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Newsletter

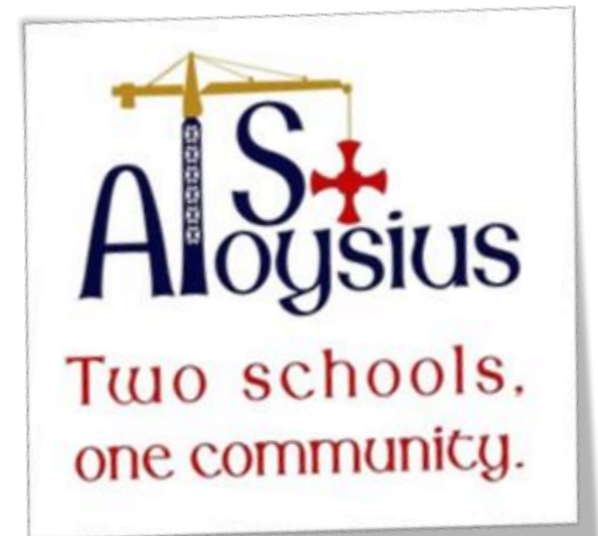


St Aloysius

Summer 2026

Welcome to our termly newsletter where each year group has provided an overview of the learning planned for the coming weeks. Inside, you will find information about the key curriculum areas, themes, and activities your child will be engaging with this term.

We hope you find this useful in gaining an insight into the learning journey ahead and in supporting your child throughout the term.





Classroom Highlights

A huge welcome back to nursery, we are all amazed by how much everyone has grown over the half term break. As we continue the summer term we are looking forward to lots of exciting activities as well as preparations for transition to Reception.

Important Reminders

As the warmer weather approaches please ensure children bring a sun hat, SPF and a water bottle, all with name labels please.

Upcoming Events

Nursery A Graduation Celebration: 8 July 9.15am

Nursery B Graduation Celebration: 9 July 9.15am

What We're Learning

To continue to develop our **Communication and Language** we will be supporting children to use talk to organise themselves and their play, for example; "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver. During small group time a focus will be asking questions to engage in conversations with friends or adults.

In **Physical Development** we are learning how to make healthy choices use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Developing confidence when using scissors to cut around shapes

Supporting **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will focus on learning to talk with our friends to solve conflicts. Think about how others feel and use a wider range of vocabulary to describe our feelings.

In **Phonics** we will be identifying words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.

We will continue to increase our **Literacy** skills, reading a wide variety of texts including non-fiction books.

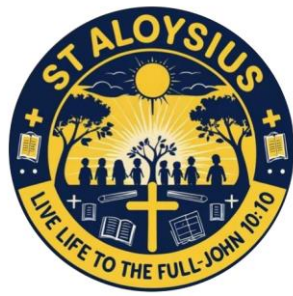
Maths activities will include matching quantities to the correct numeral 0-5. Learning and using positional language, looking at patterns and shapes as well as beginning to solve real life problems with numbers up to 5.

RE topics are, Good News, Friends and Our World. We will be sharing our news and learning about Pentecost. We will read stories such as The Rainbow Fish to help us discuss qualities of a good friend.

Our **Understanding of the World** curriculum will include topics such as minibeasts, holidays, travel and pirates. Our minibeast topic will include finding out about minibeast habitats and learning about life cycles. We will be adventurers and think about travelling to different places. This will include discovering different methods of transport as well as exploring collections of materials with similar or different properties.

Lots of creative activities including modelling, sketching and performing poems and songs to an audience will develop or **Expressive Arts and Design** skills.

Reception



Classroom Highlights

We loved welcoming the children back and hearing all of their lovely half term news. We can't believe we are in our final term of Reception, but we are excited for lots of learning and fun. We started this term with tiny caterpillars and can't wait to see them develop into beautiful butterflies.

Important Reminders

PE Day- Friday
Please ensure children have suncream applied before school and bring a clearly labelled hat and suncream in their bag so we can enjoy our learning outdoors safely.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 10th June- Reception Summer Celebration Assembly 9.15am (Parents welcome)

What We're Learning

To continue to develop our **Communication and Language** we will be engaging in daily storytelling, structured talk activities, and rich play-based opportunities that encourage speaking, listening and the development of new vocabulary.

