



# ST FRANCIS NEWS



Dear parents,

A huge thank you to all of the contributors to our 'Aspirations Day'. We were overwhelmed with support from our parents, relatives and parishioners. This was such a wonderful opportunity for our children.

Thank you also to those who joined us for the 'picnic' lunch- in true British style, it was an indoor picnic due to the changeable weather but the children had a lovely time and we are hopeful for some sunny picnics outdoors once the weather improves and the sun is here for the summer- we are keeping our fingers crossed!

The next half term, just like this half term, is a half term in a hurry! With only 4 weeks and 4 school days until the summer break, there will be a lot to pack in. From transition days to days out on trips, it's set to be a super half term full of experiences for our children.

A special well done to all of our Y2 and Y6 children for completing their SATS tests. A big well done to all of the staff for supporting them too.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to the final half term of this academic year.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Brown

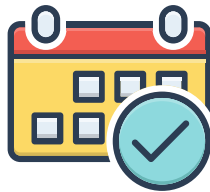


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General Updates and reminders

## Final Day of Term

Just a reminder that the final day of term is Thursday 7th July.



## Attendance

Our attendance this term has been 96.2% which is very close to our target of 97%. All children will have occasional days when they are unable to come to school due to illness. However, missing too much school can be seriously detrimental. A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.

Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

Time taken for holidays is always unauthorised.

We have a very clear policy which outlines our attendance expectations and this can be found on our school website.



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## Commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The children will receive a very special commemorative coin to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A huge thanks to the PTA for these beautiful coins which will be a keepsake for the children. The children will also be receiving a book about the Queen- we hope to give out these special gifts just after half term.



We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen;  
may she continue to know the steadfast love of God  
and serve her people faithfully.



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## Diocesan Event

On Thursday 2 June, the Diocese of Nottingham is kickstarting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend with a concert in her honour, at Nottingham Cathedral. At the invitation of Bishop Patrick McKinney, civic dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant Sir John Peace will be in attendance. It promises to be a joyful musical celebration marking the extraordinary life and service of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Speaking ahead of the event, the bishop shared his delight 'that we can host this exciting concert at Nottingham Cathedral as a way of expressing our admiration for Queen Elizabeth in this her Platinum Jubilee Year'.

Conducted by Gregory Treloar, Director of Music for the Diocese of Nottingham, the concert features a selection of 'royal' themed pieces, including Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Mozart's 'Coronation Mass K.317'. It will also include music by Charles Hubert Parry and a number of 'Last Night of the Proms' favourites.

The evening has a distinctly ecumenical flavour drawing together a number of local choirs: Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Derby Cathedral Choir, St Andrew's with Castle Gate Choir and Nottingham Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. It will also feature the award-winning Helix Ensemble, an orchestral group of musicians from across the East Midlands and Mr Alexander Binns, (Director of Music, Derby Cathedral) at the organ.

Tickets start at £8.00 and include a glass of wine/soft drink in the beautiful Cathedral gardens during the interval. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Tickets may be purchased at the following link:  
<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/jubilee>



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## Catholic Life


Congratulations to all of the children who had their first confession in school this term. Fr Tom visited the school to hear the first confessions and we were joined by Catholic children from other local schools. It was a joyous occasion. A big thank you goes to Sr Dorothy and Mrs Garrett who supported the children on their special day. Follow this link for the slides we used in the reconciliation service:

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We celebrated our May Procession this week, where the children and staff processed around to the grotto on the Convent grounds. We all prayed together and asked Mary to pray with us for peace in our world.

This week the Church also celebrates the feast of the ascension. This feast is meant to awaken hope. In Jesus, risen from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father, our human nature participates in the very life of God. In the light of the ascension, we hope for a way of being, elevated and perfected beyond our imagining.

## Feast of the Ascension



**Jesus is the perfect example**

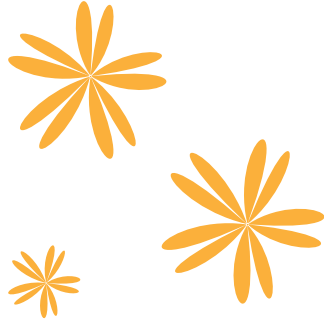
**40 days after Easter he returned to his Father in heaven**

**Who is an example to you in your life?**  
**How does Jesus give us an example?**

**Mission: Think of what we can do to be an example to others**



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## **NHS Mental Health Support Team**

We are now benefitting from the support of the NHS Mental Health Support Team. The team visited us in assembly for KS2 this week and also delivered training to our staff to help us to support our children with their mental health. The work of the service in school has been incredible. Follow this link which tells you a little about the service and signposts to further support.

LPT Mental Health Support Teams in Schools: primary school video - YouTube

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Mrs Brown or Mrs Freckingham.



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## PTA- Saurus.

A huge thank you to the PTA for promoting fundraising opportunities for the school- thank you also for all the parents/grandparents who have signed up to help. The name of their PTA mascot will be Rory Rex chosen by Dolly-Rae Doherty.



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## *Mary of May*

A simple life is not an empty life.  
A dedicated life is not a hidden life....  
Mary of dialogue with Gabriel  
Mary of accompaniment with Elizabeth  
Mary of respect with Joseph  
Mary of tenderness with Jesus  
Mary on the road to Egypt  
Mary at the feast of Cana  
Mary of the cross in Jerusalem  
Mary of the resurrection in Galilee  
Mary of the community at Pentecost  
Mary of the communication at Ascension  
Mary of silence  
Mary, mother, sister and companion  
walk with us. Amen

*Cristina Inogés Sanz (Zaragoza, Spain)*







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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>May</b>	
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>June</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Support Group- 1.30-3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy 10am- Y6 to attend Convent Mass PTA 'Frozen Friday' selling ice pops
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	New Starter Meeting @5.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Movie Night- clubs to be rearranged
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy PTA- Father's Day Pop up Shop 10am- Y5 to attend Convent Mass KS1 Movie Night
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports' Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y3/4- Three Trees Performance for Parents
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y3/4 Trip to Country Park
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Celebration Liturgy 10am Y3/4 to attend Convent Mass Y5 Trip to <del>Beaumanor</del> Hall 8.30 leave/5pm return.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Briars Residential
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Disco EYFS-Y5
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEND support group 1.30-3pm
<b>July</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy – KS1 Summer liturgy- parents welcome. 10am Y1/2 to attend Mass at Convent Chapel
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Fair 10-3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Mass- 2pm @Chapel
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term PTA Doughnut Day