



# ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th September

Dear parents/carers,

We are looking forward to our MacMillan Coffee Morning next week, led by the Y6 children. The classes will all be performing a song at some point in the morning and we hope that you will be able to join us and support an incredible charity- there is more information on the next page.

There are some super pictures of learning across the school this week and we also welcomed our lay chaplain, Lorley, back into school after the summer break. Lorley will be with us every two weeks and she will lead a retreat session with each class per half term as well as support with liturgies and our chaplaincy team.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Brown



A liturgy with Lorley

Our new class  
representatives for Pupil  
Parliament





# Calendar

Our calendar on our website has the major term events added. Please do use this to help you to plan ahead for future terms. We will be adding to this as events come up.

<https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk/parents/calendar/?r34icsym=202412>



On Friday 27th September 2024, Year 6 will be holding our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. We would be grateful for donations of cakes for the coffee morning. Cakes do not need to be homemade but cannot contain any nuts.

Please can all cake donations come into school on Thursday 26th September to aid us setting up in the hall for the coffee morning.

The event will take place in the school hall from 9:15am - 11am. However, if you are dropping off children then feel free to come in as you drop the children off through the main reception entrance to the school.

We will also be running a raffle stall - come along and try your luck! We would be grateful of any donations for raffle prizes and would welcome them into school any time before the 26th September.

This event is open to everyone so please bring friends and family to support. Over the course of the morning, we will also have some live performances on the stage from different classes in the school.

We look forward to seeing you.

# The Term Ahead

Week Beginning	
23rd Sept	<p>27th am- McMillan Coffee Morning in Hall from 9am- Y6 to host</p> <p>27th- Friday- Celebration Liturgy @2.45pm</p>
30th Sept	<p>1st-Tuesday- Chaplaincy Team retreat</p> <p>2nd-Weds-Y5/6 Leadership training (pm)</p> <p>4th- Friday- Celebration Liturgy @2.45pm</p>
7th October	<p>10th-Thursday- World Mental Health Day- activities in school</p> <p>Open Morning 9.30-11.30 for new parents</p> <p>11th-Friday- Celebration Liturgy @2.45pm</p>
14th October	<p>14th- Monday- PTA AGM 6PM- venue TBC</p> <p>15th-Tuesday- Y5/6 Girls' Football</p> <p>15th- Tuesday &amp; 16th- Wednesday- Parents' Evenings</p> <p>17th Open Morning 9.30-11.30 for new parents</p> <p>18th- Friday- No celebration liturgy</p> <p>Y3/4 Skateboarding (pm)</p>



# Catholic Life and Mission

## Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee



Our new charity representatives Daniel and Bupe will be collecting money from the mission boxes each week which we collect for Save the Children. Please send in any spare change.

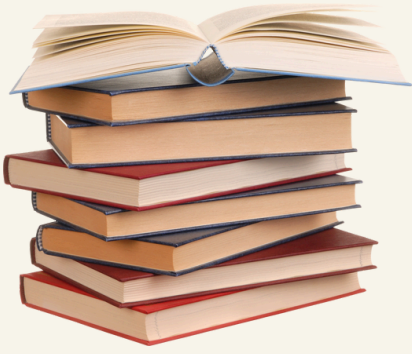




# Catholic Life and Mission

Our Mini Minds Ambassadors have already met and they are planning lots of ways to promote positive ways to support Mental Health and wellbeing in school.





# STAR READER

<b>Mrs Freckingham</b>	<b>Jude</b>
<b>Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley</b>	<b>Rory</b>
<b>Mr Morgan</b>	<b>Constance</b>
<b>Miss Hall</b>	<b>Carol</b>
<b>Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil</b>	<b>Ned</b>
<b>Mrs Cathcart</b>	<b>Dominic B</b>
<b>Mr Uttley</b>	<b>Mandisa</b>





# MISSION AWARD

Mrs Freckingham	Romy
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Oliver H
Mr Morgan	Remy
Miss Hall	Joshua
Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil	Piper
Mrs Cathcart	Dominic S
Mr Uttley	Oliver



# LUNCH AND READING CLUB



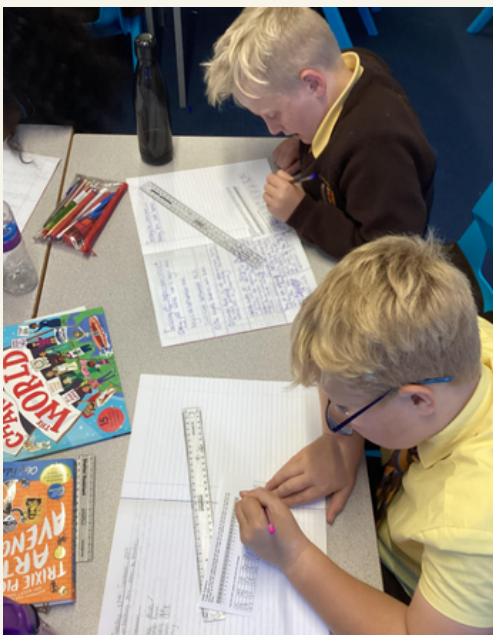
Jayden	Reading Club
Kaiden Sarjanah Demi Heath	Lunchtime

