

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# Newsletter



## A Message from Mr. Gallagher

As the academic year draws to a close, I look back with immense pride at the achievements of our children. Their hard work, joy, and optimism have been truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Everything we do at St John Fisher CVA is centered on providing the best possible education, happiness, and opportunities for our students.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to providing an outstanding education for your children. Their passion and agility are truly inspiring, and I am proud to have them on the SJF team. My gratitude also goes out to all parents and carers for your invaluable support this year. Our successes and ability to overcome challenges would not be possible without your cooperation and backing. A special thank you to all our volunteers, including our dedicated reading, sports day and trip volunteers, for their time and patience – your contributions are invaluable. Well done to our PTFA for their brilliant efforts; you can see their achievements and how the funds are used in the poster below.

To everyone who has run clubs, donated books, garden equipment, or shared their expertise, we are truly grateful.

Thank you all, and we look forward to continuing our work together from August. Enjoy your well-deserved break and take the opportunity to recharge.



### **Places in school**

We have some places in classes for the next academic year in the following class: Year Reception, Year 1 and possibly a couple of other classes. Every other year group is full and many have long waiting lists. If you know of any interested families or friends, let them know. They can contact the school [office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leic.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leic.sch.uk) or 0116 2882203.

### **Polite Reminder**

A polite reminder to all parents that any outstanding debts for Breakfast Club, Afterschool club and school dinners must be paid before the end of the year. Parent accounts should be in credit before places are booked for Breakfast Club, After School Club or orders are placed for school dinners next half term.

### **Uniform**

There is a lot of unclaimed lost uniform. If your child is missing a PE top, jumper etc., please contact the office. Remember to name and re-name regularly all uniform.

### **Summer Work**

Children still have home access to our online subscriptions – times tables rockstars, Education City, and Reading Eggs over the summer. In your Maths No Problem workbooks too, there may be sections missed as we focused on the essential lessons within the topics – feel free to complete. Doing ‘little and often’ is ideal in preparation for the next academic year.

Remember to read, read and read! We’d love to beat keep our record as the top reading school in the local area and our 40 participants record.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **AUGUST**

- 26th-27th - School INSET DAYS – Staff only
- 28th - school starts

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 13th - School swimming resumes Year 4 & 5 (some of Year 6)



# YEAR 6 LEAVERS PLAY





# YEAR 6

## Leavers' Mass

We had a Leavers' Mass on Wednesday which Fr John celebrated and it was a fitting farewell to a great cohort. Thanks to all the parents for organising this special occasion.

## Leavers

I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best and every blessing on their journey. I know that they have all had a great start here at St John Fisher and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

We bid a fond farewell to families whose children's primary education is now complete at St John Fisher. Thank you for your support and you are welcome back anytime for whole school occasions.





# NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Keep PE kits (Year 2 – 6) on PE days. We will continue with this for the upcoming year. We do remind everyone to keep to the uniform policy. In short, white polo shirts, navy shorts, or navy tracksuits. No branded items or colourful PE kits. We will let you know PE days on our return. Reception & Year 1 to bring in PE Kits.

Please ensure you have class dojo notifications on and regularly check your email. Please refrain from messaging staff on Class Dojo during the summer holidays.

End of Year reports have been available on Arbor since last Friday. You will find these under Report Cards.

School is open for all from Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 28th August.

- Year 1 to Year 6 to finish at 3.05 p.m.
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- Reception to finish at 1 p.m. on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. finish from 1st Sept.
- Breakfast club resumes as normal on 28th August 2025.
- Afterschool club resumes on 28th August 2025.