In **Physical Development** we are learning how to control a ball by kicking with dominant foot, receiving ball with dominant foot, controlling the ball, dribbling a ball and stopping a ball. We will move onto dance later in the term focusing on rhythm and moving our body to the rhythm of the music. We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills by cutting, mark making and lots of opportunities to ride the bikes and scooters outside.

Supporting **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be continuing to learn strategies to manage our emotions and develop a positive sense of self. We will also be learning how to keep good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peacefully.

In **Phonics** we are up to Unit 11 of Sounds-Write which focuses on consonant digraphs such as **sh, th** and **ch**. We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills by sounding out and blending words.

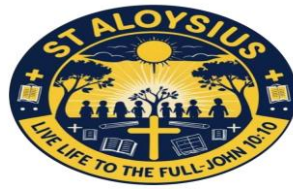
In **Literacy** we will be looking at the fictional story 'Clean Up'. This story teaches us the importance of caring for our environment and recycling. Children will be learning to retell the story through actions, describe characters and settings and innovate the story. We will be focusing on using our knowledge of sounds to write captions and extend our sentences.

In **Maths** we will be using a Rekenrek to help children develop their understanding of representing numbers to 10. We will be working on subitising and simple addition and subtraction in a visual and practical way.

In **RE** this term we are learning about Pentecost by exploring the story of the Holy Spirit and understanding why it is an important celebration for Christians. We will learn about the importance of sharing good news and that we all have good news to share.

In our **Understanding the World** topic this term, we will be recapping our knowledge of our local area and comparing England to India. We will explore and compare transport, animals that live there and traditional food. Children will learn how to make comparisons between both physical and human geographical features.

This term in **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be exploring colour and studying Mondrian's work. We will be experimenting with paint, printing and collage as well as creating our own artwork based on Elmer and in the style of Mondrian.



Classroom Highlights

The children have all been working hard during our Summer. We hope you all enjoyed some family time during the half term! The children returned to school with smiles on their faces and showed that they were ready to succeed! We are extremely proud of how hard your children have been working with their phonics in preparation for the Year One Phonics Screening Test. They have shown perseverance and dedication and we couldn't ask for more.

Important Reminders

- Please remember to send a water bottle into school with your child, especially with warmer days approaching.
- Please send some sunscreen into school for your child, labelled with their name and we will keep it in school for the sunshine heading our way.
- Please try to practise your child's spellings at home before their test on a Friday. This will support your child ahead of the Year One Phonics Screening Test.

Upcoming Events

- Phonics Screening Assessment – WB Monday 8th June 2026
- Y1 Celebration of the Word – 17th June @ 9.30 AM
- INSET Day – 15th June and 3rd July

What We're Learning

In our **Phonics** lessons, we have covered all of the Sounds Write Extended Code units up to Unit 25. This means the children have been exposed to a wide range of spelling patterns to enable the children to read real and alien words. Our phonics lessons have helped the children to have the confidence to read with accuracy and fluency, which has supported the children ahead of the Year One Phonics Screening Test.

- In **English** we have started a new fiction unit based on the moral tale of The Lion Inside. The children have started by exploring the themes of courage, strength and kindness. We have also focused on developing an awareness of grammatical features from within the text, including expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and powerful verbs. After the half term holiday, the children will innovate the story by creating their own version of The Lion Inside using animals of contrasting size.
- This term, in **maths** we have started learning about capacity by considering how to measure the mass of objects and the volume of liquid using measuring scales. The children will be moving onto multiplication and division where they will develop their confidence with counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Our **science** focus has been on plants and the children have shown confidence in recognising what they need to survive and the difference in deciduous and evergreen trees. We are currently starting a new unit of 'Forces' where the children are exploring how things move, how we push and pull and exploring sinking and floating.
- We will be very busy in our **RE** lessons this term where we will be exploring Pentecost. We will learn how Pentecost is a Holy Day celebrated by Christians in remembering that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The children will retell the story on Pentecost, as well as participating in roleplay and creative tasks.
- We are just finishing our **history** lessons where the children have learned about Women from History. They have enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole and Mary Anning.
- **Geography** lessons will begin after half term where our focus will be weather types. Lessons will include seasonal change and weather patterns.
- In **Art and Design**, the children will be composing their final piece by applying their knowledge of colour and showing inspiration from Kandinsky and Delaunay.
- **Design Technology** lessons will begin after half term; we will be focusing on designing and making a moving mechanism by exploring flip and slider movement.
- Our **computing lessons** this half term focus on developing the knowledge of mouse control with left clicking and how to type on a keyboard with fluency.
- In **PE**, we will practise the skills of ball familiarisation with our feet. We will also start a new dance unit next half term.



