



# ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We started the week with a poignant Remembrance liturgy led by Year 5. Thank you to the children for leading this so well. It was lovely to see so many children at the remembrance parade at the weekend too.

The heritage event in school was a great success and thank you to the families who came to see the wonderful stalls put on by families and staff- it really was a tremendous effort. The children really enjoyed the preparation and the event where they proudly showcased their different cultures.

We welcome all children to join in with the parish Christmas wreath competition. It costs £1 to enter and we will be providing prizes for all entrants and an extra special prize for any winners. Please bring any entries into school for the 30th November.

We were extremely sad to say farewell to Mrs Marzeta today- she has been an excellent teaching assistant and is continuing her career journey in a new school. We wish her all the very best and will miss her tremendously. Good luck!

We will soon be saying goodbye to Mrs Priestley as Mrs Byrne re-joins us after her maternity leave. We are very much looking forward to Mrs Byrne being back.

Have a wonderful

## *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 18th Nov	Thursday 21st November- 9.15am- Adoration in the hall- parents welcome Friday 22nd Nov- Mass at Chapel- Y3 to attend- start time 10am. Celebration Liturgy- 2.45pm
Week Beginning 25th Nov	Bring Christmas wreaths in this week Friday 29th Nov- Trust INSET Day- school closed to all pupils
Week Beginning 2nd Dec	Wednesday 4th December- School Disco Thursday 5th December- Advent Mass Friday 6th December- Celebration Liturgy-2.45pm Menphys Carol Concert- evening
Week Beginning 9th Dec	Monday 9th December- Flu Vaccinations Tuesday 10th December- EYFS Nativity 2pm Wednesday 11th December- KS1 Nativity 2pm Thursday 12th December- Carols by Candlelight at Baptist church after school - time TBC
Week Beginning 16th Dec	Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Dinner Day- dress up/own clothes Friday 20th December- Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term.



# Catholic Life and Mission



## Annual Parish Wreath Festival

Each year the parish runs a wreath festival and invites our pupils to get involved.

If you would like to enter a wreath into the competition then bring your creation into school before the 30th November.

The Amazing CHRISTMAS WREATH FESTIVAL 7/8 DECEMBER Did you know wreaths are an important Christian symbol? On the Victorian Christmas weekend, our town is full of visitors from far afield. Our unique wreath festival gives us a chance to welcome hundreds of visitors and give them information about Christianity. It's also great fun to take part in the competition and this year we want to make it better than ever before. It's our church and this is something we should all be proud of. We'd like you all to make a wreath, and there will be a display in the church porch showing you how to do this using simple household items like clothes pegs and buttons. Be inventive!

We've had wreaths as small as 2 cm, and even a bicycle wheel and a toilet seat. There are four categories in the competition, each with three prizes: adults, children under 11, children 11 to 16, businesses or groups. It's just £2 to enter for adults and £1 for children. Entries to be in by 30 November. Don't be shy, give it a try.



# STAR WRITER

<b>Mrs Freckingham</b>	<b>Dominic</b>
<b>Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley</b>	<b>Kenneth</b>
<b>Mr Morgan</b>	<b>Layla</b>
<b>Miss Hall</b>	<b>Antonio</b>
<b>Mr Sim</b>	<b>Giles</b>
<b>Mrs Cathcart</b>	<b>Oliver</b>
<b>Mr Uttley</b>	<b>Elsbeth</b>



# MISSION AWARD

Mrs Freckingham	Aiden
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Cody
Mr Morgan	Albert
Miss Hall	Roxy
Mr Sim	Scarlett
Mrs Cathcart	Leo
Mr Uttley	Wojech