# SPORTS DAY - KS1





# SPORTS DAY -KS2

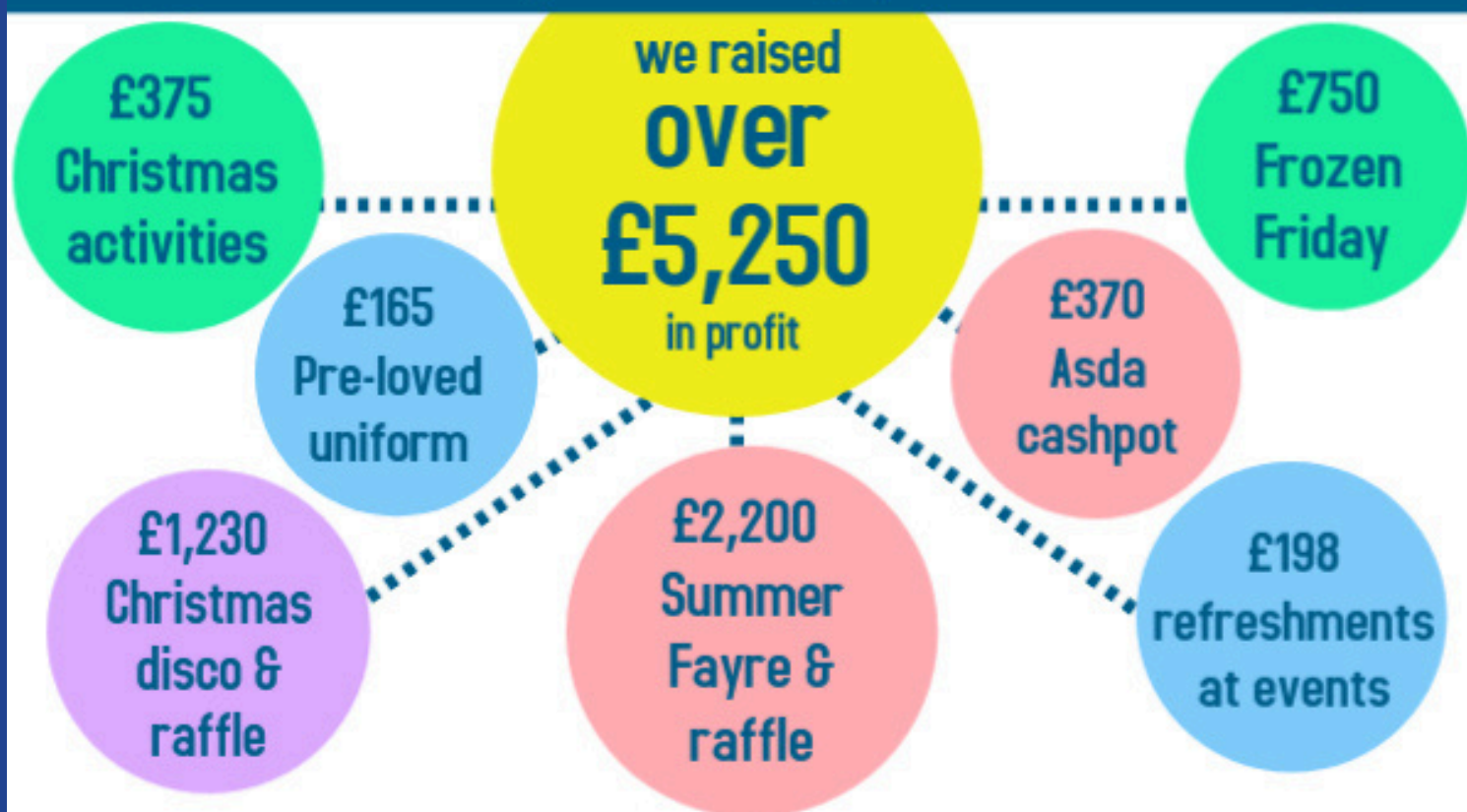






# St John Fisher PTFA

## Thanks to your help, in 2024/25



### This helped to provide



Santa visit  
& present for  
every child



£3000  
towards new  
library



Whole school  
trip to panto  
& snacks

Coming soon ..... Reception Outdoor classroom £1100



Sports Day  
Lollies



£5 per child towards  
class trips



Christmas  
party food



Year 6  
leavers bears

## We can only achieve this with your donations and support!

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# Parish Newsletter



**St. Edward's, St. John Bosco, and St. Mary's**  
**Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year C**



## Mass Times

**Saturday 12th 6pm** - St John Bosco, Private Intention  
**Sunday 13th 9am** - St Edward's, Whayman Family  
**Sunday 13th 11am** - St. Mary's, Fr. John Owens (6 years ordained Priest)  
**Sunday 13th 6pm (no incense)** - St. Mary's, Claudette Turner RIP  
**Tuesday 15th 10am** - St. Mary's, All Parishioners, Church changed  
**Wednesday 16th 10am** - St Edward's, Michael Joseph Keane RIP  
**Thursday 17th 10am** - St Mary's, Owen RIP  
**Saturday 19th 6pm** - St John Bosco, Ellen Hickey RIP  
**Sunday 20th 9am** - St Edward's, Linda Billingsley RIP  
**Sunday 20th 11am** - St. Mary's, McNicholl Family Intentions  
**Sunday 20th 6pm (no incense)** - St. Mary's, Grace Stanley RIP

