

*A community growing in Love for Learning and Life*



# St Francis Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Issue:

16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents,

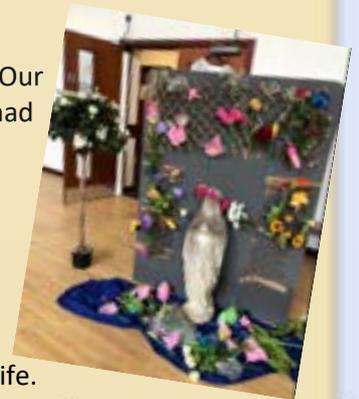
We would like to say how proud we are of all our Year 6 children. This week they have all taken part in the SATs national testing, they worked incredibly hard and approached the tests with a mature attitude even when faced with some very challenging questions.

We work hard to help our children understand that, although Reading, Writing and Maths are the areas that are tested at the end of primary school, we all have strengths and talents in different areas and the areas that we are not tested in are just as important as those that are.

Canon Liam joined us last week to celebrate our Marian Mass as part of our celebrations to Our Lady in the month of May. Our Year 3 children led the Mass beautifully and reverently and had made flowers with which we were able to crown Her.



Last week, our Mini Vinnies visited elderly members of our community at a local residential home. They played games and held conversations with the residents about VE Day.



Year 5 had a fantastic experience to bring their history learning to life. They took part in workshops where they were able to use VR headsets to

experience what life was like in the trenches during WWI as well as workshops where they learned about the weapons, uniforms and experiences of those that fought in the war.

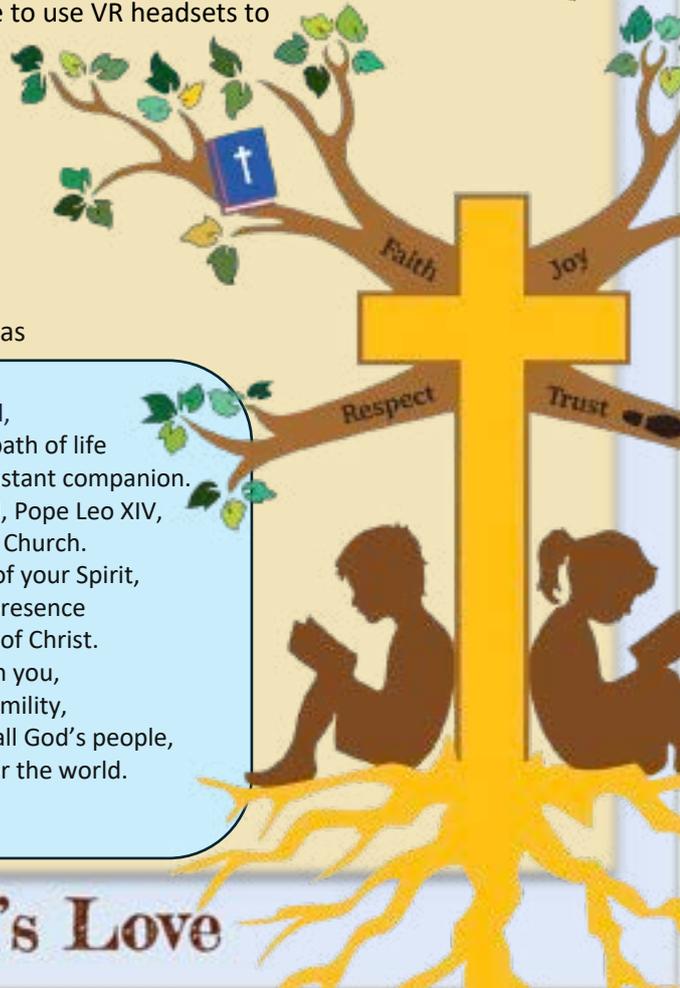


Next week is our science week, this year the theme is 'Adapt and Change' and our children are looking forward to lots of experimenting and investigating as well as to visits from STEM Ambassadors.

Following the death of Pope Francis and the conclave of cardinals which began on May 5th our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV has been chosen to lead the Catholic Church. We pray for him at this special time.