Classroom Highlights

We are very much looking forward to the rest of the Summer term and all of learning and fun that we have in store. The children have had a busy year and have been working extremely hard.

We can't wait to share all of the fun memories the children have made in our End of Year Celebration of the Word.

Important Reminders

- As the weather gets warmer, please can the children come into school wearing sunscreen lotion.
- Children must only wear PE clothes on PE days which are Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Children with long hair must have their hair tied up.

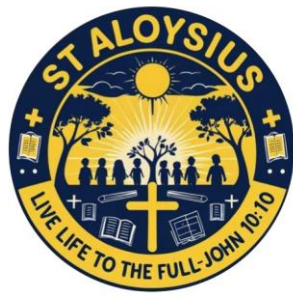
Upcoming Events

- INSET Day – 15th June and 3rd July
- Y2 Celebration of the Word – 30th June
- Summer Fayre – 6th July
- Summer Fundraiser Non Uniform Day – 25th June

What We're Learning

- In **Phonics** lessons, we are continuing with Extended Code and the children resitting their Phonics Screening Check will do this on the week commencing the 8th June.
- In **English** we will be looking at creating our own rhyming poems based on the poem The Owl and the Pussycat. The children will then begin their next fiction unit The Night Pirates, writing a tale of a journey. Towards the end of the summer term the children will move onto Non-Fiction writing a Newspaper Report.
- This term, in **maths** we will begin by working on measuring in a number of different ways. The children will measure using centimetres and metres for length and height and moving onto mass, capacity/volume and temperature. As they move through the Summer term children will complete their fractions and time topics too.
- Our **science** focus in Summer term we will continue with the plants unit started ahead of this term. Once complete the children will then work through their Electricity topic as well as having some recap and revisit time of all the units covered this year.
- Our **RE** lessons this term will be focused on Reconciliation looking at the reasons for rules in the Christian Family. Other faiths we will cover this summer term will be Islam and Sikhism.
- **Geography** lessons will follow Handa on her African Adventure, where the children will learn about the climate, location, wildlife and culture of Kenya.
- In **Art and Design** we will be inspired by the work of Esther Mahlangu and will develop their understanding of symmetry and creating traditional African artwork.
- **Design Technology** lessons will begin after half term; we will be focussing on our creative skills throughout our **Patchwork** unit.
- In **PE**, we will develop some ball familiarisation during our feet (football) unit. As well as continuing all the way through our summer term with an athletics focus to develop our running, jumping, throwing and racing skills.

Year 3



Classroom Highlights

We hope everyone had a fantastic half term with family and friends. It is hard to believe we are already into our final term! As we look forward to the warmer weather, there are lots of exciting events, opportunities and activities planned for this term.

Important Reminders

PE will continue to be on Monday and Tuesday this term. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Friday and Times tables Rockstars will also be checked each Friday.

Upcoming Events

Friday 12th June – Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Monday 22nd June – St Aloysius Feast Day Picnic
Tuesday 23rd June – Geography trip – CR class
Wednesday 24th June – Geography trip – KD class
Monday 6th July – Summer Fayre

What We're Learning

In **English**, our fiction unit will be based around 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.' This will be followed by our non-fiction unit 'Newspaper Reports', using the same text. We will then be learning how to write Haiku and Tanka poems.

This term, in **maths** we will begin with our Fractions unit, using our times tables knowledge to support this. We will then be looking at the units of shape, money and measures.