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday 5:30pm** - St John Bosco  
**Sunday 5:30pm** - St Mary's  
**Tuesday 6:40pm** - St Mary's

## This Week in the Parish

### Retiring Collection for Stella Maris after all Masses

**Monday 14th 6pm** St. John Bosco, Reception of Patricia O'Rourke RIP  
**Monday 14th 6:15pm** - St. Mary's, Choir Practice  
**Tuesday 15th 9:30am** St. John Bosco, Funeral Service, Patricia O'Rourke  
**Tuesday 15th 7:10pm** - St. Mary's, Eucharistic Adoration  
**Tuesday 15th 7:45pm - 8:30pm** - St. Mary's Hall, Liturgy Discussion  
**Wednesday 16th 10:30am** - St. Edward's, Eucharistic Adoration  
**Thursday 17th 6:30pm** - St. Mary's, Journey of Faith

### Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Ellen Hickey RIP** - Reception into St. John Bosco at 6.30pm Monday 21 July.  
**Requiem Mass** at 11am Tuesday 22 July.

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** inform Fr. John to arrange a visit.

**Weekday Mass Time Survey:** Survey forms are available in the porch if you did not get one last week. Please hand it in on your way out. This will help determine if 10am for all three weekday Masses serves most people or not. I don't want to change weekday Mass times if unnecessary.

**120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's:** This year marks the 120th anniversary of St Mary's. For over a century, the faith has been handed down here — through Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, marriages, and countless quiet acts of love and service. As your priest, I don't just want to look back — I want us to look forward together. This is a year to thank God for the past, and to recommit ourselves to living our faith more deeply now, in all three of our churches: St Mary's, St John Bosco, and St Edward's. Over the next few months, we'll be offering simple ways to mark this milestone: prayer cards, monthly reflections, and events to come. I warmly invite you to be part of it. The Church is not the building — it's all of us. And we are the ones who will shape the next 120 years. If anyone has any memories of St. Mary's, including any photos, please put them on the board if you have permission. To help us mark this anniversary 120 prayer cards are wanted for prisoners and the homebound, 120 tins of food for the food bank and 120 pairs of socks. 2 holy hours on different occasions will be offered to mark 120 mins for 120 years.

## The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

In September we plan to start the next preparation courses for the above sacraments. This year we are planning to introduce some new initiatives in line with the Church's expressed wish for sacramental catechesis to include the family, and encourage a deep respect for, and understanding of, the sacraments. Any family who wishes their child/ren to take part in either course should complete an application form by the end of the first week of September. Forms can be found in the entrance porch of all three churches. All families will be invited to an individual chat before the courses start— only for about 10 minutes — to ensure they understand what is involved. Children are eligible for 1st Holy Communion preparation from 7 years old. Young people are eligible for Confirmation preparation from 11 years old.

## How Can Parents Get Involved?

**Pray Together:** Begin praying as a family for the grace and understanding needed for the sacrament.

**Attend Mass Regularly:** Make attending Mass a priority, so children and young people can witness the Eucharist in action.

**Engage in Preparation:** Encourage your child on their faith journey. Your involvement at home makes a huge difference!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September** the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London. Contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) for more details.

**40 Days For Life** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. For more details contact Maureen: [leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraph 1 Teaching:** God created you out of sheer goodness so that you might know Him, love Him, and share forever in His own divine life. He didn't need to create us—He wanted to. You exist because He loves you. "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life."

God is perfect and complete in Himself: He lacks nothing. He didn't make the world to get something, but to give something—His love. Our purpose is relationship: We are created not for usefulness but for communion with God. This communion starts now through faith, prayer, and love—and is fulfilled in heaven. Everything in the Catechism flows from this truth: God made us for Himself, and every aspect of Catholic life (prayer, sacraments, morality) flows from our created purpose.

## Questions

- "If God is perfect, why create anything at all?"** Because love, by nature, gives itself. God is a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—an eternal communion of love. Creation is the overflow of this love, not an act of need. Just as parents give life not because they have to, but because love wants to share itself, God created us to share in His joy.
- "Isn't religion just a human attempt to explain life?"** If that were true, all religions would be humans reaching up to God. But Christianity begins with God reaching down to us. CCC 1 shows that God freely reveals Himself and invites us into relationship. Faith is a response to this divine initiative, not mere human invention.
- "What if I don't feel valuable or wanted?"** Feelings can lie, but truth remains: you were made deliberately, in love, by God. Psalm 139 says God knit you together in your mother's womb. Jesus says even the hairs on your head are counted (Luke 12:7). You are not a mistake. You are willed.

