



ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Just a reminder that the school is closed to pupils next Friday 29th November for a Trust INSET day.

We are looking forward to receiving wreaths in for the parish wreath festival which takes place on the Christmas light switch on weekend, the 7th/8th of December.

I have published some of the photos from the heritage event last week- it was a wonderful occasion and we hope to host something similar very soon.

A huge thank you to the PTA who are fully funding a trip to the cinema for children in Year 1-6 to watch a Christmas film. More information will be shared in due course but we are grateful for this opportunity. The EYFS children will enjoy a film afternoon in the school hall on the big screen- this a little more relaxed for them and gives the chance for movement breaks. We hope to make this an bi-annual trip so they will have the chance to experience this in the future. The PTA are also funding some new benches and £200 towards each class to have a school trip this academic year. If you are not already involved in the PTA, please do respond to their calls for help and involvement as the money they raise helps us to fund lots of extras for the school. community.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Brown and Mr Sim

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 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 Friday 13th December - KS1 cinema trip
Week Beginning 16th Dec	Tuesday 17th December - KS2 cinema trip 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



Sr Dorothy Paul led us in a beautiful adoration of the blessed sacrament on Thursday- it was such a touching moment. Many children commented how calm and peaceful it felt and how they enjoyed this time to reflect and be still in the presence of Jesus. This was such a wonderful moment this week.

Eucharistic Adoration is simply about spending time in the presence of Jesus. We believe that the Eucharist, the communion bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Mass, becomes Jesus Christ, truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the form of the Eucharist, we can pray before Jesus, truly present before us.





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.



Heritage Evening





STAR WRITER

Mrs Freckingham	Ollie
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Lucas
Mr Morgan	Maizie
Miss Hall	George
Mr Sim	Filip
Mrs Cathcart	Alexa
Mr Uttley	Blake



MISSION AWARD

Mrs Freckingham	Theia
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Imwenosa
Mr Morgan	Heath
Miss Hall	Karol
Mr Sim	Jayden
Mrs Cathcart	Micky
Mr Uttley	Antonia



LUNCH AND READING CLUB



Alba	Reading Club
Paulina Oleksii Emery	Lunchtime

Learning in pictures



EYFS

EYFS made the most of the snowy inspiration earlier this week and created some collages.

Year 5 and 6

This week in Science we have been learning about the orbits of the planets and satellites. We learned that everything is kept in orbit by the force of gravity and made a model of the Earth, Sun and Moon to help us understand their orbits.

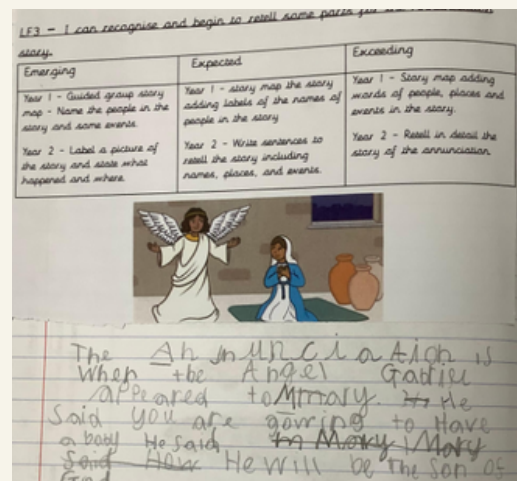


Learning in pictures



This week in Computing, Year 1 explored what an event is in computing, and how pressing a button programmes an event to happen. They pressed a 'button' and children had to do a different movement depending on which button was pressed - like being a character in a game!

In our RE lessons this week Year 2 have been looking at the meaning of Advent, and what the Advent wreath represents. We have also learnt about the Annunciation and we had a go at retelling what happened.