Faithful God,  
You guide us on the path of life  
and your goodness is our constant companion.  
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,  
in his service of the Church.  
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,  
the peace of your presence  
and the compassion of Christ.  
May he walk with you,  
in wisdom and humility,  
and lead us, together with all God's people,  
to embody your love for the world.  
Amen

**Rooted in God's Love**



# Mission Tie Awards

St Lucy	<i>Maisie</i>	St Ann	<i>Mikaela</i>
St Joseph	<i>Teddy</i>	St Matthew	<i>Kaiden</i>
St Anthony	<i>Toby</i>	St John	<i>Ian</i>
St Luke	<i>Diya</i>	St Mark	<i>Max</i>
St Peter	<i>Bruce</i>	St Paul	<i>Penelope</i>
St Bernadette	<i>Isasubin</i>	St Theresa	<i>Olivia B</i>
St Margaret	<i>All of year 6</i>	St Clare	<i>All of year 6</i>



St Lucy	<i>Nihal</i>	St Ann	<i>Milly</i>
St Joseph	<i>Kit</i>	St Matthew	<i>Teni</i>
St Anthony	<i>Lily</i>	St John	<i>Millie</i>
St Luke	<i>Nova</i>	St Mark	<i>Davina</i>
St Peter	<i>Amelia</i>	St Paul	<i>Amelia</i>
St Bernadette	<i>Alfie</i>	St Theresa	<i>Matilda</i>
St Margaret	<i>All of year 6</i>	St Clare	<i>All of year 6</i>

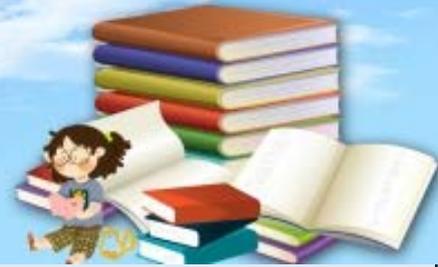
St Lucy	<i>Luca</i>	St Ann	<i>Ronnie</i>
St Joseph	<i>Michael</i>	St Matthew	<i>Matheus</i>
St Anthony	<i>Reggie</i>	St John	<i>Antonio</i>
St Luke	<i>Annabelle</i>	St Mark	<i>Isla</i>
St Peter	<i>Cian</i>	St Paul	<i>Romona</i>
St Bernadette	<i>Xavier</i>	St Theresa	<i>Zoe</i>
St Margaret	<i>All of year 6</i>	St Clare	<i>All of year 6</i>



St Lucy	<i>Tommen</i>	St Ann	<i>Rishan</i>
St Joseph	<i>Ezekiel</i>	St Matthew	<i>Alexander</i>
St Anthony	<i>Franchesca</i>	St John	<i>Isla</i>
St Luke	<i>Santiago</i>	St Mark	<i>Nikita</i>
St Peter	<i>Rosanna</i>	St Paul	<i>Onose</i>
St Bernadette	<i>Rhys</i>	St Theresa	<i>Leo</i>
St Margaret	<i>All of year 6</i>	St Clare	<i>All of year 6</i>

# Star Reader

St Joseph	<i>Amanda</i>	St Matthew	<i>Tillie</i>
St Anthony	<i>Maxim</i>	St John	<i>Alexander</i>
St Luke		St Mark	<i>Sebastian</i>
St Peter	<i>Emily</i>	St Paul	<i>Gabriel</i>
St Bernadette	<i>Jack</i>	St Theresa	
St Margaret	<i>All of year 6</i>	St Clare	<i>All of year 6</i>



**Reminder**  
**Inset Day - Friday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**No children in**  
**school**

**We aim to be  
nut free**



We do not allow nuts or nut products at St Francis to protect children with allergies. Please ensure that you do not bring any nut products into the school.

Full details about how we manage this can be found in our Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.

**Thank you for your help in keeping everybody safe in our school.**

## SEND Google form

Thank you to everyone that has completed the SEN information form. We need responses from every parent, and we still have at least 80 forms outstanding. If you haven't yet completed the form, please could you do this. Even if you don't believe your child has special education needs, it is still important for all responses to be logged. Please follow the link below.

