



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 26th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already two weeks into Term 5. Lots of the children are now choosing to wear their summer school uniform so let's hope this brings on some warmer weather. The children are thoroughly enjoying being able to use the school field again and all of the new equipment to support our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme.

We are incredibly proud of how the children have engaged in Arts week this week. They have produced work of a very high standard and worked so well together to achieve this. We have enjoyed the enriching experiences of the solid steel band and chicken wired workshop that have enabled the children to see the wider picture of the Arts. We would like to say how grateful we are to Miss Page and Mrs Edwards for organising this week, that also reflects and celebrates the diversity of our school community. Please see further information about this as you read on. Thank you to all the parents who joined us this afternoon to see the gallery of children's creations. They really enjoy sharing their work with you and they are proud of their final pieces.

The final report from our recent inspection is now available and you should have received a letter with a link to the full report. Please read through the whole report to see what we are doing well and for the things we will be working on over the next few terms.

Prayer

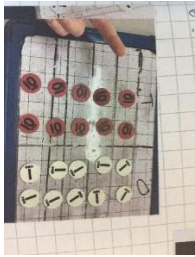
Lord,
Bless the family of St Francis school
May we be a beautiful garden for you.
Help us to live in harmony,
To provide support to each other when
needed
And at other times space for each of us to
grow.
Create in us an oasis of love and hope that
others can rest within and enjoy.

Amen.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Ted & Punctuality Pup will return next time

Fun in year 4



In Maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide using the grouping method. We have used place value grids to multiply and divide by 10, 100.



This term, we have learnt to write newspaper reports. This is a newspaper report about Science Week in our school.

During Arts Week, we have studied the work of a Nigerian born artist named Francis Umoh.



Children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about and play the steel drums.



In our teaching of topic, we are learning about Europe and its countries.

Travelling Book fair

The travelling book fair is returning to St Francis and it will be available from **22nd May to 24th May**. It is a pop-up book store with hundreds of books available. There will be further information to follow regarding where it will be happening in school!



Rugby Tournament

Congratulations to Henry, Edward, Wilfred, Oscar and William who were chosen to represent Aylesford Bulls RFC U11 at the Tigers Challenge in Bognor Regis in April. It was a fantastic opportunity to participate in such a well-known tournament and they were lucky enough to be presented with medals by Ex-England and Lions player Lewis Moody. What an experience! Well done boys.



PTA – Second hand uniform sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale happening after school on Friday 17th May. We welcome more uniform donations if you have any that are in good condition, please could you bring them in to the school office for the PTA.

Thank you,
PTA team

Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight

There is an upcoming meeting which will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 30th April at 9:00am** and the children will also be attending the meeting. For any parents that are unable to attend, the PowerPoint slides will be shared after the meeting by the Year 6 team.

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SPONSORED DANCE/SHOOTATHON-Friday 3rd May



Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their sponsorship money to boost their children's enthusiasm for the Sponsored Dance/Shootathon which will take place next **Friday 3rd May**. There is still plenty of time to sponsor your child for how many goals they can score or how long they can keep dancing for. We will be collecting any contributions you can manage right up until Friday 24th May. Each teacher has plenty of spare sponsor forms if your child's has gone missing or they didn't receive one. This year we have chosen to split our fundraising between Maidstone Hospital and The Catholic Children's Society to help support the sick and disadvantaged in our community.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all your amazing support to raise money in our *Readathon* this year. The charity Read for Good helps to buy books for children in hospital. The final amount raised is: **£417**



Summer Holiday Club

Use the below Google Form link to book your place

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8JgmfnByT14ofTCHsori7KRomS62AP7iMprCPHuuBjb08Vg/viewform?usp=pp_url

On the form, please specify your child's name and class and the dates you would like to book.



AM session: 8:00am
until 12:30pm
PM session: 12:30pm
until 5:00pm
All Day session: 8:00
until 5:00pm

Bookings
Available!

Term 5 Diary Dates

Year 6 residential trip to the IoW:	Tuesday 30 th April at 9:00am
Reception Stay & Play 2024:	Wednesday 1 st May 2:15pm to 3:00pm
Parent Forum:	Thursday 2 nd May 2:30pm until 3:00pm
Danceathon' or 'Shootathon':	Friday 3 rd May
<u>May Bank Holiday:</u>	Monday 6 th May – no pupils in school
Tuesday 7th May:	All pupils in back in school
Break the rules day 50p for every broken rule:	Friday 10 th May – <u>PTA event</u>
Y6 SATs week:	Monday 13 th May
School Council Meeting:	Monday 13 th May – 1:15pm until 1:45pm
Parent-Teacher consultation for St Lucy:	Tuesday 14 th May- 3:30pm until 6:00pm – face to face
Parent-Teacher consultation for St Lucy:	Wednesday 15 th May- 4:30 until 7:30pm – video call
Hearing/Vision screening for YR only:	Friday 17 th May – in school
Y6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight:	Monday 20 th May to 24 th May
Last day of term 5:	Friday 24 th May
<u>May Half Term:</u>	<u>27th May to Monday 3rd June</u>
<u>Staff Inset Day:</u>	<u>Monday 3rd June (no pupils in school on this day)</u>
<u>Term 6 Dates</u>	
First day of term 6:	<u>Tuesday 4th June – all pupils in school</u>
Current Reception Stay & Play:	Thursday 6 th June – 9:15am to 10:00 am
Father's Day Breakfast – limited spaces	Friday 14 th June – in the morning - tickets sales TBC nearer the date – <u>PTA event</u>
Reception Teddy Bears picnic:	Wednesday 17 th July- 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Mission Ties

Joy

St Lucy:	MJ
St Ann:	Christopher
St Matthew:	Apache
St Joseph:	Tilly
St John:	Maya
St Anthony:	Hugo
St Luke:	Poppy
St Mark:	Ramona
St Paul:	Kaitlyn
St Peter:	Cash
St Theresa:	Melvin
St Bernadette:	Malika
St Margaret:	Nathan N
St Clare:	Adam N

Trust

St Lucy:	Vyn
St Ann:	Elia
St Matthew:	Maxim
St Joseph:	Brigid
St John:	Kayleb
St Anthony:	Connie
St Luke:	Amelia
St Mark:	Penny
St Paul:	Dante
St Peter:	Isasubin
St Theresa:	Alex
St Bernadette:	Sahasna
St Margaret:	Jack H
St Clare:	Emmanuel

Respect

St Lucy:	Callie
St Ann:	Matei
St Matthew:	Olivia
St Joseph:	Grace
St John:	Mark
St Anthony:	Anderson
St Luke:	Charlie
St Mark:	Hattie
St Paul:	Ellia
St Peter:	Oliver D
St Theresa:	Thor
St Bernadette:	Razvan
St Margaret:	Sophia
St Clare:	Myla

Faith

St Lucy:	Ben
St Ann:	Aviana
St Matthew:	Caolan
St Joseph:	Hannah
St John:	Megan
St Anthony:	Doreen
St Luke:	Johan
St Mark:	Tristan
St Paul:	Amelia
St Peter:	Lily
St Theresa:	Derenz
St Bernadette:	Scott
St Margaret:	Pheobe
St Clare:	Izzy