

# THIS WEEK AT ST FAITH'S

10th June 2022

## The Platinum Jubilee Celebration

I hope that all our families enjoyed the extended weekend of Platinum Jubilee celebrations, whether you were attending a street party, watching the lighting of a beacon, or relaxing with friends and family.

As reported in the last newsletter, there were plenty of Jubilee events taking place at the end of last half term. During the whole school assembly focused upon the Jubilee, pupils were recorded singing the National Anthem as part of the 'Choir For The Queen' initiative. We have been told that a commemorative book and video compilation have been sent to the Queen, who will watch it in the coming days.

Following this special assembly and singing of the National Anthem, staff and pupils all gathered on the school back field to form a huge '70', an image which was photographed by a drone flown overhead. The pupils then enjoyed a festive array of Jubilee fete activities, including Tug O' War and 'Pin the Crown on the Queen' competitions. Thank you to all the staff and members of the SFPA for making the day so memorable for the whole school community. We do hope that you will enjoy these photos and some of the [drone footage](#) taken on the day.

A further highlight for the school community was to see two Old Fidelians, who are now both choristers at St Paul's Cathedral School, singing at The National Service of Thanksgiving.



## Sister Act Jr. – The Final Word

In our last newsletter, I was delighted to be able to write about the stage musical performance from our Year 8 pupils, their curtain call before they move to their various senior schools in the Autumn. It was also the final production directed by Ms Kaye Allen, our retiring Head of Drama, who writes the following:

“I couldn’t be more proud of the cast of the Year 8 ‘Sister Act Jr.’ What a super talented, warm and amazing group of young people. On their final performance, as they left the hall ringing with the message of love and friendship, I could not ask for a better way to say goodbye to directing shows at St Faith’s.

As the cast go on to new adventures, so I look forward to my retirement.”

*‘All things being even, here’s what I believe in: nothing matters more than love. Friendship and affection, real connection, it’s a gift from above.’*

There will be an opportunity at our Speech Day event on the last day of term to thank Ms Allen for her most generous contribution to the school community at St Faith’s.

## Wild Place Forest School

This week, Foundation thoroughly enjoyed their last 'Wild Place' Forest School sessions and were especially excited to have their parents invited to join them and to enjoy a lovely picnic lunch afterwards.

It has been noticeable how the children have grown in confidence over their sessions in the 'Wild Place' and how they have developed many of our school Learning Habits in this environment. The children have demonstrated *independence* in safely using tools. They have *collaborated* – working together to build dens and make mud pies. They have shown *creativity* in making tree spirits and engaging in imaginative role play in the mud kitchen. They have challenged themselves when tree climbing in an appropriately controlled and safe way, and in doing so they showed *ambition* and *resilience*. They also enjoyed many games of "1,2,3 Where are you?" which encourages *listening* skills and is quite clearly one of their favourite woodland games. Each session ends with the children seated with a warm drink, providing time to come together and reflect on the learning that has taken place.