# Learning in pictures



**EYFS HAD THEIR FIRST CLASS CELEBRATION OF THE WORD AND LEARNT ABOUT HOW WE ARE ALL SPECIAL**

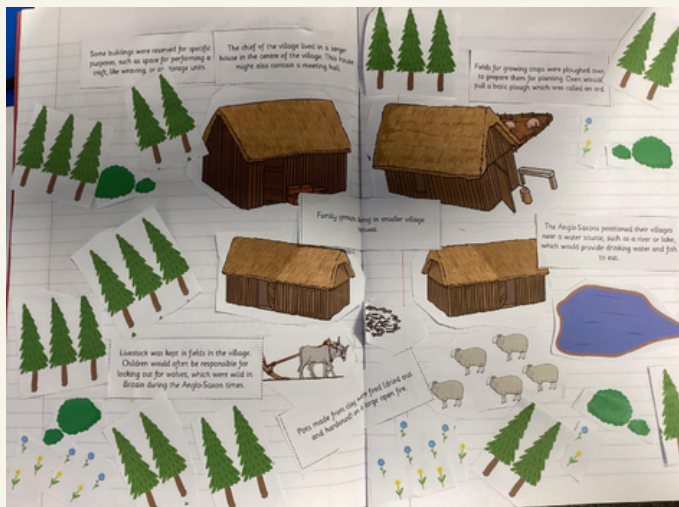
**YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT FAMOUS ARTIST VINCENT VAN GOGH, USING SHADING AND DIFFERENT MEDIA!**



**YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING BLETCHLEY PARK AND IT'S INVOLVEMENT DURING WW2 AND THE SIGNIFICANCE THAT CODEBREAKING HAD ON THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR. AFTER LEARNING ABOUT MAVIS BATEY, AN IMPORTANT WOMAN WHO HELPED TO BREAK GERMAN CODE, THEY HAD A GO AT BREAKING SOME CODES OURSELVES!**



# Learning in pictures



**YEAR 4 HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED CREATING AND LABELLING AN ANGLO SAXON SETTLEMENT VILLAGE IN HISTORY TODAY. SOME FANTASTIC VILLAGES CREATED, WELL DONE!**



**OUR NEW LIBRARIANS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO KEEPING THE LIBRARY A TIDY SPACE AND WILL HOPEFULLY COME UP WITH IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN TO READ MORE.**



# Community News



Don't forget to share your child's achievements outside of school. We love to hear about clubs, activities, special trips.

Izabella attended her aunties special birthday at the weekend and joined in with some Polish dancing. A Polish dance troupe came along and showcased some Polish dancing too!



A huge well done to our newly formed football team on a super match against Gaddesby on Thursday night as part of the Rice Bowl Tournament. The team won 2-1 and both teams played brilliantly.

# Notices From the School Office

## Fruit at Breaktime

Our children love to have a piece of fruit at breaktimes.

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or veg to every 4-6 year-old child - in KS1 (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2).

When our children from KS1 move into KS2 (Year 3 onwards) they often miss having this fruit offer at breaktimes.

Please feel free to send your child in with a piece of fruit to eat at breaktimes.



## School PTA AGM - Save the Date

The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 6pm - venue to be confirmed.

Come along to learn more about the PTA, how it serves the school and how you can help.

The AGM will include an annual review and the election of officers plus upcoming events, ideas and fundraising.

We are actively looking for new members and this is a great opportunity to get involved. Nominations for the key roles are also welcomed in advance or at the meeting.

Everyone is welcome.

Please contact the PTA team on [stfrancisschoolpta@outlook.com](mailto:stfrancisschoolpta@outlook.com) if you have any questions.

**PTA Team**





# OPEN EVENING

## WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024



## COME AND JOIN US

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to join us at our Open Evening on **Wednesday 9 October 2024 from 5.30 - 7.30pm**, where you will be able to experience our unique educational offer and have a guided tour of our outstanding facilities, including the new building. Staff and students will give you a flavour of College life and answer any questions you may have. Information will be available regarding extracurricular activities, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Electives, music and sport as well as classroom demonstrations in science and art. You will also have the opportunity to watch performances by our music and drama students. Our Principal, Stuart Williams, welcomes you to his presentation at 5.45pm and 6.45pm, along with our head students, there is no need to book for the presentation.

