



# ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th October

Dear parents/carers,

We had a super liturgy this week led by our Mini Minds leaders for Mental Health Awareness Day. Their leadership was exemplary and they shared some great ideas for how we can support one another linking to our school mission. Each class now has an 'ask it basket' where children can add their name on a post it if they want some time to talk to a trusted adult. The older children can also write down any anonymous concerns so that they can communicate whole school issues to adults. This was an idea from the Mini Minds and we will monitor how this works over the year.

I have received quite a few photos of parking which our parents and close residents consider to be irresponsible. I am afraid that whilst I continue to send out reminders I am limited in my control over these incidents. I urge you all to take responsibility for parking responsibly and if you do see parking that breaks the law (parking on zig zags/causing an obstruction) then please report this directly as well as letting me know. I will also share any images of illegal parking with our local PCSOs who I will ask to follow up. I am sorry to have to raise this again and thank you for your attention to this.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

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

Mrs Brown

*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>

# The Term Ahead

Week Beginning	
14th October	14th- Monday- PTA AGM 6PM- venue TBC 15th-Tuesday- Y5/6 Girls' Football 15th- Tuesday & 16th- Wednesday- Parents' Evenings 17th Open Morning 9.30-11.30 for new parents 18th- Friday- No celebration liturgy Y3/4 Skateboarding (pm)



# Catholic Life and Mission



We celebrated our St Francis Feast Day and Harvest Mass last week. Thank you to all of our visitors including parishioners and our sisters.



Father Tom blessed our statue of St Francis at our Harvest Mass and this week EYFS received the statue and the special book to read about the birth of St Francis. The class will record their learning and reflections in the book before the statue continues on its tour around our school next week.



# Catholic Life and Mission

Our wonderful Mini Minds leaders planning and delivering their Celebration of the word liturgy.



Each class now has an 'ask it basket' for children to share their worries.

**Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Partnership** **NHS**

## Hey, how are you feeling?...

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself well and feeling good, like:

- Getting a good night's sleep
- Doing something you enjoy like playing games
- Spending time with friends and family
- Exercising and eating well to look after your body
- Learning a new skill or taking on a challenge
- Helping other people
- Spending time outside in nature

**... I feel great! I am happy and healthy**

It's normal to feel this way. We all experience lots of emotions and these can change over time.

**... I'm okay, but I sometimes feel a bit worried or sad**

Try some of the things in the box above and talk to someone about how you're feeling. This could be your friends, a parent or carer - or a teacher or adult at school.

If you're struggling, it's important to speak to someone. People want to help you. If you need it, you or your parents or carer can support you to get professional help. A good place to start is by talking to a mental health and wellbeing lead or trusted adult at school, or your GP.

You can also find free and safe support on these websites:

- Kooth: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)
- Health for Teens: [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)

**... I am struggling and need some help**

**... I am so upset or overwhelmed that I need help now**

If you need to speak to someone urgently, you or a parent or carer can call the Mental Health Central Access Point on **0808 800 3302** or **NHS 111**. The lines are open 24/7.

If there is an immediate or life-threatening emergency, call **999** or attend **A&E**. People are there and ready to help you now.

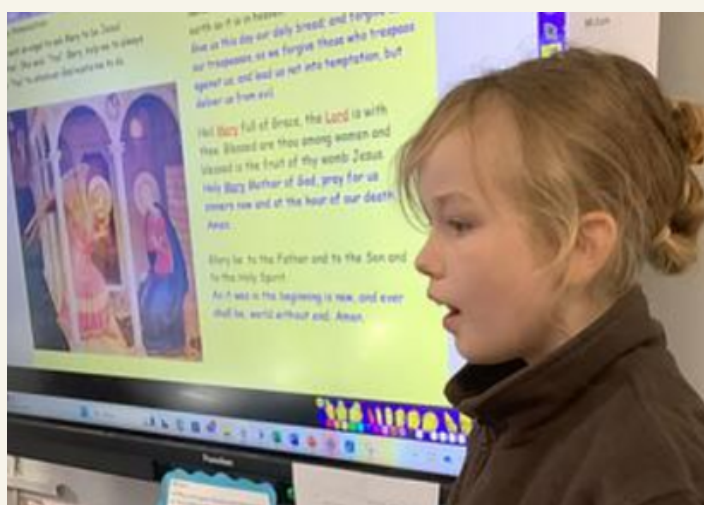
**For more advice about mental health support for young people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, scan the QR code.**

See the adjacent poster for local support for mental health and wellbeing.





