

St Louis Catholic Academy Newsletter May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Our children have worked so hard taking their KS1 and KS2 SATs this month, alongside continuing with learning from their wider curriculum. Year 6 will be continuing to develop evidence for their writing assessment throughout June and we will work hard to maintain their focus whilst they also rehearse for their end of school performance in July. We ask for support in encouraging Year 6 children to continue to improve their writing.

Year 1 will be completing phonics screening soon and we are grateful to our Year 1 parents who have spent time helping their children to recognise their sounds. It is a great help in Year 2 when they have passed this Year 1 phonics screening.

Year 4 had a tremendous time at Thorpe Woodlands and returned more confident having faced and conquered fears of water, heights and sleeping away from home. I am so grateful to the staff who cared for them so well on this adventure. This experience supports their transition to UKS2.

As always, our incredible PTA have been giving their time to supporting school and are planning for the Summer Fair on 7th July 2023. Please hold the date and join the PTA in the many preparations. Every penny spent goes towards supporting St Louis children. In May we took delivery of the new UKS2 outdoor gym that was part funded by this fundraising.

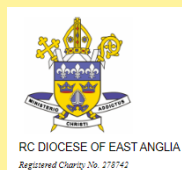
Our school library will be open to families to choose books after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. We warmly encourage you to use the school library with all your children. You can loan one book at a time but are welcome to return your child's book and collect your next one quickly.



May is the month of Mary when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

KS1 led prayers during a procession with children taking flowers to our prayer garden. At the end of the day, the flowers were shared with Brampton Manor for the enjoyment of their residents.

God Bless
Sue Blakeley
Headteacher



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Reception Intake

2023 2024

We may have spaces in September 2023 because some families plan to move out of the area before taking up their spaces. Please let your family and friends know. Our Reception children make great progress!

Our school supports the





Catholic life

A Gift to all Children

In May, we took delivery of Rosary beads for all of our children to use in school.

The Catenians are working to help teachers teach children to regularly pray using Rosary. To achieve this, we are one of many schools across the country who have received beautiful new Mission Rosaries

This gift is to encourage the children to pray the Rosary regularly. Inspired by a headteacher who said, "Praying the Rosary is the best antidote to poor behaviour in the school."

Cards entitled 'How to Pray the Rosary' are enclosed with each Rosary sent, as well as 'Angelus' cards.

This apostolate is financed by voluntary donations from Catenians who wish to promote a love of this powerful and life-changing prayer amongst the young.

'The Catenian Rosary Group' has worked to distribute more than 120,000 children's Rosaries free to schools, 36,000 to prisons on request from the prison chaplains, and more than 550,000 to the missions. St Louis are delighted to receive this generous gift.



Year 6 chaplains have begun to deliver these to classes for teachers to use with the children.

Father Leo Celebrates Mass in School

Fr Leo led a Mass for UKS2 children in the school hall with prayers and hymns led by pupils. The children shared their views about faith and how we can use our skills and talents to help wider society.



O Mary,
we crown thee with flowers today,
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May!

Years 1 and 2 Lead Prayers to Our Lady

Our KS1 children brought beautiful flowers to lay at the feet of our statue of Mary in the Prayer Garden.

Mrs Cox later delivered the flowers to Brampton Manor Residential Home where the residents were very grateful for

the beautiful blooms.



We are here to help Summer 2 Term

Acorns Nursery	Mrs Kapogianni	acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk
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Admin	Mrs Jones Mrs Barlow Mrs Phillips Mrs Fieldsend	admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk

Welcome Little Friends of St Louis

Stay and Play

Our stay and play session for pre-nursery families are growing. If you would like to be invited, contact

acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk

The Nursery Team and Mrs Das invite you and your friends to this group to welcome families of younger children into school for a chat and play with coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for children to mix and make new friends. It is a great way for them to meet children joining school in September in Nursery or Reception. Dates to join us are...

Tuesday 13th June

Tuesday 11th July

We have spaces available in Nursery in September 2023 for children joining Reception Class in 2024 2025

New Fencing in Rayes Lane

We understand that plans are progressing with Suffolk County Council to refurbish and enhance the fencing that separates pedestrians and horses. Whilst this is the third year that this has been promised, it does seem more likely to be implemented. You are most welcome to contact Councillor Drummond to chase this overdue improvement work.