Our **science** focus in summer will be Plants, where we will learn about the parts and functions of plants as well as pollination and germination. Our final science topic of the year will be Rocks, when we will learn about different types of rocks and fossils.

We will be very busy in our **RE** lessons this term where we will be exploring Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit before moving onto our Choices unit which focuses on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In our **history** lessons this half term we will be completing our Ancient Greek topic.

Geography lessons will begin after half term where our focus will be My Place in the World, We will look at where we live in relation to the rest of the U.K and the world, focusing on climate, migration, population, landmarks and tourism.

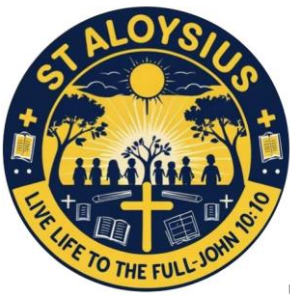
In **art and design** we will be inspired by the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, exploring art in nature. We will develop the skills of drawing lines and shape, and experiment with tone and colour theory.

Our **music** lessons this term will cover pulse, tempo and basic notation for minims, quavers and crotchets. We will look at Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' and learn about the different instrument families in the orchestra.

In **PE**, we will practise the skills of cricket and health related fitness.

French lessons this term will be vocabulary and grammar linked to the unit 'All About Me'.

Year 4



Classroom Highlights

As we head into the final term of the year, we are excited for all the opportunities it will bring. We look forward to a summer filled with engaging activities, memorable learning experiences, and celebrations of the wonderful progress the children have made. All the children have all been working hard in preparation for the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and effort.

Important Reminders

- As the weather gets warmer, please can the children come into school wearing sunscreen lotion and children with long hair must have their hair tied up.

Upcoming Events

- **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 1st June – 12th June**
- Northern Stage Trip – 12th June
- INSET Day – 15th June and 3rd July
- Y4 Celebration of the Word – 19th June
- St Aloysius Feast Day Picnic – 22nd June
- Summer Fundraiser Non-Uniform Day – 25th June
- AP class – Rockpooling – 2nd July
- Summer Fayre – 6th July
- LC class – Rockpooling – 15th July

What We're Learning

In **English**, we will be looking at fiction. The unit will be based on How to Train Your Dragon. The children will plan and write a five-part story written in the third person, based around the theme of an unexpected friendship with a fantasy character. Following this, the children will move on to a non-fiction explanation unit before exploring sonnets in poetry.

This term, in **maths** we will be continue to build an understanding of decimals before moving on to shape, position and direction, area, and length and perimeter.

Our **science** focus in summer will be sound where the children will be exploring how we hear sounds and investigating how sound travels.

We will be very busy in our **RE** lessons this term, where we will be exploring Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will then move on to our Confirmation unit.

In our **history** lessons this half term we will be completing our learning about the Romans.

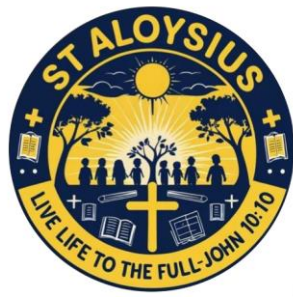
Geography lessons will begin after half term where our focus will be coasts. The children will revisit what erosion means and explore how it alters our coastlines. They will also learn about the effects of weathering on coasts and investigate how landforms such as caves, arches, stacks, and stumps are formed.

In **art and design**, we will be inspired by the work of Nancy McCroskey and will develop our sculpting skills. The children will have the opportunity to design and create their own clay tiles based on her work.

In **PE**, we will practise the skills of cricket before moving onto health-related fitness and athletics. The children will continue with swimming lessons on a Friday.

French lessons this term will help us develop an understanding of the vocabulary needed to talk about animals and movement.

Year 5



Classroom Highlights

As we head into the final term of the year, we are excited for all the opportunities it will bring. We look forward to a summer filled with engaging activities, memorable learning experiences, and celebrating the wonderful progress the children have made.