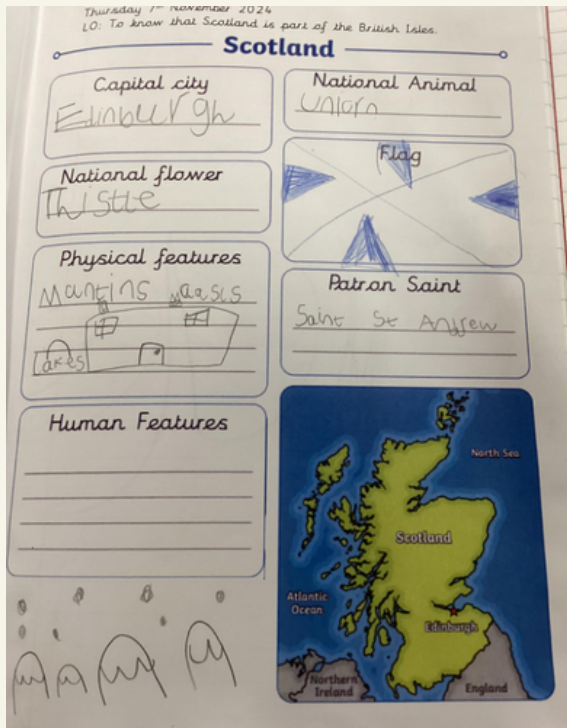


## LUNCH AND READING CLUB



William W	Reading Club
Blake Ned Pola	Lunchtime

# Learning in pictures



## Year 1

Year 1 have started learning all about the British Isles.

This week they focused on Scotland. They discovered lots of facts about Scotland, and the children enjoyed drawing the Scottish flag whilst listening to bagpipes playing.



## EYFS

We continue our light and dark topic in Science. This week the children have been experimenting with light and dark to make shadows. They have used their cutting skills to make their own and used their imagination and communication skills to put on a show.



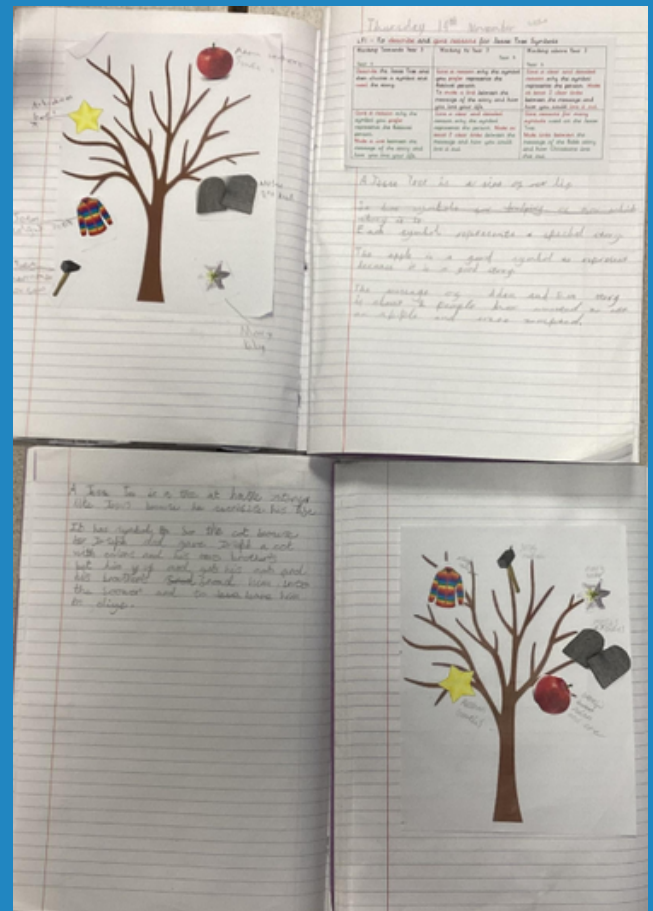
# Learning in pictures

Year 3

In Geography, we were exploring different counties in the United Kingdom. We also learnt about grid co-ordinates on maps!



Year 4 have been looking at the Jesse tree and learning what some of the symbols that are put on the tree mean.



# Learning in pictures

## Year 6

Year 6 have been In music the children have been progressing well with their brass instruments. They have learnt some key notes and are now progressing into a melody.(they is footage if you can use?)



In maths we have been learning about all the different ways of calculating with fractions. In our final week we have been learning about the KFC (keep, flip, change) method for dividing . We then started looking at fraction problems, dare I say it - they have really enjoyed fraction work!