Free School Meals

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).

Please apply via the following link www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can also find one off support from Suffolk Local Welfare Assistance Scheme :

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme>



Online Safety and St Louis Instagram

St Louis now has an Instagram account for us to post news each week. Miss Baxter and Mrs Burns share the role of adding news. They send out one post each day and aim to cover all phases over a school week. This means that Nursery, Reception, KS1, LKS2 and Upper KS2 aim to post one piece of news each during a school week.

The site is set up for us to post our news. You should continue to use the existing class emails and admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk with your queries.

We check that users are over 13 years old and so St Louis children who have accounts will not be able to access the site. We know that you will be showing them interesting images of school.

Staying Safe Online

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok and Twitter all have a 13 plus age rating.

Useful guides

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Think u Know

CEOP

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

NSPCC

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

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

Parental Controls

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have [inappropriate content](#)
- manage the content different family members can see.

Social Media



Conversation starters

If they use social media:

- What is your favourite app or site? What do you like about it?
- What do you think are the positives and negatives of social media? What advice would you give a friend if they were experiencing something negative on social media?

If they don't use social media:

- What social media have you heard of?
- What do you think it means to be a good friend online? And how would you deal with a disagreement online?

Pick one action to do as a family

- Visit our [CEOP Education website](#) and look for tips on how be safe when using social media.
- If your child wants to sign up to a social media account, make sure your check it out together, including the age requirements.
- If you or your child are on social media already, take some time to check friendships, privacy settings and the things you have posted. Are you happy that only the people you want to see your stuff – can see it, and have you asked the permission from others if you have shared pictures of them?

Fun family activity

Suggest a Social. Write down names of social media platforms on sticky notes and give one to each family member to place on their foreheads. You can only ask yes or no questions to try to guess which social media platform you are. If the answer is yes, they can ask another question, if it's no, it skips to the next person.

You could ask questions such as: *is this platform used mainly for sharing photos? Or is the logo for the platform blue?*

For further information about this topic and more on how to keep your child safer online, visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games

PEGI provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

TWO LEVELS OF INFORMATION AS A GUIDE : THE PEGI AGE LABELS



THE CONTENT DESCRIPTORS



PTA News

KS2 Outdoor Gym

The PTA have contributed £4,000 towards the outdoor gym on the playground. This is now very popular with Year 6 who have had exclusive access up to Summer half term as a motivator to keep producing great writing for their ongoing assessment for SATs. In Summer Term2, we'll be including Year 5 too.



Children across school are using the new table tennis table. It is proving very popular already and we are so grateful to the PTA for helping school to purchase this.



Stikins Uniform Name Labels

These Stikins name labels for clothes and shoes are a great way to avoid your child losing their school uniform and also generates **30%** in commission for school! Here is a link with more information and how to place your order—our fundraising number is **20400** <https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/>

Each week, we collect many unlabelled items of clothing. When we find a name label, we work to unite your child with their lost property. Please buy some labels or use a laundry pen to mark up all uniform.

The PTA team is really growing now and we have a fantastic group of helpers. We are always in need of extra helping hands. Whether you have an hour or more to spare at events please let us know as we would love to have you on board email friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com We are also in need of a parent with book keeping / accounting experience to be our Treasurer. Are you able to lend an hour or two each month to help us fulfill this role? We will be grateful for anyone who can support the fundraising with this. **We anticipate holding more and more events and this role must b30th June in which we ask for donations for bottle tombola?**

**ALONE WE CAN DO
SO LITTLE**



**TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH**

Email friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com for more info on how your parents/carers voice can be heard and what you can do to help raise funds so we can provide more opportunities for our children.

Registered Charity Number: 1124123

Wear Your Own Clothes Day

The PTA wear your own clothes day for children will be held on 30th June. Please wear your own clothes and bring in donations for the bottle tombola.

Children will be sent home at the end of the day with a **sweetie cup** to fill for the Fair. Please return your cup filled with treats on 7th July 2023.



Gazebos Needed

Do you have a gazebo that you could loan the PTA on 7th July so that all stalls have cover in the event of rain?

