



# 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,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of term 3 already and are about to begin the February half term! The last 2 weeks of term have continued to be very busy; Year 5 and Year 4 have both had the opportunity to attend St Francis Church and lead their class mass with the congregation in the parish. The children all behaved fantastically, both on the walk to and from the church, as well as during the service. It has been lovely for the children to have the opportunity to lead Mass in our parish church as well as having the opportunity to connect with our wider parish family.

The children have taken part in 'Wear Red for Feb' today to support fundraising for the lifesaving work that the Kent Air Ambulance service carries out and we would like to thank you for your kind donations towards this cause.

Every 25 years the Church has a 'Jubilee Year', Pope Francis declared the Jubilee Year of 2025 as having the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This term, Mrs Herron launched the Jubilee year with all the children and introduced the jubilee prayer and song. During our whole school assembly on Monday, the children learned about the Holy Door that Pope Francis opened on Christmas Eve in Saint Peter's Basilica which represents the passage to our salvation through Christ.

As a school, this year we will strive to be Pilgrims of Hope as this jubilee year gives us the opportunity to share hope with communities worldwide and engage in acts of hope and solidarity as one global family.

This week, on the 11th February, we took part in 'Safer Internet Day'. This year's theme was '*Too good to be true? Protecting yourselves and other from scams online*' and the children took part in an assembly and activities learning how to be aware of, and safe from, online scams.

Attached to this email is a guide for parents about how to support children if they have seen something upsetting online. Over the next few weeks, we will send out additional parent guides about various social media and online platforms to support families in keeping their children safe while online.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.  
Mrs Ebdon

## Prayer

**Dear Lord**

**Help us to love as you love.**

**Fill us with your Spirit so that we can choose what is best.**

**Even when we are weak, you are strong within us.**

**Thank you that you equip us to face each day with the power of your love, your forgiveness, and your grace.**

**Amen**



## Mission Tie Awards



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|----------------|-----------|
| St Lucy:       | Mila-Rose |
| St Ann:        | Rares     |
| St Matthew:    | Zachary   |
| St Joseph:     | Ezio      |
| St John:       | Milo      |
| St Anthony:    | Che Che   |
| St Luke:       | Ciara     |
| St Mark:       | William   |
| St Paul:       | Achsa     |
| St Peter:      | Rosanna   |
| St Theresa:    | Emma      |
| St Bernadette: | Alfie     |
| St Margaret:   | Lily E    |
| St Clare:      | Malika    |



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|----------------|-----------|
| St Lucy:       | Isobel    |
| St Ann:        | Victoria  |
| St Matthew:    | Mikki     |
| St Joseph:     | Rosie     |
| St John:       | Charlotte |
| St Anthony:    | Lyanna    |
| St Luke:       | Santiago  |
| St Mark:       | Nikita    |
| St Paul:       | Kamran    |
| St Peter:      | Dylan     |
| St Theresa:    | Matilda   |
| St Bernadette: | Lily      |
| St Margaret:   | Yshmael   |
| St Clare:      | Gabriella |



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|----------------|-----------|
| St Lucy:       | Adam      |
| St Ann:        | Ella      |
| St Matthew:    | Teni      |
| St Joseph:     | Esmail    |
| St John:       | Bella     |
| St Anthony:    | Maxim     |
| St Luke:       | Isabelle  |
| St Mark:       | Evie      |
| St Paul:       | Gabriel   |
| St Peter:      | Sebastian |
| St Theresa:    | Dominic   |
| St Bernadette: | Poppy     |
| St Margaret:   | Anson     |
| St Clare:      | Darcie    |



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|----------------|-----------|
| St Lucy:       | Jack      |
| St Ann:        | Isabella  |
| St Matthew:    | Vyn       |
| St Joseph:     | Emily     |
| St John:       | Jaden     |
| St Anthony:    | Deborah   |
| St Luke:       | Lenny     |
| St Mark:       | Francine  |
| St Paul:       | Eliza     |
| St Peter:      | Ben       |
| St Theresa:    | Joshua    |
| St Bernadette: | Alexander |
| St Margaret:   | Fearne    |
| St Clare:      | Thor      |

# READING



## Reader of the week

|         |                    |
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| Year 1: | MJ and Elijah      |
| Year 2: | Lucas and Arabella |
| Year 3: | Thomas and Jessica |
| Year 4: | Zara and George    |
| Year 5: | Ivy-Rae and Ranti  |
| Year 6: | Scott and Egor     |

## Club dates for term four

### SG17 – football club

Starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
3:15pm to 4:15pm, Y3 to Y6 only

### Spanish Club

Starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
3:30pm to 5:00pm, YR - Y2 only

### Crafties Club

Starts Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
3.20pm to 5.00pm, Y3 – Y6 only

## PTA Mother's Day arts and crafts

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March the PTA will be holding a Mother's Day arts and crafts event involving jewellery making, keyring decoration, card making, and even a plant pot station. Information has already been sent out on Class Dojo and letters will be going home at the start of next term. Ticket sales will open on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - £5 per adult, £2 per child.

## Break the rules day.

The PTA would like to say a very big THANK YOU for making the Break the rules day one of the best ever held at the school. It was great to see the children really going for it – some of the hair styles were amazing. Good job parents! As a school we raised £555.

Thank you!

We've had this news from the Mini London Marathon organisers:

Dear St Francis School

Thank you for applying for places in the 2025 TCS Mini London Marathon. Unfortunately, your application was unsuccessful. The places were allocated at random to ensure fairness. We're very sorry we couldn't offer you places on this occasion; demand has once again been very high. We hope you will try again for next year's event. You've been automatically added to the waitlist and will be contacted if and when places become available.

The TCS Mini London Marathon Team

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**We're sorry!**



## **Diary Dates:**

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| <b>Last day of term 3:</b>                    | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| <b>February half term:</b>                    | <b><u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</u></b> |
| <b>First day of term 4:</b>                   | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| <b>Class St Paul swimming starts:</b>         | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – letters have been sent out                    |
| <b>Y6 Assessment Week:</b>                    | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| <b>Mother's Day Arts and Craft event:</b>     | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  |
| <b>Last day of term 4:</b>                    | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <b>Easter break starts:</b>                   | <b><u>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</u></b>        |
| <b>National Primary admissions offer day:</b> | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <b><u>Good Friday:</u></b>                    | 18 <sup>th</sup> April – <u>no pupils in school</u>                              |
| <b><u>Easter Monday:</u></b>                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> April – <u>on pupils in school</u>                              |
| <b>First day back for pupils (term 5):</b>    | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April   |
| <b>May bank holiday:</b>                      | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| <b>Last day of term:</b>                      | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  |
| <b><u>Staff Inset Day:</u></b>                | <b><u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – no pupils in school on this day</u></b>       |
| <b>Half term:</b>                             | <b><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>           |
| <b>First day of term 6:</b>                   | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  |
| <b>Last day of term 6:</b>                    | <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>  |