<https://forms.gle/z8TQXSaEihtTaAKu7>



If you like science and are creative, this is your opportunity to shine!  
All you have to do is make a science project at home and bring it to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

Parents are invited to come to school to have a look at your projects on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 2.30pm

It could be anything from a demonstration of a volcano eruption to colourful crystals or lava lamps, making a balloon rocket or a windmill, growing a plant and making a poster about it, the possibilities are endless.

We only ask that your projects are safe and age appropriate. Children can either bring an actual project to school or print and bring pictures with some explanations for some evidence or you can bring both! We look forward to seeing your creations.



## The Month of Mary

Next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May we will be coming together online at 9.15am as a whole school to pray the rosary as we approach the end of May, the month of Mary. If you would like to join us online, please email [generalenquiries@stfranciscatholicprimary.com](mailto:generalenquiries@stfranciscatholicprimary.com) so we can send you the link.

Kind regards

St Francis RE Team



## The great outdoors



We have been unable to run Forest School so far this year as many of the trees on site required maintenance to ensure the environment was a safe and enjoyable area for the children. The tree surgeons have now completed the work which means we can re-open Forest School! We are aiming for all classes to enjoy some time in our Forest School by the end of the academic year.

# Exciting events



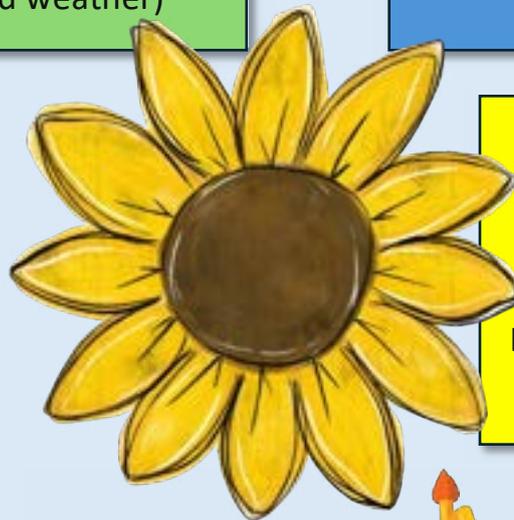
We hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather and we wanted to update you on the events that will be taking place between now and the end of the summer term so you can pop them in your diary!



As shared on Class Dojo last week, Sports Day will be on Friday 11th July (with Thursday 17th July as a backup in case of bad weather)

We will be raising funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust on Friday 13th June by wearing yellow and running a cake sale.

In July we will be hosting a 'Sports for Champions' athlete where the children learn about the athlete, their career and ambitions and take part in activities.



Our children will be Sunflower Superstars, taking part in the sunflower growing competition that is run by the Heart of Kent Hospice on Wednesday 25th June to raise money for this charity.



we are very excited to announce our first Inflatable Day which will run after school on Friday 20th June - please check the attached flyer for more details!

*Talent*  
**SHOW**

We will be running an annual Talent Show here at St Francis in Term 6. Miss Bull will soon be sharing details of the audition process with the children for those who would like to compete for a spot!



We have another event to raise money for our sensory room, we will be hosting a colour run on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Details to follow.

# External clubs



## MAY

### Half Term Schools Out Club 2025

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 12 to participate in a range of **sports & fitness** and **arts & craft** activities. Sessions run for **4 hours** between **10:00 - 14:00**.

**Schools Out May Half Term 2025 Club locations:**

<b>South Borough Primary School,</b> Tovil, Maidstone 29-30 May 2025	<b>Greenfields Community Primary School,</b> Shepway, Maidstone 27-29 May 2025	<b>Tree Tops Primary Academy,</b> Brishing Lane, Maidstone 27-29 May 2025
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Book your place today - £5 per day per child by visiting [stonesinthecommunity.org](http://stonesinthecommunity.org)  
(Once places are booked, payments are non-refundable)

Or follow our news channel on WhatsApp where links will also be available

**SITC News**  
Follow our WhatsApp Channel

## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

### Barming

Planned and organised by a qualified teacher  
Ages: 4 to 11yrs

Full Day: 9am to 4pm £22  
Half Day: 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 4pm £15  
Full week: £100