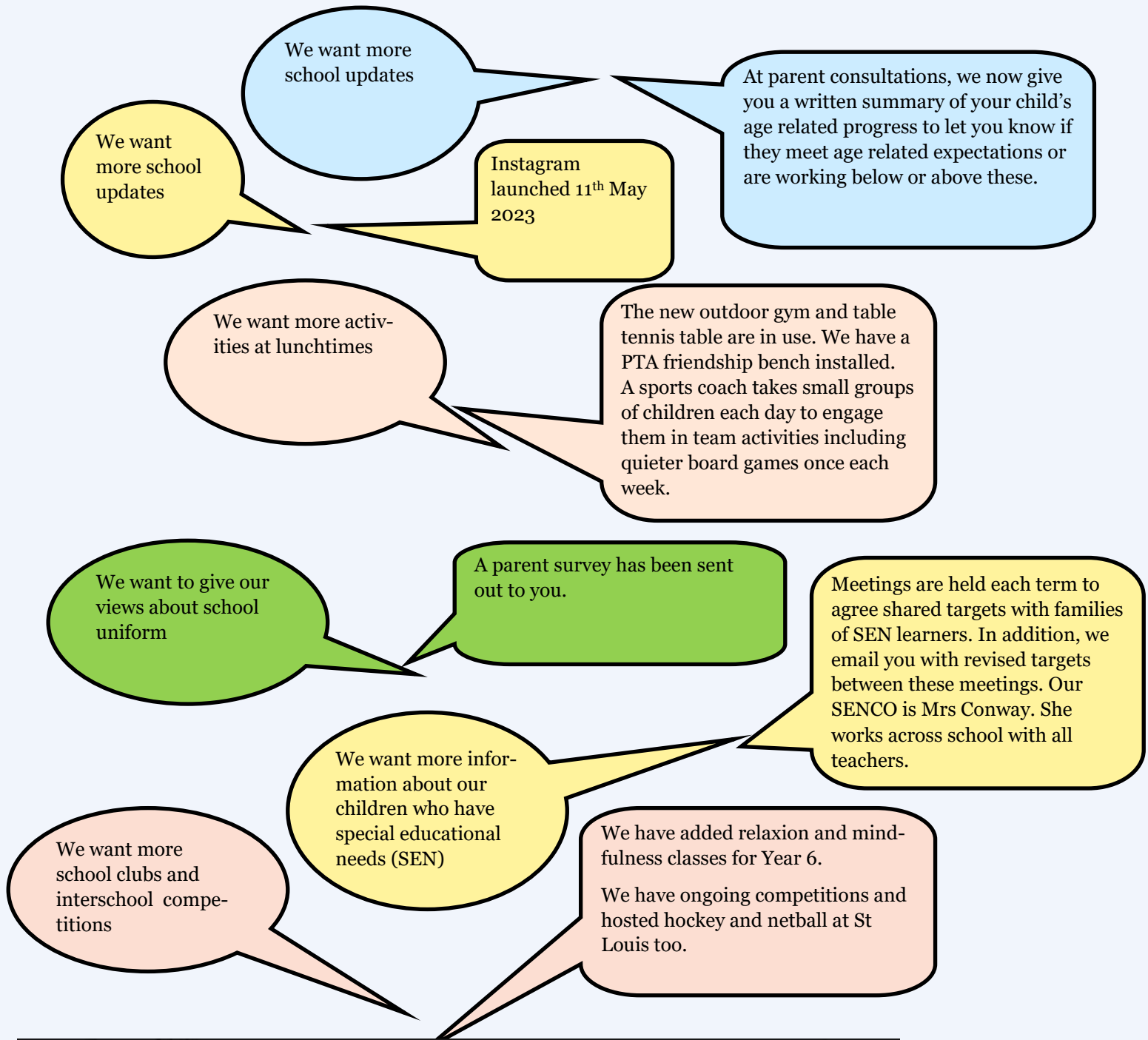
St Louis Has Got Talent Competition

Mrs Vickrage is starting preparations for this year's talent competition that will be held during the school Fair.

