

ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 27TH JUNE 2025

St. Aloysius' Vision Statement



To know. To love. To serve.

We are an exemplary school that provides a Catholic education to guide and support our children, whether Catholic or not, to fulfil their greatest potential and demonstrate love, faith and hope to all.

This Term's Value - Sustainability

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy couple of weeks in school with Year 1 pupils showcasing their phonics knowledge and Year 4 demonstrating their multiplication skills in assessments. Well done to the pupils involved. This week I have jumped aboard a pirate ship in Chestnut Class and Acorn pupils have been keen to show me their painting skills when visiting their classroom.

Last Friday we celebrated St. Aloysius' Day with a Mass led by Fr Benedict. We were pleased that a number of parents were able to join us and we had wonderful feedback from governors about pupils' behaviour in Mass. I had the pleasure of spending the morning with Year 6, while Miss Baker was on a course. Children have created some beautiful St. Aloysius' artwork that I will be displaying in my office.

Our Peace Garden has been a hive of activity recently as parent volunteers and members of our wider community have worked extremely hard to clear the space, build planters and plant a variety of plants. Today we blessed the new Peace Garden and rededicated it to Angela Clare, a former pupil and member of teaching staff. We were pleased to welcome Angela's family and former colleagues to school. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved with the project.

We enjoyed welcoming Key Stage Two parents into school this week for our work sharing events and we hope that having two dates makes these opportunities easier to access with parents' work commitments. Next week we look forward to welcoming our Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents to their work sharing events – please check the diary dates below for timings/dates.

ACORN NURSERY SEPTEMBER SPACES AVAILABLE

Parents are welcome to come and visit our Acorn Nursery Class. It is a great opportunity to see our nursery in action and get a taste of our welcoming environment. You will be able spend time with our nursery staff and ask any questions you may have about your child starting in the nursery.

For an appointment, please email admin.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 01863 311056. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Willow Class really enjoyed our trip to the botanical gardens this week linked to our Science topic on classification, evolution and adaptation. We were shown around the grounds and told about the different types of plants, then had lunch before heading back to school. In English, the children have been writing lovely stories based on a character with a physical disability. The class thoroughly

enjoyed our visit to the playhouse to watch a performance of The Three Musketeers. In RE, we have been finding out about the role of the Archbishop and the school diocese. The class created lovely pieces of artwork on St Aloysius, using pencils, pens and chalks. The class enjoyed reading with the Year 1s outside last week. All the children are enthusiastically rehearsing for our end of year play, learning lines, singing songs, making props and scenery.

Fig Class have completed their Maths unit on Statistics with interpreting and drawing pictograms. They found that pictograms can be a very useful tool for a class survey of 'Favourite Flavours of Ice Cream'. The whole school were treated to ice lollies for St Aloysius' Day (one of our hottest days so far this year) and will soon be planning and designing a refreshing fruit salad for the end of term. So far, the class has been choosing from different food groups to draw a picture of a healthy meal. In English they have begun their biography of David Attenborough, who is one of our topic heroes. For PE, Fig Class has been trying out the new school bicycles, helping those who are cycling for the first time.

It has been a full-on week in **Bay Class**, and I just wanted to say how proud I am of the class. We have been working through a series of practice SATs papers, covering everything from grammar and spelling to reading, arithmetic, and reasoning. It is a lot to take in, especially all in one week, but the children have really risen to the challenge. They have stayed focused, supported one another, and given it their best shot every day. It has not gone unnoticed. On top of that, rehearsals for Looking Good, Robin Hood are well underway. Lines are being learnt (and acted with flair!), songs are coming together, and it has been brilliant to see some real personalities shining through on stage. There is a definite buzz starting to build about the performance, and I know the children are eager to show you what they have been working on. Thank you for your support at home, especially with learning lines/lyrics. Have a great weekend!

