



### COMING UP

<b>Mon 16th</b>	I Rock performance 2.30pm	Sky Dance Club
<b>Tues 17th</b>	Y5/6 Cinema Trip	Crochet Club
<b>Wed 18th</b>	Christmas Dinner Day party/own clothes 1.30pm Musical Theatre performance	Musical Theatre Club
<b>Thurs 19th</b>		Christmas Crafting Club
<b>Fri 20th</b>	Christmas Jumpers/non-uniform	



### NOTICES

A reminder that the front of the school is not to be used as a pull in between 8.15 and the start of the school day, or directly after the end of the school day until 3.45pm. This is part of our strategy to keep pedestrians and vehicles separate.

The Sisters have kindly given permission for parents dropping off at reading club to park in the Chapel car park. Please note, the Chapel car park is not to be used at other times. Thank you for your support with this.

The entrance to the school for pupils, is at the Blyth Avenue entrance, apart from on rare occasions when they are late or leave early during the school day.

Dear families,

A huge well done to the Menphys choir on a super performance last Friday. Huge thanks to Mrs Byrne and Mrs Freckingham for supporting them so well. It was great to join with Bishop Ellis school and English Martyrs once again.

We have had some lovely feedback from our involvement in parish events. Well done to the singers who sang carols in the parish last weekend and to the children who sang for The Silver Circle. We received a lovely card of thanks (pictured below).

Finally, congratulations to all of the children on their performances in the nativities and Carol Service- what a wonderful week. We are all feeling very festive and almost ready for the break!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Brown





Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week



Mission	Writer	Lunchtime
All of EYFS	Dylan	Antonio
All of Y1	Leon	Lena
All of Y2	Remy	Master
Liam	Joseph	Reading
		Ethan
Elsie	Demi	
Violet	Elspeth	



The week has been filled with activity - from visiting the Christmas trees, taking part in nativities and carols, to exploring and debating international trade in Year 5 and the Lunar phases in Y6!

# DATES

- Monday 16th Dec- 2.30pm I Rock performance- parents invited
- Tuesday 17th Dec- KS2 Cinema Trip
- Wednesday 18th Dec- Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas dress up
- Wednesday 18th- 1.30pm Musical Theatre Performance- parents invited
- Friday 20th December-Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term
- Monday 6th January- School Opens
- Monday 6th January 9.15am Mass for Feast of the Epiphany

**THEME FOR NEXT WEEK**

VIRTUE *Joy*  
*Faith*

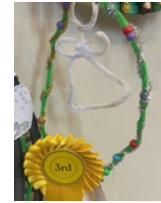
**MISSION**

Don't forget to share your pictures of using the virtual travelling crib liturgy. Here is a great picture from Elsie and Sophie.




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Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#).

# PARISH NEWS



The parish were thrilled with the involvement from the children in the parish wreath festival and as mentioned, they loved the children visiting them to sing on Saturday in the church. There are a couple of events over the next few weeks which they warmly invite families to join:

Carol Concert 15th December 3pm at St John's: Via readings and carols the Christmas story from the garden of Eden to the Magi is told. A number of the readers will be young people who are ex St Francis Students so hopefully St Francis families can come along and support them.

Christingle Service Sunday 22nd December 10.30 Mass at the Convent Chapel: Any children who would like to make a Christingle and bring it along to the service would be very welcome. We will ask Fr Tom to bless the Christingles at the start of Mass. Please feel free to come in Nativity dress if you wish.

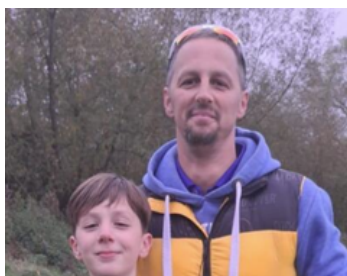
## COMMUNITY NEWS



We have some lovely news this week. Congratulations to Eli on his Christening at the Anglican church in Burton Lazars. Also, Ella finished third in her Christmas Gymnastic Competition 2024 U9 Premium group at Hinkley Gymnastic Club. Mahi in Y6 attends Performing Stars and enjoys all the theatre productions. She loves dancing and performing. She recently auditioned for the part of Dandy Dan for the musical Bugsy Malone which shows in July 2025. Joseph, Isaac and Jude were Joseph, Isaac, Jude and Shiloh had their first grading this weekend and got their red belts in Jiu Jitsu. Christopher was keen to share that he served on the altar for the first time in the parish this weekend- a special thank you goes out to St Thomas More for training him. Well done to all of the children on their achievements.

## SPECIAL MENTION

My name is Jack, I am 10 years old and I'm completing the Swim 10k Challenge, with my mum, throughout November. My Dad was diagnosed with Bone Cancer a year ago and rang his Chemo bell earlier this year. We are all really proud of him. He has just found out that the cancer has now travelled to lungs and is fighting everything all over again. I have decided to do this, to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page. I hope this helps people find a better cure sooner.



A huge well done to Jack on his fundraising efforts. You are doing a wonderful thing and we are all praying and thinking of your dad as he goes through his treatment.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/marys-giving-page-1259>

## FAMILY PRAYER

God of joy,  
remind me to rejoice.  
Wrapped up in my Christmas  
gifts,  
tied down in my debts,  
I have forgotten.  
God of peace,  
remind me of your calm.  
In my anxiety  
and in my haste,  
I have forgotten.  
God of all,  
remind me  
of the true light of Christmas,  
of your gift shared.





## Poppy Appeal 2024

Well done to everyone at St Francis. We collected:

**£225.15**

In total Melton Mowbray raised:

**£23,891.75p**

### Daily Reading Club

Please could we remind our children that reading club starts at 8:15am.

Miss Farmer



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Did your child really enjoy their experience performing in the school nativity or Christmas production? Have they shown a spark for performing? Do you want to help them grow in confidence?

Why don't you book a 2 week free trial at Performing stars for January 2025! We offer a range of classes from stage school and musical theatre to ballet and street dance. In January we are also launching a Circus skills class! So there really is something for everyone.

We only have qualified, DBS checked teachers working for us, who are all passionate about giving each child the best training and experience possible. Their passion and care really shine through and is what makes PSA so special. We also teach from our very own wonderful studios which means your children are safe in our care.

Drop us an email today - [info@performingstars.co.uk](mailto:info@performingstars.co.uk) or call Suzanne on 07947092875 to discuss what classes would be best for your child to try.



# 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

**Dessert**

- Christmas Cookie (v, vg)
- Homemade Chocolate Brownie
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt available

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

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