



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*In Jesus we will do our best as we love, pray, learn and play because this is the St Francis way*

**Friday 6th October 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

We have had some information about an opportunity for drama lessons in school which would be an additional opportunity for children and would take place during the school day.

Well done to our newly elected prefects- after writing some super letters of application these children have been selected to take on prefect duties across the school. We look forward to seeing them flourish in their new leadership roles.



Our calendar is now live on our website and all dates have been added that we are aware of. We will be adding to this regularly and it will mirror the dates in the newsletter.

[Calendar - St Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray \(st-francis.leics.sch.uk\)](https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Brown

## General Reminders

### **After school- Field out of bounds**

Please can I kindly request that children are not allowed onto the field at the end of the school day. We are not able to supervise play after school hours and are concerned about accidents happening on school site. Many thanks for your consideration and support with this.

### **Safety on School Site**

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on school site and that smoking on school site is also prohibited. This includes the staff carpark. Again, once again, thank you for your support with this.

## Learning About and Celebrating Cultures

In our parent survey around communication, a question was asked about how we teach the children about different cultures and diversity.

Our school curriculum has been very carefully planned to take into account the prior experiences of our children and the very rich and diverse makeup of our school community. Our whole school curriculum for this academic year can be found here: [Whole-School-Curriculum-Map-2023-24.pdf \(st-francis.leics.sch.uk\)](https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk/curriculum-map-2023-24.pdf) This shows the breadth of the curriculum and coverage of work around other cultures.

We specifically picked our Literacy Tree curriculum for English due to how it brought in texts from a range of cultures and also provided enrichment to our curriculum offer with links being made across the curriculum.

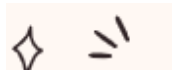
We also have a personal development curriculum, which is a working document, and documents how we build in opportunities for developing cultural capital into our curriculum. We are presently updating this and will share this with you when it is completed.

## House Points and rewards

Our House Points are the way that we reward and celebrate exceptional behaviour and work at school.



Lunchtime Awards	Toby- Mr Dixon Thomas P- Mrs Brumpton & Mrs Roberts
Star Writer	Leon- Mr Hayle's class George- Mrs Byrne's class Karol- Mrs Owen's class Greg- Miss Hall's class Danielle- Mr Sim's class Tyga- Mr Uttley's class
St Francis Mission	Henry- Mr Hayle's class Delilah- Mrs Byrne's class Danika- Mrs Owen's class Pola- Miss Hall's class Martyna- Mr Sim's class Antonia- Mr Uttley's class



# HOUSE POINTS



Attendance continues to be strong around the school- well done to Miss Hall's class for 99% attendance so far!

	Present R/C
Student Group	Marks
EYFS E Hayles	94.33%
Year 1/2 B Byrne	98.85%
Year 1/2 S Owen	94.81%
Year 3/4 E Hall	99.04%
Year 3/4 N Cathcart	97.55%
Year 5/6 A Sim	95.54%
Year 5/6 J Uttley	95.2%



# Curriculum In Action

As always, it has been a busy week in school with lots of learning taking place. Here are some of the highlights.

Bringing the rain to Kapiti plain-  
Making the sounds for the bow, rain and thunder



Great teamwork in Y1/2 coding!!



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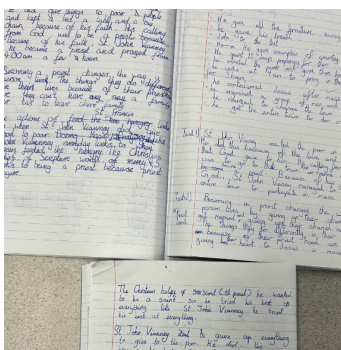
Beautiful Matisse paintings in Y3/4



More beautiful paintings.



Some lovely work in RE in Y3/4 looking at the signs and symbols representing St Joseph.



Great writing in Y5/6 on the life of St John Vianney.



# LAMDA lessons

I have been contacted by Mary Benzies, who is the Director of drama for young people at Toilethope. She is enquiring as to whether there is any interest for LAMDA lessons in school. These are like music lessons but for drama and acting. Students learn and prepare monologues and speeches which they perform for examiners at a public centre.

Some children decide that they wish to take the lessons but would rather not work towards exams, this is also possible and can help hugely with children's confidence, articulation and literacy skills.

There are fees for these lessons and they would take place during the school day but on a timetable so that children did not miss the same lesson each week.

If you are interested in these lessons for your child then please let Mrs Brown know via class Dojo so we can have an indication of numbers. We will need at least 6 children to show an interest to make the lessons viable for Mrs Benzies. We will then also be able to offer an after school club in drama.

## **What is Lamda?**

Lamda is one of the UK's oldest and most respected London Drama Schools and awarding bodies. Lamda have been offering practical exams in communication & performance subjects for over 130 years.