## Live it!

This teaching isn't abstract—it changes everything. If God made me for Himself, then: My life has eternal meaning, no matter how ordinary my days feel. I can turn to God in every situation, because I was created for friendship with Him. I must see others with dignity, because they were made for God too.

## Try This:

Morning Prayer: "Lord, You made me. Help me live today in Your love."  
When feeling lost: Remind yourself, "My purpose is to know and love God."  
Tell someone discouraged, "You matter. You were made by God for more."

Daily Habits to Live Your Created Purpose	
Habit	Why it Helps
Begin each day with a 30 second prayer of gratitude	Re-centres your identity in God's love
Visit the Blessed Sacrament weekly	Spend time with the One who created you
Read Psalm 139 or CCC1 - 2 once a month	Deepens your sense of purpose
Practice seeing everyone (even the difficult) as someone made for heaven	Forms your heart to reflect God's

The very first line of the Catechism doesn't start with rules or doctrine—it starts with love. With purpose. With relationship. If you forget everything else, remember this: "You were made by God, for God." No career, relationship, pleasure, or possession can satisfy your heart like living in communion with Him.

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## Donations to your Parish via Bank Transfer

**Acc. Name:** St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP  
**Sort Code:** 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00346385

**Acc. Name:** St Edward Conf Leicester RCP  
**Sort Code:** 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00554352



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Any child who receives a certificate should bring this in with them on their return in August and this will be counted on their merit certificate chart.

THE  
READING  
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

2025

Story  
Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Saturday 5 July - Saturday 6 September

## The Summer Reading Challenge (4-12 year olds)

### Step 1 Visit your local library

Register for the Challenge and borrow books.

Receive the Summer Reading Challenge booklet + 2 stickers.

### Step 2 Return to the library

Earn stickers and rewards for borrowing books and attending events.

To complete the Challenge, collect 6 stickers.

### Step 3 Complete the Challenge

Collected 6 stickers? Receive your certificate, medal and a special seeded bookmark.



# Leicestershire Libraries Schools Newsletter

June/July - 2025



With the summer holidays just around the corner we know families will be looking for exciting and free ways to keep everyone entertained. Look no further! Libraries across Leicestershire are buzzing with fantastic free children's events throughout the summer break. For more information visit our website.

The Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge will start on Saturday 5th July. We've created a special video to give you a sneak peek at all the fun and excitement waiting for families at the library.

**Story  
Garden**



## Booklist Spotlight

With 'Football Skills', Football fans can learn everything from perfecting their first touch to scoring the winning goal. This newly released Usborne book features children from a local Leicestershire football club, Oadby Owls!



Dive into adventure with our new sporty books! Inspire families with books all about sports, teamwork and active fun.



For more book recommendations and to reserve books, visit our catalogue.

[www.leicestershire.arena.axiell.com/](http://www.leicestershire.arena.axiell.com/)

Coming Soon

FREE

## Summer Events



Did you know that Leicestershire Libraries will host over 100 amazing free events this summer? All these activities are bursting with excitement and are connected to this year's enchanting Summer Reading Challenge theme, "Story Garden." Get ready for delightful events like "Flippy Flappy Ladybirds" at Coalville and the magical chance to create your own feathered friend or fairy garden at Wigston (check out the images)!

Discover our exciting Cultural events, all available for free booking on our Eventbrite page! Stay in the loop with all our activities on Facebook, where we'll share our 'What's On Guide' every week throughout the vibrant summer.



To find out more about what's on, visit your library or our [website](#)

## Love Your Library

### The Wonder's of Nature at Market Harborough Library and Harborough Museum.



Join us this summer in exploring nature through art, culture, books and creativity!

JULY-AUGUST  
Events and activities  
for children and families

Plus in July and August we have weekly workshops with professional illustrator and community artist, Jessi.

Join Jessi to create a nature themed installation and a range of exciting crafts inspired by this summer's reading challenge. From painting, printing and constructing! Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to find out more!