Important Reminders

Both Year 5 classes PE days are now Tuesday and Friday. Your child has a spelling quiz every Friday; spellings will be given to your child, but these will also be available on our school website. Your child is still expected to read as often as possible at home, returning their reading records and books on their reading days, which can be found in the front of their reading record.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 18th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word
- Monday 22nd June – St Aloysius Feast Day Picnic
- Friday 26th June – Y5 Transition day at St Joseph's
- Monday 6th July – Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 7th July – Y5RH trip – surfing
- Thursday 9th July – Y5SK trip - surfing

What We're Learning

In **English** we will be looking at fiction using 'Charlotte's Web'. The children will plan and write a five-part prequel to the story of Charlotte's Web. Setting description and dialogue (convey character and advance the action). Inverted commas, apostrophes for contractions, modal verbs and varied sentence structure using commas to mark the clause.

This term, in **Maths** we will begin by working on multiplication and division.

In **RE** this term, we will be exploring the topic of Transformation; celebrating the Holy Spirit's transforming power. Then we will be exploring the Islamic faith.

In our **History** lessons this half term we will be learning about Early Islamic Civilisation.

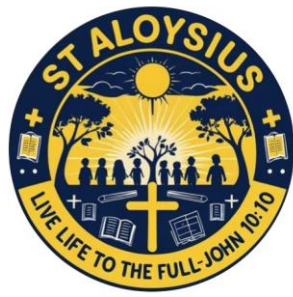
In **Geography** lessons will begin where our focus will be on Settlements and Land Use

In **Art and Design**, we will be inspired by the artist Picasso and will be focusing on drawing portraits.

In **Design Technology** lessons will begin after half term; we will be focussing on food and nutrition and will be designing and making pretzels.

Our **Music** lessons this term will be focussing on basic note reading and rhythm reading moving onto learning to play simple melodies on the ukelele.

In **PE**, we will practise the skills of cricket and health related fitness.



Classroom Highlights

Our year 6 children have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs showing real determination, focus and resilience. We are so proud of Their positive attitude a put into their learning has been exceptional. As they move into their last few weeks in Primary School, they will enjoy finishing their various topics and celebrating their time with us! We will miss them dearly when they leave us.

Important Reminders

- P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursdays, please come into school wearing PE kits. Homework for this half term is following a similar format to that of Secondary School to get the children ready for their transition.

Upcoming Events

Friday 12th June.- Year 6 Beach School Trip
Monday 22nd June – St Aloysius Feast Day Picnic
Monday 6th July – Summer Fayre
Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 Leaver's Mass (Children only)
Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July – Transition Days
Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration of the Word
Friday 17th July – School closes at 1:15pm.

What We're Learning

In **English** we will be looking at a range of genres in preparation for transition to Year 7. We will be studying myths and legends, persuasion and diary writing.

This term, in **maths** we be enhancing our knowledge of the Year 6 curriculum through reasoning and problem solving.

Our **science** focus in autumn will be animals including humans where we will be investigating the circulatory system and how our bodies function as they do.

We will be very busy in our **RE** lessons this term where we will be exploring our reconciliation and Islam topics.

In our **history** lessons this half term we will be learning about crime and punishment through the ages where we will explore how types of punishment has changed over the eras when new laws have been introduced.

Geography lessons will continue this half term where we will be studying biomes and how they function around the world. We will begin by comparing different climates and studying the similarities and difference between types of forests worldwide.

In **Art and Design** we will be inspired by propaganda art work and will focus on how these pieces are produced before creating our very own piece. We will look to publish this on a larger piece of art paper once we are happy with our final designs.

Design Technology lessons will begin after half term; we will be focussing on food and nutrition and will be designing and making our very own vegetable curry considering healthy ingredients and what it takes to create enticing packaging that consumers would want to purchase. We will work in small groups to create our curries and will hopefully be able to share some with you at home!

Our **music** lessons this term will be split between Mr Bourdier and Mrs Tait. Mr Bourdier will continue to teach us how to play the Ukulele focusing on different chord patterns and how they are used in popular music. Mrs Tait will be teaching us about the fundamentals of music including the instruments of the orchestra, how to read treble clef and working on our rhythmic recognition in preparation for Year 7 music lessons.

In **PE**, we will practise the skills of cricket learning about the different skills required to be successful within a game.

French lessons this year will help us develop an understanding of how to speak and write more fluently in preparation for our Year 7 languages lessons.