A Lamda exam is the speech & drama equivalent of a music grade. Like music grades, Lamda exams go up in grades and culminate at Grade 8 (Gold Medal). Lamda qualifications are Ofqual recognised and have helped hundreds of thousands of candidates of all ages and abilities develop lifelong skills.

Lamda exams are about achievement, recognising and rewarding the endeavours of each individual – but they are also about empowerment.

The ultimate aim is to provide all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need to be a success!

So whether it's a journey to improve self confidence, communicate clearly, improve reading skills, host meetings & presentations, acting or performing – Lamda offers a qualification for everyone. Regardless of age, ability, experience, culture or background.

Lamda qualifications can transport the latest budding performer on a focussed journey to the entertainment industry but equally, Lamda can really benefit those requiring a simple confidence boost. Lamda is also proving popular for children with additional needs. However, qualifications are not exclusive for children. Literally, there is no age restrictions

# Catholic Life



## Foodbank

We continue to collect for our foodbank and for the rotary shoeboxes. I have been informed that we need to supply our own shoeboxes this year so if you have any spare then please do send them into school. Please let us know in confidence if you need to access a foodbank.



## Upcoming School/Parish/PTA Event- Get it in your diary.

The school and parish are coming together to organise an event on the weekend of the Christmas Fair in town. We will begin the event at school with a Lego breakfast from 10am-12 noon- it will be a bring your own breakfast snacks and some Lego and join in with some fun Lego challenges before heading into town to join in with our Crazy Days of Christmas Treasure Hunt. There will also be some colouring and other Christmas activities to get you into the festive spirit. Tea and coffee will be provided for donations for the parish building fund. If you don't have your own Lego, no problem, come along and we will have some spare Lego available! On that note, if you have any Lego that you no longer require and are willing to donate to the school then please do send it in. Please fill out the linked form if you would like to come along so that we have an idea of numbers.



Lego Breakfast 2nd December  
10am-12- St Francis Catholic  
Primary School

1. Family Name

Enter your answer

2. We will bring our own lego

The parish are also running the Wreath festival and we are accepting wreaths in school after half term with a £1 entry fee. The wreaths will be displayed in St John's over the weekend of the 2nd/3rd December so that you can go along and see them in situ. It would be wonderful if as many children as possible joined in with this event.

## School Office Notices

### **Please name EVERYTHING**

Please could we kindly remind you to make sure you name every piece of your child's school uniform and any items they bring in to school. This includes water bottles, school bags, lunchboxes, hats, coats, scarves, gloves and footwear.

When we find a named item that has been misplaced we can then return it.

### **Reading Club**

Our before school reading club with Miss Farmer continues to be popular. Please try to arrive for the start time of the club which is 8:15am.

## Local Events and News



# OCTOBER HALF TERM





# HOLIDAY CAMP

everyone  
ACTIVE

MELTON SPORTS VILLAGE, LE13 1DR

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

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Dear Parents/Carers

**The dates for the Year 5 & 6 Workshops this academic year are below. Each Workshop is from 4pm – 5pm. Please come to Reception on arrival.**

**2023/2024**

- English – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Science – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Modern Foreign Languages – Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- D&T – Weds 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Computing – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Performing Arts – Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March
- PE – Weds 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Maths – Weds 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Social Sciences – Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June

Please help us spread the word to any parents of children in Years 5 & 6 please give them this e-mail address or ask them to call the school to get booked on.

Yours faithfully

Aisling Marshall & Lindsay Wilce  
 Reception Team

Long Field Spencer Academy  
[help@longfield.leics.sch.uk](mailto:help@longfield.leics.sch.uk)

# Calendar



<b>October</b>	
Tuesday 10th October	SEND review meetings in school
Friday 13th October	NC class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Half Term Break	Monday 16th to Friday 20th October
Monday 23rd October	School opens to all pupils
Tuesday 24th- Thursday 26th October	Book Fair- Note new date

Friday 27th October	Y1/2 BB class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Tuesday 31st October	Family Breakfast- more details to follow
<b>November</b>	
Friday 3rd November	Mass in school at 9.30am
Friday 10th November	SO class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Friday 17th November	School Closed to Pupils- INSET DAY
Friday 24th November	EYFS class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
<b>December</b>	
Friday 1st December	Mass in School at 9.15am Menphys' Carol Service
Saturday and Sunday 2nd/3rd December	Parish Wreath Festival and other parish events- look out for more information.
Saturday 2nd December	Parish and School event- Lego breakfast- 10am- more details to follow.
Tuesday 5th Decemeber	School Disco straight after school
Friday 8th December	Y5/6 AS class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm

Thursday 14th December	Year ½ Nativity- 2pm
Friday 15th December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year ¾ Carol Concert
Thursday 21st December	Y5/6 Carols by Candlelight- TBC
Friday 22nd December	Last Day of Term- Christmas Jumper Day