Ash Class have had a fabulous few weeks! Now that the Multiplication Check is behind us, we have been focusing on revising our understanding of telling the time. Children are more confident with this and their progress has been amazing. Next week, we will be moving on to shapes and angles. In English, we are beginning a poetry unit, drawing on everything we have learnt about the Anglo-Saxons. The children have enjoyed creating mythical legends and inventing imaginative creatures to bring their stories to life. In RE, we have been investigating which country has the most Catholics. Many in our class believed it would be Italy, so they were surprised to discover that it is actually Brazil! We will remain focused on the early Christian church and discovering how the disciples spread the word of God.

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Fir Class have been practising using lots of new vocabulary in Maths as we have been learning all about position and direction in Maths. We used our carpet and became human robots as our friends gave us one instruction at a time so we could reach a target on the carpet. We had to listen carefully to instructions and make sure that we did not step on any of the obstacles on our routes! We have also been making maps for Beebots and writing instructions. Some children also decided to hide an object in the

classroom, and using positional language, guided a partner to where it was hidden. I have been so impressed with everyone's Maths skills! In English we wrote questions for Floella from our story and then took turns getting into character and hot seating Floella. We thought carefully about what Floella might say about her life in England compared to Trinidad. Super work!

This week in **Acorn Class** we have been learning about Corpus Christi. The children have had the opportunity to role play being the priests at mass. We have been reflecting with them about what the body and blood of Jesus is, why it is so special and what is happening when the bell sounds in Mass. We have also had a focus on teamwork and making sure that everyone is given the chance to participate in group activities and play. The children have worked hard on some collaborative projects including an amazing piece of art, created in teams painting strips of paper and then weaving them in and out of garden mesh. We have enjoyed team parachute games, giant games of snakes and ladders to practise turn taking and collective building challenges with the blocks inside.



In **Oak Class**, we have been preparing to write our newspaper reports on Pompeii. We have been learning about the different parts of a newspaper report and planning our own. In Maths, we have continued our work on time and are feeling more confident working out how much time has passed since an activity began. Our topic in RE at the moment is Pentecost, we have been learning about how the Holy Spirit transforms and the gifts that we get from the Holy Spirit when we are baptised. We have been exploring forces in Science and we will continue investigating how friction affects movement. Our Computing project this term has been creating a maze game on Scratch. We have been creating code and debugging it when it goes wrong.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies from September 2025. Three parents have been nominated for election.

- * Maria Moorwood (parent of Year 1 and Acorn children)
- * Felix Tennie (parent of Reception child)
- * Pia Maria Jolliffe (parent of Year 4 and Reception children)

Parents can vote for two candidates Voting closes next Friday 4th July at 4.00pm.

Thank you for taking the time to take part in this important process.

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Over the past two weeks, **Chestnut Class** have continued their exciting 'Around the World' topic and what a journey it's been! Last week, we made a stop in the Australian Outback, where the children enjoyed exploring the

wonderful world of Australian animals through the story 'The Koala Who Could'. Using their growing phonic skills, the children worked hard to sequence the story and retell it in their own words. In Art, the children made their own artwork inspired by the style of Australian Aboriginal dot painting. This week, we have swapped the desert for the sea with a pit stop on Treasure Island. It has been a swashbuckling week of pirate-themed fun! The Chestnuts have been busy hunting for treasure, crafting their very own eye patches, designing treasure maps, and building pirate ships which they then tested to see if they would float. There were some very impressive (and seaworthy!) designs. In Drawing Club, our focus has been the story 'The Night Pirates'. The children were challenged to imagine what could be making a mysterious scratching sound from inside a treasure chest. Their imaginations were in full sail, with ideas ranging from crabs playing violins, to bunnies munching on carrots, and even big monkeys trying to escape! In Maths, we have been revisiting our number bonds to five and developing our ability to recall them quickly and confidently. It has been another brilliant two weeks' of learning. We cannot wait to see where our next adventure takes us!

