



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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A Community Growing in Love for Learning and Life Rooted in God's Love

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic week last week during our 'Diversity Week'. Each class chose a different country from around the world and their learning across all of their subjects was connected to their country of choice. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and couldn't wait to share their new knowledge with each other!

Last Thursday was my first opportunity to experience the 'St Francis Diversity Week International Fair' and I quickly realised the excitement that preceded it was well deserved, the range of foods and information that were available was astonishing and everyone was right when they told me I didn't need to bring my own lunch in on that day! The children were extremely proud showing their Diversity Week learning to their parents on Friday afternoon and I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend for coming in and sharing this with us.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising such an extravaganza and to our Language Ambassadors and all of the parents who gave up their time running workshops in classes and stalls at the International Fair. We are so lucky to have such a diverse and talented community of children, teachers and parents here at St Francis.

We were very fortunate to have Canon Liam visit us at school this week. Canon Liam came in to watch some of our Religious Education lessons as well as participating in one of our morning Rosary sessions, he was extremely impressed with the children's knowledge and reverence.

Yesterday, our Year 6 children walked to St Francis for their class mass. The children behaved beautifully and members of the congregation commented on their good conduct, we are very proud of our Year 6's for being such positive ambassadors for St Francis School whilst in the community.

Next week I will be sending out a 'Parent Survey', the survey will include questions about what you feel is working well here at St Francis and what we can develop further. I would greatly appreciate it if as many parents as possible are able to complete the survey so that we can ensure the school serves our community and children in the best ways possible.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend
Mrs Ebdon

Prayer

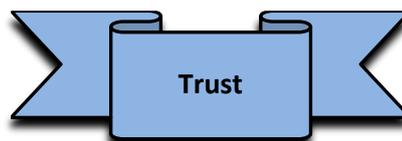
May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,
Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.
May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and
foreigners,
Go with us as we try to be good neighbours in our communities.
May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates
community,
Go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome
for all.

Amen

Mission Tie Awards



St Lucy: Logan
St Ann: Millie
St Matthew: Isabelle
St Joseph: Ben
St John: Grace N
St Anthony: Lewin
St Luke: Kieffer
St Mark: Neve
St Paul: Reuben
St Peter: Freya
St Theresa: Praise
St Bernadette: Kayden
St Margaret: Razvan
St Clare: Macey



St Lucy: Flynn
St Ann: Alexander
St Matthew: Maya
St Joseph: Lottie
St John: Miracle
St Anthony: Emma
St Luke: Connie
St Mark: Kezia
St Paul: Kosi
St Peter: George
St Theresa: Leo
St Bernadette: Oliver D
St Margaret: Esther
St Clare: Munachi



St Lucy: Vinnie
St Ann: Evanna
St Matthew: Uche
St Joseph: Annabel
St John: Nashla
St Anthony: Jasmine
St Luke: Lucy
St Mark: Sebastian
St Paul: Sofia
St Peter: Lexi
St Theresa: Jaydon B
St Bernadette: Isasubin
St Margaret: Alfie
St Clare: Sebastian



St Lucy: Brianna
St Ann: Ionsubin
St Matthew: Matei
St Joseph: Wilfred
St John: Lidia
St Anthony: Cody
St Luke: Imogen
St Mark: Oscar
St Paul: Evie
St Peter: Julia
St Theresa: Kaitlin
St Bernadette: Xavier
St Margaret: Anna
St Clare: Darenz

Wear Red in Feb!

We are raising money for the KSS Air Ambulance by *wearing red* on **Friday 14th February**. Please bring in a donation of **£1** or more if you are able to, in order to raise as much money as we can for this important charity.



KSS
AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Wear Red in Feb

£1 suggested donation

This February, add a splash of red to your school day!

Get your pupils to wear something red and make a donation to help save lives.
Show ❤️ for your local air ambulance charity!

Join today

aakss.org.uk/wear-red-in-feb Charity no. 1021362

Year 6 Residential meeting – Wednesday 12th February

A year 6 residential meeting will be taking place in school at **4pm on Wednesday 12th February**. This is an important meeting for all parents to attend if your child is going on the trip. The meeting should last around 30 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there,
Year 6 team



Reminder of parking

Could all parents please ensure that if you are driving onto the school site to drop your children off that you only allow them out of the car at the designated drop off area. We are having lots of parents allowing their children to get out of the car whilst queuing, meaning children have to walk across a very busy car park. As it was raining this morning there were lots of parents and children running through the main car park area which was very unsafe. On days where traffic is heavier, such as today because of the rain, we aim to keep the gate for the children open for longer so please do not feel you have to rush and cut across the car park.



READING

Reader of the week

Year 1: Adam and Ezio

Year 2: James

Year 3: Daniel B

Year 4: Toyese

Year 5: Evelyn & Roseanna

Year 6: Lincoln & Malika

Message for Year 6

Year 6 are planning on creating some amazing work which requires the use of magazines / brochures / colour swatches, etc.
If you have any spare that you no longer require and are able to donate we would be very grateful...

Kind regards,
Mr Loynes

Safer Internet Day – 11th February 2025

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Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online



Safer Internet Day

11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day 2025 will be taking place on 11th February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme “Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online”

We will be focusing on the issue of scams online, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available.

Diary Dates:

Break the rules day:	Friday 7 th February 50p per broken rule
Safer internet day:	Tuesday 11 th February
Y6 residential meeting:	Wednesday 12 th February at 4pm
Last day of term 3:	Friday 14 th February
Wear red in Feb for Kent air ambulance:	Friday 14 th February
February half term:	<u>Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February</u>
First day of term 4:	Monday 24 th February
Class St Paul swimming starts:	Monday 24 th February
Last day of term 4:	Friday 4 th April
Easter break:	<u>Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April</u>
National Primary offer day:	Wednesday 16 th April
Good Friday:	18 th April
Easter Monday:	21 st April
First day back for pupils (term 5):	Tuesday 22 nd April
May bank holiday:	Monday 5 th May
Last day of term:	Thursday 22 nd May
Staff Inset Day:	<u>Friday 23rd May – no pupils in school on this day</u>
Half term:	<u>Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May</u>
First day of term 6:	Monday 2 nd June
Last day of term 6:	Tuesday 22nd July

Break the Rules Day – Friday 7th February

Parentkind

St Francis Catholic Primary School

Break the Rules Day

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No makeup
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only

When?

Friday 7th February 2025

Here's how it works:

Pay 50p for every rule you'd like to break.

