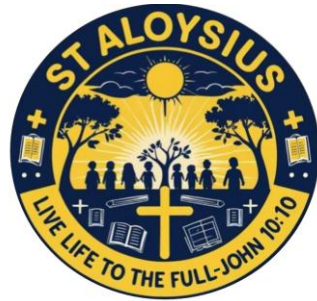


Key Stage

Newsletter



Key Stage 1
Year 1
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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the first edition of our Key Stage 1 newsletter! As we move through another exciting term, we're delighted to share the wonderful learning, achievements, and events happening across our **Year 1** and **Year 2** classrooms.

This newsletter is a chance to celebrate the hard work of our pupils and staff, keep you informed about upcoming activities, and give you a glimpse into the engaging and creative curriculum your children are enjoying.

We're incredibly proud of the progress our children are making, and we hope you enjoy reading about all they've been up to. As always, thank you for your continued support — it makes a real difference in your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,

Mrs Storey
Key Stage 1 Lead



Key Dates

- 10th November – Anti-Bullying Event – **Wear Odd Socks**
- 19th November – Non-Uniform Day
- 5th December – Year 2 Nativity
- 8th December – Christmas Fayre
- 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- 10th December – Year 1 Nativity
- 12th December – Grandparents Infant Breakfast
- 17th December – Christmas Party Day
- 19th December – Extra Christmas Jumper Day

Reminders

We kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. We want to avoid any items being lost or damaged which can cause upset. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please remember to put your child's name in all items of clothing. This helps us return any lost items quickly and ensures nothing goes missing. Thank you!



" I am proud of counting to 20."

Ralphy – Year Two



" I enjoyed helping to make the turnip soup. I had a try."

Oscar Regan – Year One





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN **KS1...**



A Message from Deputy Head Boy and Girl

As part of our British Values, we discussed democracy and Year Two voted for their preference of Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

Both Neve and Ethan would like to say:

"Hello. We have special jobs in school. We enjoy handing out the certificates in Celebration Assembly. We think we could make the school an even better place, by always being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'."

Deputy Head Girl and Boy: Neve Falconer & Ethan Naylor



Commando Joes

In September, the children participated in the launch of Commando Joes. Year One had to complete activities linked to Little Red Riding Hood. Year Two completed activities linked to Samuel Pepys. They had so much fun!

Wednesday Worships

It has been such a pleasure to see Year One and Year Two, planning and delivering a Wednesday Worship as part of their Key Stage every other Wednesday. The children have been extremely calm and reflective throughout.

Mindful Creative Colouring Club

Year One have enjoyed Mindful Creative Colouring Club this half term. We have focused on colouring within the lines with gentle strokes and good control. Throughout the club, we have also discussed the importance of having fun and having a nice chat with their friends.

In Autumn 2, we will be offering the Mindful Creative Colouring Club to Year Two. Details will follow.



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Bookwarts Reading Display

Across the school, we have rolled out a brand-new Reading Initiative – Bookwarts. What fun we had when our sorting hat grouped each class into their houses. The name of your child's reading house will be in their Reading Record. Your child will be awarded **1 point for 5 entries throughout a 7-day week**. When reading with your child, please make a comment in their reading record so that their entries can be counted and so that points can be awarded. Your child can also receive **2 points for completing a reading task**. At the moment, this is something that is being completed within school time. We can look at providing this as an optional activity at home if your children are interested in doing so. Finally, your children can receive **3 points for being a star reader in school**. The points are collated and recorded, and the children will receive their rewards as a house accordingly. We would like to thank you for your continual support with your children's reading at home.

Mini Great North Run

At the start of the term, it was such a joy to see so many of your children expressing such pride with their participation in the Mini Great North Run. We are certainly incredibly proud too.

St. Aloysius Has Talent Auditions

During auditions, many children demonstrated wonderful confidence and determination while performing. From dancing and gymnastics to telling jokes, each child showcased a unique talent worth celebrating.

Spelling Ladder

We have been able to see a great improvement with the children's Spelling Test results over the past few weeks. Each child has a balloon on our class display and if their score shows improvement or full marks over three consecutive tests, they move up on the Spelling Ladder. Each half term your child will receive a spelling list of their words to be practised at home. Their spellings will also be taught in school throughout the week.