# Catholic Life and Mission



This week our mission was to pray the Hail Mary. Our Y5 class were led in praying a decade of the rosary by two prayer leaders.



# STAR READER

<b>Mrs Freckingham</b>	<b>Alba</b>
<b>Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley</b>	<b>Master</b>
<b>Mr Morgan</b>	<b>Joey</b>
<b>Miss Hall</b>	<b>George</b>
<b>Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil</b>	<b>Orson</b>
<b>Mrs Cathcart</b>	<b>Igbinosa</b>
<b>Mr Uttley</b>	<b>Martyna</b>



# MISSION AWARD

Mrs Freckingham	Romeo
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Lochlan
Mr Morgan	Arianne
Miss Hall	Ava M
Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil	Giles
Mrs Cathcart	Demi
Mr Uttley	Violet



## LUNCH AND READING CLUB



Seth	Reading Club
Leo G Dotty Ella F Olivia H	Lunchtime

# Learning in pictures

EYFS HAD SOME GREAT  
MINDFUL ACTIVITIES WHICH  
ALSO INVITED THEM TO USE  
THEIR FINE MOTOR SKILLS  
AND CREATIVITY



YEAR 3/4



SOME GREAT USE OF NEW AND  
EXISTING ART SKILLS IN Y3/4 TO  
MAKE SOME ANGLO-SAXON POTS IN  
ART.

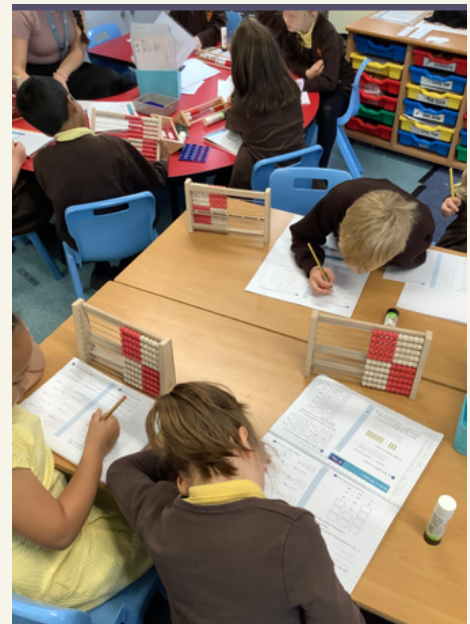


# Learning in pictures



**YEAR 1 HAVE ENJOYED  
ROLEPLAYING A BAPTISM AS  
PART OF THEIR WORK IN RE.**

**YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN USING  
EQUIPMENT TO HELP THEM  
WITH NUMBER SENTENCES  
AND THEIR NUMBER BONDS.**





# Notices From the School Office

## Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings take place next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please enter the school via reception and follow the signs to the classrooms where the Parents' Evenings are taking place.

We will send reminders out via email of your appointments but you can always get in touch with the school office if you have forgotten when your appointment is.

School Office

# School PTA AGM - Save the Date

The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 6pm at St Francis.

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

## Coats and Christmas Jumpers

As the weather gets colder we would like to ask for donations of warm winter coats to add to our school shop of pre-loved clothing available to buy at just £1 per item.

As we draw closer to Christmas we are also asking for any Christmas jumpers and clothing to add to the shop as well.

Please pop any donations of clean and good quality coats and Christmas Clothing into the school office.

PTA Team





## PTA News

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools)

PTA Team

# October Half Term Football Camps



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PER DAY**

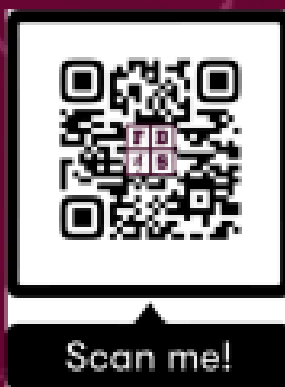
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everyone  
ACTIVE

# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

MELTON SPORTS VILLAGE

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October

**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS  
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YEARS**



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