If you are unable to attend, we are offering tours with our prefects the week commencing Monday 14 October. Please email [office@catmosecollege.com](mailto:office@catmosecollege.com) if you would like to arrange this or if you have any questions. Further information can be found on our website, including the prospectus [www.catmosecollege.com/online-prospectus/](http://www.catmosecollege.com/online-prospectus/)

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# Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

*Cool Milk*

☎: 0800 321 3248

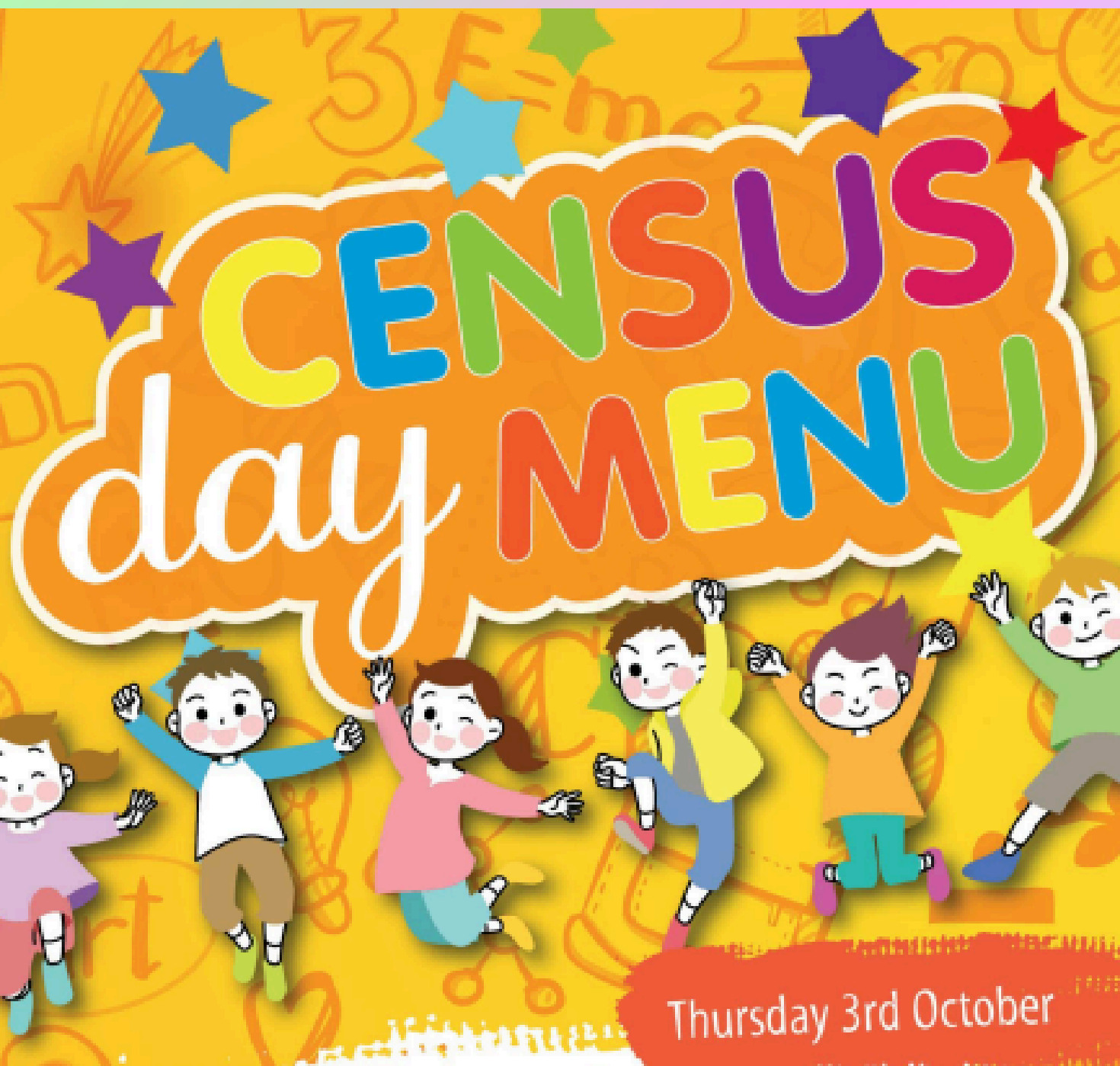
💻: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



SCAN TO REGISTER

\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.





Thursday 3rd October

## Main Course

**Chicken Nuggets & Tomato Ketchup**

**Quorn Dippers & Tomato Ketchup**

**(V, VG)**

**Served with Chips and Baked Beans  
&  
Mixed Salad**

## Dessert

**Vanilla Cup Cake  
Shortbread Biscuit  
(V, VG)**

**Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt  
available**

**Multi activity holiday club for  
Primary School children,  
Now including Reception**



## **October Half Term**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup>, Wed 30<sup>th</sup>, Thu 31<sup>st</sup>, Fri 1<sup>st</sup>

**£25 per day - 9am to 3pm**

Whissendine Holiday Club at Whissendine Sports  
Club, Whissendine, Rutland, LE15 7EU

[www.whissendineholidayclub.co.uk](http://www.whissendineholidayclub.co.uk)



### **Indoor and outdoor activities**

- Sports
- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Arts and Crafts
- Dodgeball
- Scavenger hunts
- Kite flying
- Drama
- Den building



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