Breakfast club (includes breakfast) 8.15-9am £6  
Late pick up 4-5pm £4

Email to book: [info@kamt.co.uk](mailto:info@kamt.co.uk)

All staff are fully enhanced DBS checked and carry a first aid certificate

## Musical in a Week

### Barming

Week of the 4th August  
9 - 4pm  
5 - 15 years  
£125

Breakfast club and late pick up also available at additional cost

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**Juliet** **SIX** **Grease** **Mrs S Saigon** **WE WILL ROCK YOU** **LEGALLY BLONDE**

Email to book: [info@kamt.co.uk](mailto:info@kamt.co.uk)

# Diary Dates

British Science Week	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Science fair – <b>parents invited</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May @ 2.30pm
Last day of term:	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Staff Inset Day</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – <b><u>no pupils in school</u></b>
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
First day of term 6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 6 residential trip	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3, 4 and 5 assessment week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 phonics screening checks	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Kent fire and rescue Assembly	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis and cake sale	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
PTA Father's Day event	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
First Communion Celebration	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 3pm <b>parents invited</b>
Inflatable afternoon	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June <b>3.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
Sunflower Superstars	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 secondary school transition day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Sports day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers Mass	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Last day of term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

# Inclusion News

**Hello!** My name is Mrs Neill, I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at St Francis. My role is to support children with additional needs, ensuring they receive the right help to thrive and succeed. I work closely with staff, parents, and external professionals to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for every child.



If you ever have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out—I'm always happy to help!

[sen@stfranciscatholicprimary.com](mailto:sen@stfranciscatholicprimary.com)

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For more information regarding Kent's local offer please scan the QR code to



**aspens** **South East Hub** **Autism Central**

## FREE DROP-IN SESSION

This drop-in session will be held at InfoZone Family Hub in Kent. These sessions will be held from 12:00-1:30pm

The next upcoming dates are:  
Friday 2nd May, Friday 6th June, Friday 4th July and Friday 1st August

It is for parents and carers of autistic people throughout the South East (diagnosed or on the pathway).

It will be staffed by our experienced Aspens/Autism Central Kent Family Wrap Around Coordinator, who can help answer questions about autism, how to access support as well as offer guidance and advice.

The Autism Central South East Hub aims to help families to learn more about autism and the support available to them by signposting to useful resources and learning.

InfoZone Family Hub's address is 3 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6NF. We hope to see you there!

- We are here to listen to you
- We are here to offer guidance
- Increase your knowledge
- Help you through challenges
- Increase your confidence
- Help you navigate services
- Provide you with skills that last
- Offer FREE 1:1 appointments

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would like everyone to check if your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals from Kent County Council. Go to: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent> and enter your personal details. If eligible, you will receive confirmation and KCC will inform the school directly.

**SPACE 2 LEARN**  
AT SPACE 2 BE ME

## UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

### AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

This seminar-style event is aimed at parents/carers who have a child on the autism pathway or a recent autism diagnosis.

**EVENT AGENDA**

- What is Autism?
- Overview of Diagnostic Criteria
- Support Suggestions
- Female Underdiagnosis
- Masking
- Co-occurring conditions
- Dual diagnosis with ADHD
- Brief overview of PDA

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL VIA OUR WEBSITE**  
TICKETS £10 EACH

**TUESDAY 17th JUNE**  
10:15 - 13:30

**PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIDSTONE RD, TN12 6EB**

[space2beme.org.uk](http://space2beme.org.uk) [support@space2beme.org.uk](mailto:support@space2beme.org.uk) 01622 764566

Registered Charity: 1140364



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams

## Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Supporting Your Child with Starting Primary School 14/05/2025 10:30am—12:30pm



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Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 20/05/25 17:30pm—19:30pm



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Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 10/06/25 18:00pm—20:00pm



SCAN ME

Me & My Child Understanding Resilience 24/06/2025 17:30pm—19:30pm



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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 07/07/25 10:30am—12:30pm