**HOLD THE DATE: ST LOUIS PTA
SUMMER**

Annual Parent Survey Progress Report

Thank you for taking part in our annual Parent Survey. In May, Governors met to review progress with your suggested improvements. We have been busy taking action as follows:



Term: Summer		School Years: 1-6		School Sport Partnership: Forest Heath								
Deadline: Tuesday 14 March		School Name: St Louis School		Person completing form: Dawn Vickerage								
Sport	Competition	Years	Boys/Girls/Mixed	School Games Category	Date	Times	Venue	Rules	Max. Squad Size	Max. No. Teams	No. Teams	Teacher in Charge
Skipping	Virtual Challenge	1-6	Mixed		April-July	N/A	School site	here	N/A	6		
Orienteering	Suffolk Cup	5&6	Mixed		Thurs 27 April	15:30-17:00	Mildenhall College	here	4	2	2	Dawn plus 1
Multi Sports	Festival	3&4	Mixed		Weds 3 May	15:00-17:45	Breckland School	here	8	1	1	Dawn plus 1
Netball	BEE Netball	5&6	Mixed		Tues 23 May	14:00-18:00	Nmkt Academy	here	8-9	2	2	Ryan plus 1
	REE Netball	5&6	Mixed		Weds 24 May	15:00-18:00	Great Heath	here	8-9	2		
Cricket	All Stars Festival	1&2	Mixed		Weds 17 May	13:30-16:00	Worlington CC	here	8	2	2	Dawn plus 1
	Kwik Cricket	4,5,6	B/M		Thurs 8 Jun	13:00-17:00	Mildenhall CC	here	10	1	1	Dawn plus 1
	Kwik Cricket	4,5,6	Girls		Thurs 15 Jun	13:00-17:00	Chippenham CC	here	10	1	1	Dawn plus 1
Multi Skills	Brandon Primary School Games	3&4	Mixed		Weds 21 Jun	9:30-12:00	Breckland School	here	30	1		
	Newmarket Primary School Games	3&4	Mixed		Thurs 22 Jun	9:30-12:00	Nmkt Academy	here	30	1	1	Dawn plus 1
Athletics	Quadkids Festival	5&6	Mixed		Tues 27 Jun	15:00-18:00	Nmkt Academy	here	10	2	2	Ryan plus 1

Latest competitions for Summer Term

Staying Safe Near Horses

Children were reminded to stay calm and quiet when near the many race horses that walk beside our school. A parent addressed assembly to remind children about keeping themselves and the horses safe. Lindsay Devin from Jockey Club Estates recently explained, "The protocol for loose horses is that our team will report it over the radio so all team members are aware and they will get on site ASAP but as I am sure you can appreciate this is easier said than done in some cases. Our exits have specially designed horse traps to try and catch any loose horses but the odd horse will escape or get loose after it has left the training grounds." He went on to say, "In an ideal world it would be great to avoid the crossover of horses and children but I'm afraid it is not practical to avoid school arrival time."



The County Council plan to begin works on the upgrade to Rayes Lane on 30th May. At this time, it will not include the long promised improvements to the barrier that separate pedestrians and horses. St Louis continues to press for these works to be carried out.

Skillsbuilder Essential Skills











May is Aiming High and Staying Positive month



Staying Positive

The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals

This skill is all about individuals being equipped to manage their emotions effectively and being able to remain motivated, and ultimately to motivate others, even when facing setbacks.

The early steps focus on identifying emotions - particularly feeling positive or negative. Building off that is the ability to keep trying - and then staying calm, thinking about what went wrong, and trying to cheer up and encourage others.





The building blocks of this step in learning:

- Our emotional responses when something goes wrong
- How to overcome the urge to give up, and instead to keep trying

Sometimes we feel disappointed, tired and fed up. We might show anger and sadness. Maybe we feel scared, anxious and frightened.

In school, we work with children to overcome these emotions and develop strategies to stay positive.

We have support from mental health first aiders and drawing and talking therapists.

<p>Recognise emotions</p> 	<p>Focus on success</p> 
<p>Gain perspective</p> 	<p>Take positive action</p> 



School Library Opening every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3.30pm to 4pm to exchange your child's book. Please visit us soon!