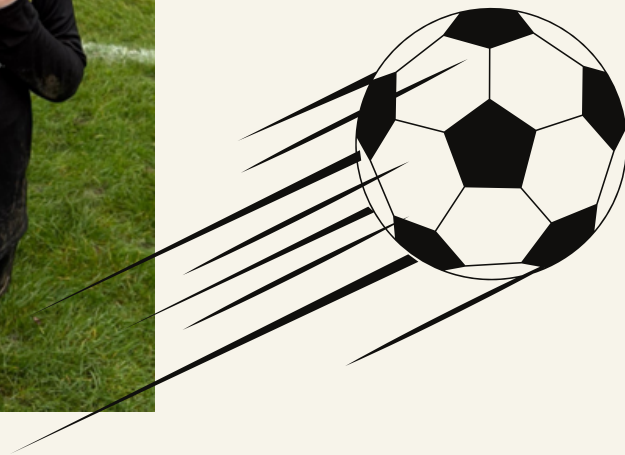


This week in maths Year 4 have been learning and practicing some of our times tables. Ask us about our trick to learn the 9x tables!

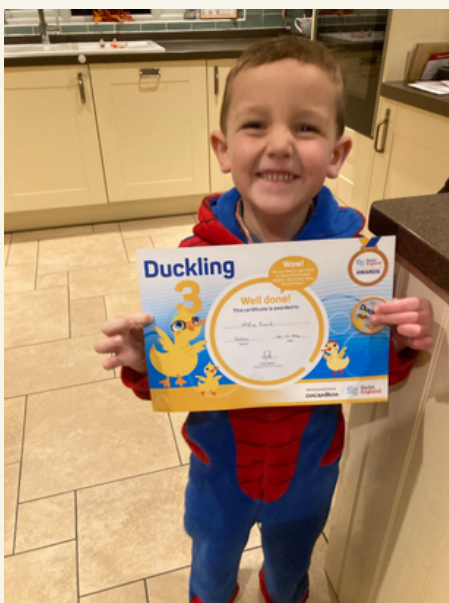
Year 3 have been practising their songs for the Christmas carol concert.



community news



Jack is goalie for Melton Foxes and although they lost their match against a higher league team, they played so well and Jack got parents player of the match for his amazing goal saves! Well done Jack!



Alfie has been working really hard at swimming & achieved a swimming badge & certificate this week- super!

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.



School Disco



PTA Christmas Disco - Wednesday 4th December

Get ready to boogie into the festive period with our Christmas Disco!

Tickets are £4 each – please pay for them through Arbor before Friday 29th November - look in the Clubs section.

DJ Steve will be playing all your favourite pop and Christmas songs from 3:15pm-5:00pm. Children go straight to the disco at the end of the school day so they will need to bring in their disco clothes at the beginning of the school day.

As always there will be a chance to purchase glow sticks, tattoos and there will be a fully stocked tuck shop! There will also be unlimited squash and water included.

If any children have severe allergies we kindly ask that parents chaperone them at the disco by prior arrangement with the school office.

If you think you can spare some time to help the PTA we are always looking for parent helpers – please leave a contact name and number with the office.

The PTA Team



**4th
DEC**

**3:15-
5:00PM**

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO

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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





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50%

Post-pandemic, the number of **children needing professional mental health support** has increased by more than 50%

1.49M pupils with SEN in 2022 following an increase over the past five years.



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Christmas is Coming.....

Merry Christmas

**Wednesday
18th 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**

The Snowman

Film Screening with live music by The Enderby Band
followed by the chance to sing some of your
favourite Christmas Carols



Sunday 22 December 2024 at 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm
Melton Theatre, Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 OHJ

Book Your Tickets Now Via Melton Theatre
<https://meltontheatre-tickets.ticketsolve.com>
Adults £11.00 Under 16's £7.00



Leicestershire Young Farmers Clubs present...



DRIVE IN LIVING NATIVITY

Sunday 15th December 2024
Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY
4.30pm and 6.30pm



Listen to the Christmas story, from the comfort of your car, and
watch the nativity scene appear before your eyes with real
people, animals and farm machinery

For tickets visit tinyurl.com/drive-in-nativity24
or use this QR code, suggested donation £10 per car



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CHRISTMAS 2024 FOOTBALL CAMPS



**Only £12
per day**

**Hinckley @ Hinckley Rugby Club
23rd December**

**Leicester @ Judgemeadow Community College:
2nd & 3rd January**

**Kettering @ Buccleuch Academy:
2nd & 3rd January**

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23rd December**

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