wednesday
- 19/3/22 – Solemnity of St Joseph
- 25/3/22 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- 10/4/22 – Palm Sunday
- w/c 11/4 – Holy Week
- 15/4/22 – Good Friday
- 17/4/22 – Easter Sunday
- 24/4/22 – Divine Mercy Sunday

**If the holy day of obligation falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday.*

RE in school: Our Gospel values this term are Truthfulness and Compassion for Spring 1 and Forgiveness and Friendship for Spring 2.

This term in our classes, we will be exploring:

EYF5: Getting to Know Jesus, Sorrow and Joy, and Growing and Giving – Lent.

KS1: The Chosen People, The Good News and Giving.

LKS2: Being a Christian, Called to Change and Prayer (prayers of the Mass)

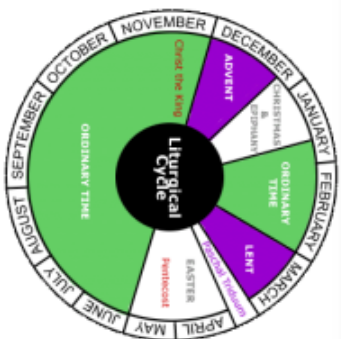
UKS2: God's Covenant, Reconciliation, and Prayer (prayers of the Mass).

Inspired by Pope Francis's words in his encyclical '*Laudato Si'*' and following on from our live discussion and Q&A experiences from COP26, we have decided to embark on our 'Live Simply' award journey. This CAFOD-led award guides organisations towards living a life that is gentler on our planet and kinder towards others. Over the next few weeks, we will start our planning discussions with both staff and children on how we can walk together as a school along this new journey. Watch this space!







Let us pray... Lord, thank you for who you are: the mighty and strong God who became so humble that he entered the world as a little baby just so that we could become closer to you. Please forgive us for those times when we have not followed this beautiful example of humility with others in our lives and instead fallen into the trap of false pride. Help us to acknowledge that all the good we have comes from you; we thank you for this. Please help us to be living examples of your love this term. Amen.

(This uses the ACTS prayer model that we will be exploring more this term as a school. It suggests a prayer structure of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.)



Our writing themes for Spring Term

	Spring
Nursery and Reception	<p>Becoming scientists</p> 
KS1	<p>Exploring Africa</p> 
LKS2	<p>Extreme Earth</p> 
UKS2	<p>Crime and Punishment</p> 

We are inviting application for 2022-2023 nursery places.

St Louis nursery is a great place to learn in an inclusive and welcoming setting. Staff encourage the children to develop their independence in a child led environment that enables them to learn through activities that are of interest to them. Progression in RE, English and mathematics is ensured through age appropriate adult led sessions that engage the children. A weekly Forest school experience and the introduction of a nursery garden enable outdoor learning that enriches our offer.

The prime areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum are important in our nursery and the children make excellent progress in their communication, personal, social and physical development.

We support our children to develop their confidence, and they invariably settle in quickly and enjoy their nursery experience forming positive relationships that develop as they continue their education in future years.



Dates for your diary

6th January 2022

Epiphany Mass for children



Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February - 6th March 2022



January 2022

Big School Birdwatch.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

7th–13th February

Children's Mental Health Week



World Book Day

3rd March

Dress as your favourite Book character



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 9th March 2022



Food Bank Collection Days

Throughout January in class

Thursday 10th February

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

Thursday 8th July



Parent Survey

There is still

time to complete the parent survey that was sent by Parentmail on November 25th. Your feedback helps St Louis to improve. Please take a little time to help us with this annual

The survey will close on 10th January 2022.



the DIOCESE of EAST ANGLIA

ALIVE IN FAITH FUND PROJECT GRANTS

Deacon James has supported our school to obtain match funding from the Diocese of East Anglia Alive in Faith Fund to develop a new teaching kitchen for our children and the wider community. Now that the funds are in place, we will go out for quotes to install the kitchen. This will provide opportunities for children to prepare food, improve their knowledge of healthy eating and enable families and the wider community to learn together through cooking. The first part of the funding was provided by Bill Gredley, a local benefactor. The facility can be used for a cooking club, outreach for community groups and will allow children to cook as part of the broad curriculum. The kitchen will also be used for nurture groups to promote mental wellbeing.

Guiding Star

Lord, the sight of the guiding star,
brought hope, courage and joy
to those who had journeyed to
find you.

When our journey seems long,
when hope seems far away,
when our courage is failing
fill us with faith and trust;
shine your light on our fears,
lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you
in our brothers and sisters
throughout the world;
show us how we can work together
so that we may all come to share in the life
promised to us by Jesus,
the Saviour of us all. Amen (CAFOD)