## Year 2

In our DT lesson this week, we put into practice all we learned about stability to try and make a prototype chair for baby bear. We will use our prototypes next week to test for strength and stability





# **It's Getting Colder! Brrrrrrrr!**

Please remember send your child into school with a warm, named coat they can wear at breaktimes and dinner times. If you send them in with a hat, scarf and gloves please remember to name these as well.



## **Water Bottles**

Drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health and contribute to well-being.

Please send your child to school with water in a named water bottle. Please do not send them in with squash or other flavoured drinks

## **Foreseen Absences**

If you know your child is going to be off school in advance for an appointment etc or to take them out of school for a specific reason, there is a Foreseen Absence form you will need to fill out and these can be collected from the school office. Once completed, hand into the school office or your child's teacher.

## **Fruit at Breaktimes**

Our children love to eat a piece of fruit at breaktimes and if we have any spare fruit left over from our free fruit for KS1 scheme we do offer it to children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).

However, we have not had a lot of spare fruit this academic year and some children in KS2 get disappointed if they do not have a piece of fruit to eat at breaktimes.

So, please feel free to send your child in with a piece of fruit they can munch on at breaktimes.

Mrs Culley  
School Office



# Boots Pharmacy - Asfordby

The Boots Pharmacy in Asfordby is now offering the Pharmacy First Service for the 7 most common ailments.



Providing NHS services

We can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**  
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**  
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**  
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask us for more information  
about this free\* NHS service

Visit your  
**Pharmacy First!**



\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

# REMINDER

## Annual Flu Vaccination Scheme

All children from reception to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccination in school as part of the national vaccination programme.

Children will only receive the vaccination if you have registered and given permission.

The vaccination is given **nasally** unless you wish your child to have the vaccination via an injection into their upper arm.

The quickest way to register is by using the QR code which we have attached quoting our school code:

**LE146180**

Please contact the school office with any queries and we will do our best to answer them.

**Mrs Culley**  
**School Office**



**TREVONNE PRODUCTIONS**

**Proudly present**

# RAPUNZEL



**A hair-larious pantomime adventure**

**Saturday November 30th -  
Saturday December 7th**

**At Melton Theatre**

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

**Tickets on sale - Theatre box office  
01664 850850 [www.meltontheatre.co.uk](http://www.meltontheatre.co.uk)**

**Group bookings available  
Tickets start at £13.00**







**Rotary**  
in Melton Mowbray



# **Santa Fun Run** (or walk!)

**15th December 2024, 11am  
Melton Country Park  
2 routes: 5km or 1 mile**

**Raise money for Rotary or  
for your own Charity, Club or School**

Entry: Adults £10, children 5-12 £5, under 5s free  
Free Santa Suits for all paying entrants  
Medals for all at the finish

**Best dressed Christmas Dog competition**

**Funds raised by entrants are distributed to their  
elected charities and good causes.**

For more information and to enter  
[www.meltonsantafunrun.co.uk](http://www.meltonsantafunrun.co.uk)



Or follow us on Facebook and Twitter

**Rotary**  
in Melton Mowbray



**Rotary helping  
our local community**

All money raised from entry fees goes to good causes supported by The Rotary Club of Melton  
Mowbray Trust Fund, Charity Commission registered number 1016947



# Mental Elf 2024

Festive Fun Run



**Sunday 1st December 2024**

**Victoria Park, Leicester**

Put on your elf ears and join us to  
raise funds and awareness for  
better mental health.



Book your tickets



Charity no: 1204524

 **Mind**  
Leicester,  
Leicestershire  
and Rutland





## 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

**Christmas is Coming.....**

# Merry Christmas

**Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup> December**

## Main Course

**Fresh Roast Turkey**

**Bacon & Sausage Roll**

**Sage & Onion Stuffing**

**Gravy**

**Roast Quorn Fillet (v, vg)  
with Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Gravy**

**All served with Roast Potatoes, Creamed  
Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Sprouts**

## Dessert

**Christmas Cookie (v, vg)**

**Homemade Chocolate  
Brownie**

**Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt  
available**