EARLY YEARS RESOURCES APPEAL

If you are having a clear-out at home, we would love any of the following items to support our learning through play in the EYFS area:

- ✓✓✓ Unwanted small electrical kitchen appliances (e.g. whisks, toasters, kettles – they don't need to be working!)
- ✓✓✓ Plastic crates and storage boxes
- ✓✓✓ Old baking trays, wooden spoons, and utensils
- ✓✓✓ Clean fabric scraps for capes or costumes and cosy corners
- ✓✓✓ Old phones, keyboards, remote controls, or cameras for role play
- ✓✓✓ Empty (clean) food containers or spice jars for our mud kitchen
- ✓✓✓ Costume jewellery, hats, or dressing-up clothes
- ✓✓✓ Buttons, bottle tops, or corks for craft and construction
- ✓✓✓ Magazines or catalogues for cutting and collage
- ✓✓✓ Small cable reels, pipes, or offcuts of wood for building and tinkering
- ✓✓✓ Any spare Duplo or Lego bricks for creative construction play

All donations are greatly appreciated and help us keep our play-based learning fun, creative, and well-resourced. Thank you for your continued support! The EYFS Team



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Diary Dates

Monday 30th June - Bay Class Swimming

Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Day + Cherwell Science & Health Day + 3.30pm New Reception Class Parent Meeting

Monday 7th July - Year 5/6 Looking Good Robin Hood Dress Rehearsal (NO SWIMMING)

Tuesday 8th July - 9.15am Year 5/6 Looking Good Robin Hood Performance

Wednesday 9th July - 6.00pm Year 5/6 Looking Good Robin Hood Performance

Saturday 12th July - Year 6 Confirmation

Monday 14th July - Bay Class Swimming (remember kit)

Wednesday 16th July - SPORTS DAY. 10.00am, St. Edwards Lower Field

Monday 21st July - Bay Class Swimming (remember kit)

Monday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 22nd July - 1.00pm END OF SUMMER TERM

Work Sharing Drop Ins

Chestnut Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 3rd July 3.30pm - 3.45pm

Friday 4th July 8.35am - 8.50am.

Acorn Nursery Class

Tuesday 1st July and Friday 4th July
8.45am - 9.00am

School Term Dates

[2024/25](#)

[2025/26](#)

[2026/27](#)

[2027/28](#)



The Peace Garden!

Thank you all so very, very much for your wonderful support and generosity responding to the plan to revive the Peace Garden; we have raised almost £1,500!!!!

The practical work has begun in earnest this week. If anyone has half an hour to spend helping maintain the Peace Garden, we would be most grateful.

Please get in touch with Meg Finnis: 07837 372946 (or at the school gates).

Thank you!! Meg

SPORTS DAY



WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY

**ST. EDWARDS LOWER FIELD
10.00AM TO 11.30AM**

PLEASE REMEMBER

**HATS, SUNTAN CREAM
AND NAMED
WATER BOTTLES**



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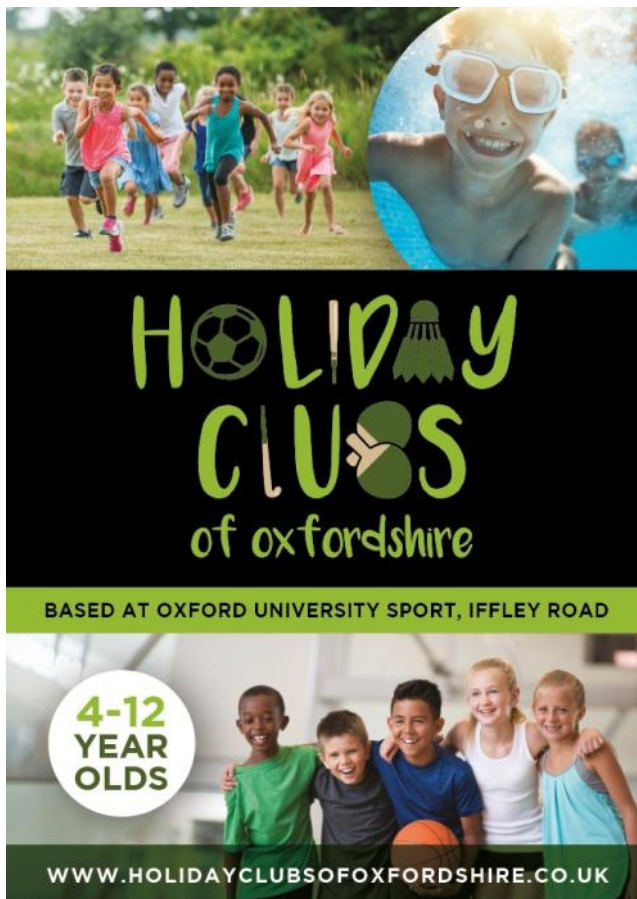
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Monday 4th August - Friday 8th August