**Bedtime Story and Pizza Supper
5th July 2023 6pm to 7pm**

Come back to school on 5th July to enjoy bedtime stories in pyjamas. Trina is preparing pizza for supper to welcome you.

Bring a book for the big book swap and



enjoy a great bedtime read with teachers followed by a sit down with your families to read together. Children loved this nighttime treat last year and we are keen to make this an annual celebration of reading.

Can you help us?

We need metal bowls and assorted size spoons for our nursery mud kitchen.

Plants for the gardens, including vegetable plants.

Bird feeders.

Watering cans, Small trowels and gardening gloves.



Year 4 Thorpe Woodlands Residential

Year 4 had an amazing two night stay at Thorpe Woodlands. We are so grateful to the staff team who missed their Bank Holiday break and for all the children for their courage in trying new experiences. Well done!



Diary Dates

National Assessment Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W/c 5th June Year 4 times tables national testing over 2 week window w/c 12th June Year 1 Phonics Screening Writing assessments KS1 & KS2 throughout June
Thursday 29th June at 9.30am	Ss Peter and Paul Mass in Church
Wednesday 5th July 6pm to 7pm	Bedtime Read with Pizza
Friday 7th July from 3.30pm	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 14th July 2023	Sports day AM Reception/KS1 PM KS2 Carousel of sport at school with families welcome
Tuesday 18th July at 9.30am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Tuesday 18th July at 9.30am Whole school Mass date tbc
10th July 6pm 11th July 2pm	Year 6 Performances of Olivia (tickets to be released in June)

Our school community library will open to families on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4pm for everyone to enjoy. Each child can loan a book to take home.



FAMILY Park COOKING EXPLORE OUTDOOR

30th May - 2nd June
Stowmarket
Sudbury
Hadleigh
Woolpit
Haverhill
Bury st Edmunds

FREE
For those who are eligible for free school meals or meet eligibility criteria

Adults and children take part in an amazing unique experience, away from the normal pressures of life.

These sessions include outdoor activities, outdoor cooking class with a lunch provided, a recipe book and videos, and a food box for a family of 4.

www.acleisure.com/HAF



ADVENTURE Days EXPLORE OUTDOOR
For children aged 8-12

10am - 4pm
FREE
for Activities unlimited members / Young Carers / Children registered with SEND

Across Suffolk
30th May - 1st June

SEND Supported Sessions

Stowmarket 30th - 31st May
Sudbury 30th May
Haverhill 1st June

Archery
Geocaching
Axe Throwing
Fire Lighting
Shelter Building
Bottle Rockets
Team Games
AND MANY MORE!

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Ten:Ten Resources

Exciting Casting Opportunity!
*** Submission Deadline: Friday 26 May ***



Are you good on camera?
Can you remember lines?
Do you love performing?!

Ten Ten Resources is looking for presenters aged 9-12 to STAR in an exciting new project!

Filming will take place in Yorkshire during weekends in late June/early July. Transport and accommodation (where necessary) will be provided for presenters and an accompanying adult. Filming days will be busy, but a great experience!

Thank you've got what it takes?! Apply now!
Applications close at 5pm on Friday 26th May

Scan Me!

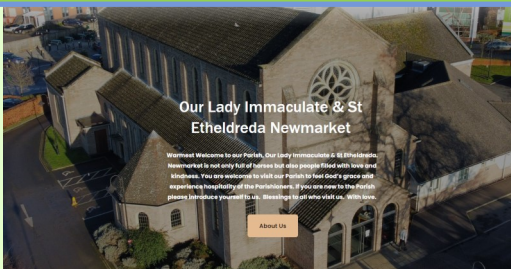
www.tententresources.co.uk/casting

Tenten is a resource we use for RE assemblies and teaching and often enjoy child led information videos on their site. They are looking for dynamic, confident children aged 9-12 to star as presenters in a brand new film series for Life to the Full Plus.

This is a fantastic opportunity for confident children to feature in nationwide assemblies online through the Tenten resources.

Our Parish Church

<https://www.olise.co.uk/>



St Louis School KS2 Choir has 40 members!

Let us know if you wish to join after Easter (email: admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk)

Monday 3.30pm to 4pm led by Mr Justin from

Norwich Catholic Cathedral.