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**COMMUNITY BBQ  
FUN DAY** **FREE Entry**

**SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025**  
12PM TO 4PM

**ALL WELCOME**





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Leicester LE2 0DR

Info: 0116 254 4131

[www.ntcgthelighthouse.churchcenter.org](http://www.ntcgthelighthouse.churchcenter.org)




**NEW PLAYER  
OPEN  
TRAINING  
WEEK**

Wigston Willow Football Club are putting on a series of free taster sessions for new players in August.

**U6 - MONDAY 4TH AUGUST 6-7 PM**  
**U7 - TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 6-7 PM**  
**U8 - WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 6-7 PM**  
**U9 - THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 6-7 PM**  
**U10 - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 6-7 PM**

Boys & girls of all abilities welcome

Book online via links on the homepage of website  
[WWW.WIGSTON-WILLOW.COM](http://WWW.WIGSTON-WILLOW.COM)

- All coaches to have:
- DBS
- Minimum FA level 1
- Safeguarding for Children

Healthy Together NHS Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)

# Healthy Together Newsletter

ISSUE 08



## Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from Healthy Together, and the final one of the 2024/25 academic year.

In this update, you can find advice related to staying safe in the sun this summer, information about free online parenting courses and tips for supporting your child if they are moving to secondary school.

## Supporting your child prepare for secondary school

As the school summer holidays approach, if your child is in Year 6 and their primary school journey will be ending soon, why not take a look at our animation offering support to parents/carers as you help prepare your child for secondary school?



[Click here to watch our starting secondary school animation](#)

## Looking for support and advice related to autism?

ChatAutism is a text messaging service that offers support for autistic people and their parents/carers/families or allies living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

You can text for advice on:

- Emotional wellbeing
- Healthy lifestyle
- Understanding autism
- Assessments and diagnosis

**Text: 07312 277097**

The service is available 9am-5pm every week day

[Click here to find out more about the ChatAutism service](#)

**ChatAutism**

## In the Spotlight

### Guide to staying safe in the sun

With the fantastic weather we've experienced lately and the summer holidays fast approaching, protecting your children from the potentially harmful effects of the sun is vitally important.

We've pulled together some quick tips in our 'Staying safe in the sun guide' to help you and also ensure you can have the most fun possible during the summer!



[Click here to our guide to staying safe in the sun](#)

## Contact a school nurse by text message

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

**07520 615 382**



## Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



**Call 0300 300 3001**

Calls are answered from 9am - 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

## Access free online parenting courses

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust has partnered with Solihull Approach to offer free access to expertly designed online courses, which cover concerns that parents, carers, grandparents often face.

Courses include:

- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your teenager's brain

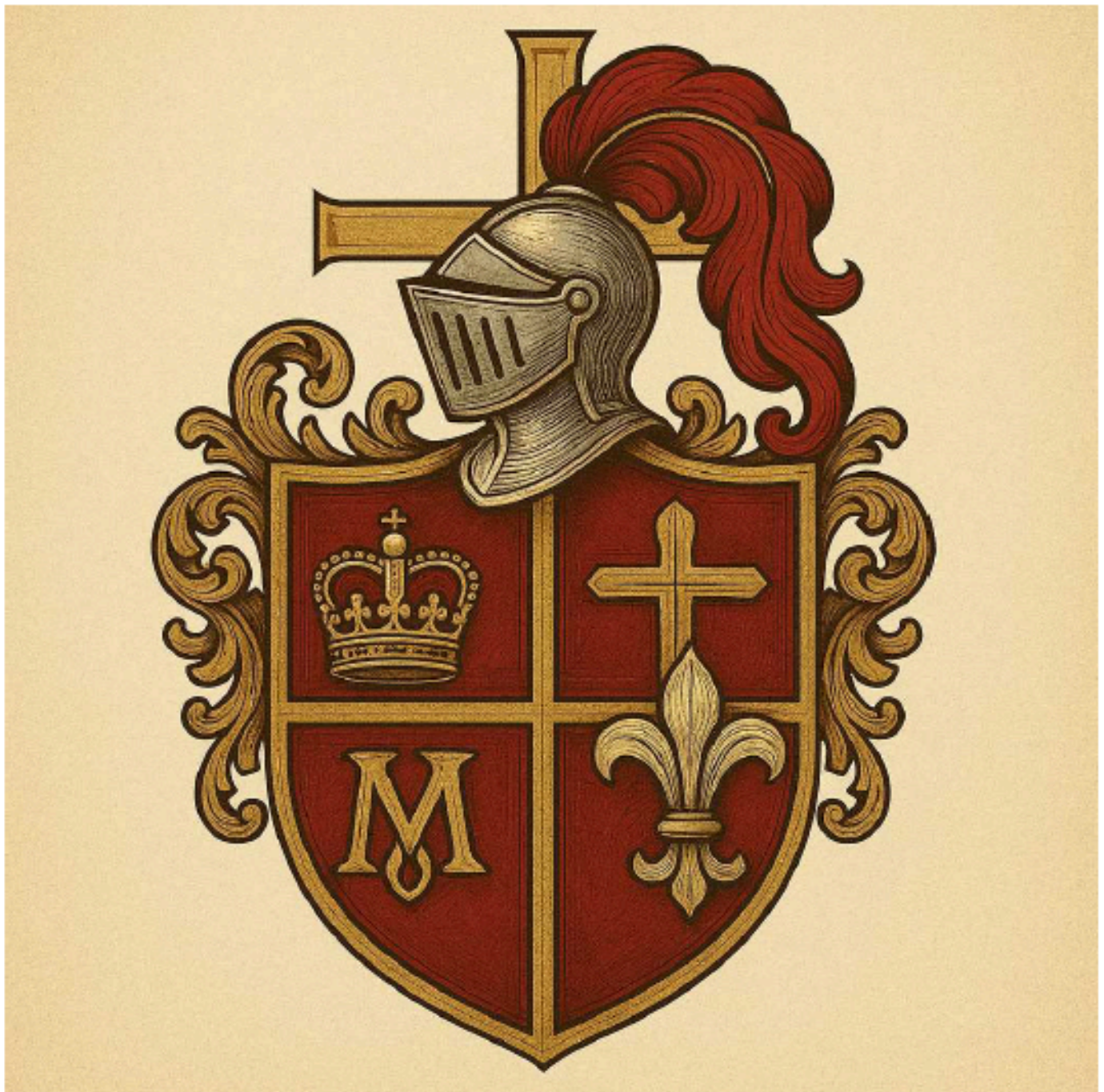


[Click here or on the image to access the courses](#)



### New Image on Newsletter - The Crown and Lily

As we come together as one community, the image reflects the unique spiritual heritage of our combined parishes of St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's. The Crown & Lily beautifully symbolizes this unity. The Crown honours St. Edward the Confessor, our royal saint who led with holiness and humble service, reminding us that true leadership flows from Christ the King. The Lily represents the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her purity and grace. It also echoes the spirit of St. John Bosco, who dedicated his life to nurturing young hearts in faith and virtue. Together, the Crown and Lily invite us to grow in holiness and service, rooted in faith and blossoming in charity.



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## **The school aged immunisation service is changing the way we ask for vaccination consents**

Dear parents /carers

The school-aged immunisation service, or SAIS team, has been working with NHS England to improve how vaccinations are recorded and managed in schools, to ensure vaccination data for children and young people is accurate and timely. This will also help to reduce vaccination errors and protect children and young people and improve the online consent experience for parents and carers.

Consequently, NHS England have developed a new digital platform called MAVIS: Managing Vaccinations In School. This is a new national system which will be rolled out nationally over the next few months. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's (LPT) SAIS team has been one of two organisations to successfully pilot this new system, nationally.

### **What changes to expect from the new platform**

The SAIS team will now contact you directly to request consent for vaccinations, instead of information being sent via your school. This new approach will make it quicker and easier for you to give or refuse consent for vaccinations. If consent is not received the service will allow the children or young person to self-consent if aged over 13 years and competent.

The SAIS team will request a class list from your child's school containing your child's name, date of birth, and contact information, such as phone numbers and emails addresses for parents/carers of young people who are eligible for the vaccinations. The SAIS team will then use these contact details to send consent requests and reminders directly to parents/carers.

There is more information about the [role of the SAIS team in supporting vaccinations](#) on GOV.UK.



All information is securely held on our systems in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and Trust Policies and procedures. For any further information about how we use your data please see the <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/privacy-policy/>

If you have any questions about this change in procedure, please contact the SAIS team on the number or email address below.

### **School Aged Immunisation Service**

Families, Young People and Children's Services and Learning Disabilities and Autism

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Tel: 0300 3000 007

E-mail: [lpt.sais@nhs.net](mailto:lpt.sais@nhs.net)

Website: [www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/schoolagedimms](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/schoolagedimms)