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*Fully funded places and sibling discount available

Hot food & snacks provided

For more information please contact Nat at education@bodypoliticdance.com or call 07791905851

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Scomis support our school management information system. Their latest Newsletter contains lots of useful information for parents around keeping children safe online.

For the full newsletter including links, please click [HERE](#)

Welcome to the May 2025 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Access to advice and help

The half-term break is almost here! This issue of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter signposts parents and carers to organisations specialising in educating children and young people in Online Safety issues.

Find out from the NSPCC about the risks of social media for children:

Oversharing including:

- their personal information
- other people's personal information
- photos of themselves
- photos and videos of their body

Sharing their location including:

- tagging photos with the geo-location
- checking into venues
- sharing journeys
- sharing images or videos that contain street names

Talking to people they don't know including:

- Some social media sites will promote connecting users to chat with other people

NSPCC's advice is to talk to your child about what they're doing online. Review the NSPCC's website and find out more about the use of social media including tips and lots of advice on:

- Safety and privacy
- Location settings
- Age ratings and features

Many social media sites have a minimum age of 13 years.

You can check Age Ratings and features of Social Media

Apps on the NSPCC website, click on the links below:

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [TikTok](#) [Snapchat](#) [X](#)

Visit the NSPCC's website and:

find out how to [Talk to your child about Online Safety](#) including: 'How to start the conversation'

The NSPCC and teamed up with Lego—check the Lego resources '[Build and Talk](#)'

Play the [NSPCC Online Safety Quiz](#) with your child

Find out how to [Set up parental controls](#)

- Home broadband and WiFi
- Games consoles
- Mobiles, tablets and computers
- Apps and online services
- Search engines
- WiFi and being away from home

Find out more about [Livestreaming Platforms](#) such as

[Twitch](#) [Clash](#) [Monkey](#)

Access the NSPCC's guides on:

[Reporting Online Safety Concerns](#)

[Online Safety Guides](#)

[Resources for children with SEND](#)

[Internet Connected Devices](#)

Visit the South West Grid for Learning's website ([SWGfL](#)) to access and download Social Media Guides to help with the setting up profiles for:

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Roblox](#) [TikTok](#) [Netflix](#)



Help and Advice available at Childnet

Visit [Childnet.com](#) Lots of Help, advice and resources for parents/carers including:

- In-depth information and key advice on [Social media](#)
- how to identify [Online bullying](#) with key advice on how to deal with [Online bullying](#) and the types of bullying

[information and guidance for 4-11 year olds](#)

- What to do if someone is mean to your child online
- How much time should you spend online

[Help and advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

- Gaming
- Social media
- Fake news
- Video Calls

[Parent's and carers Toolkit](#)

3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online.

- Parent and Carers Guide
- Resource Sheet
- Family agreement

Don't forget! Support for Grandparents

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:

- how to respond if something goes wrong
- How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
- Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate? Find out more [here](#)

OfComm - Children's Media Lives report 2025

Published on May 7th 2025, this report looks at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17 includes findings on parents' views about their children's media use.

Review the report: [OfcomMedia use and attitudes](#)

- attitudes to News
- media habits—children and adults
- online habits, behaviours and attitudes
- and much more!



Where to get help

Visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting Criminal Content Online and much more!
- Family Lives—Charity providing help and support in all aspects of family life. They have a 24/7 free Parentline on 0808 8002222.

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from:
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