



SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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THE WEEK AHEAD - THEME: SACRIFICE VIRTUE: SERVICE

Mon	Colour Dash Assembly	Eco Club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Handball Club - Years 4, 5 & 6 Non-Bake Cookery Club - KS1
Tues		Multi-Sports - EYFS, Years 1, 2 & 3 Chess Club - 3, 4, 5 & 6
Weds	Class Photos	Multi Sports - Years 4, 5 & 6
Thurs		American Flag Football - Years 5 & 6
Fri	Y5 to attend the chapel for Mass @9.55am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy	

Dear families,

The sad news of Little Stars' and Super Stars' closure at St Francis was shared yesterday. We are working to put in place wraparound care based in school. Thank you for your patience as we make the arrangements for the provision from the new academic year. We will share this as soon as possible and we are excited about the opportunities this new chapter provides.

English Martyrs' in Oakham have successfully appointed a substantive Headteacher for the new academic year. I will return to St Francis as full time Headteacher and will continue to be supported by Mrs Byrne and Mr Sim as Assistant Heads. I want to thank both Mrs Byrne and Mr Sim for their strong leadership and commitment and we look forward to continuing our journey, building on the strong links that we have made with the English Martyrs' community.

It has been a poignant week as we conclude our Lent term. The Easter play was wonderful and I would like to thank the children and team for a wonderful retelling of 'The Three Trees'. We also celebrated Mass in school and had a beautiful Veneration of the Cross on Thursday.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the Pentecost term.

Mrs Brown
and the St Francis team.



Congratulations to all
the children who have
received awards this
week



DATES

Mission	Writer	Lunchtime
Grace G	Theia	Arthur F
Cody	Bodyn	Orla
Layla	Nora	
Dotty	Finley	
Oleksii	Jack	Reading Club
Maksymilian	Darsh	
Maciej	Violet	

Week Beginning 28th April

28th- School opens for all pupils
30th- Group Photos, Hardy's
2nd- Y5 go to Mass at Chapel 9.55am

Week Beginning 5th May

5th- Bank Holiday Monday
9th Y4 to attend chapel @9.55a

Week Beginning 12th May

SATs Week
14th- Easter Mass @2pm
16th Y3 to attend chapel @9.55am

Week Beginning 19th May

22nd- Reconciliation for FHC children
@1.30pm
23rd Y2 to attend chapel @9.55am

Half Term 26th-30th May

12th June- Pilgrimage Walk
16th-18th- Y6 trip to Briars
21st June- First Holy Communion
25th June- Day of Many Colours
2nd July- Sports' Day- pm
9th July- Leavers' Mass

THEME FOR NEXT WEEK

MERCY

VIRTUE

Faith



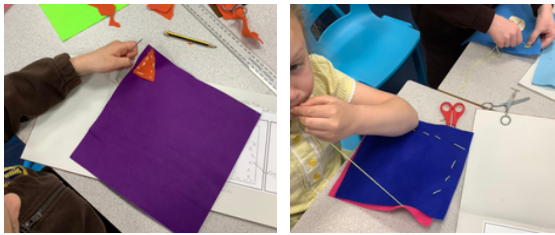
MISSION

The children have written some beautiful
prayers and poems for our visiting pilgrims.
Thank you for your support with this and all of
our missions this term.



Parish of St John the
Baptist
Keep up to date with the
Parish news [here](#).

LEARNING AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a super productive D & T day where they made some cushions using their sewing skills of applique, running stitch and cross stitch. Well done. The finished products look super. Some children in the Y3 class also led a beautiful Celebration of the Word on the theme of journey, focussing on the Stations of the Cross.



Around the school there has been some super Science, DT and RE work. The Y2 class have been making their puppets of characters from the Easter story in DT as well as retelling the story using plasticine to make models of the key parts of the story. Year 5 also led a beautiful Celebration of the Word on the theme of journey- they used our grounds to make a journey to the outdoor prayer area. In Y6, children have been identifying the male and female reproductive parts in plants and learning about pollination.



CATHOLIC LIFE

PRAYER

HOUSEPOINTS



The Eco team have created some great Wall Art with the help of Mr Partington. They found items from around the school, including scrap wood and moss. This is a beautiful piece of work that reminds us of the beauty of our world. 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11

MESSAGE FROM LITTLE STARS AND SUPER STARS

Dear parents,

As we move toward the summer term, we wish to share with you, information about up-coming changes at our St Francis setting.

I am writing to inform you that Little Stars (LS Education) and St Francis School have mutually decided that Superstars Out of school provisions will from the Autumn Term 2025 be provided by the school and Little Stars Nursery School will no longer be operating within the school.

You may have seen recent government changes supporting the increase in School based Nurseries and Out of school facilities. Due to our rising costs as a private business, the increase in Minimum wages, rental and bills, sadly our setting will not be viable without large increase for parents which we feel is unfair. These impact factors mean it is quite simply, better placed for the school itself to offer the wrap around care. We will make sure any handover is done as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

We have had a magical 9 years based within the grounds of St Francis and have seen numbers of children in the 100's over this time period develop and carry on their journey into main stream education.

It has been an exciting journey and a privilege to be part of what we achieved.

The staff based at Little Stars Nursery School and Superstars have all been informed of this decision and will support parents with any questions you may have going forward. In the immediate future, please don't harbour any worries or questions, feel free to ask our team based at St Francis about the exciting new changes.

If you would like to explore the possibility of a space at our PERA site which offers term time and full time early years childcare spaces from 6 weeks to 4 years, please make contact with Laura as soon as possible on Directors@Littlestarseducation.co.uk.

Little Stars Nursery School will close on Wednesday 2nd July 2025.

Superstars will continue to run until the last day of the School Term Friday 11th July 2025.

With Kindest Regards

Laura Sanders

Director

thank
★ you ★

A huge thank you to Laura and the team for their partnership and hard work. Laura and her team have impacted so many of our children (including my own from nursery age and through Super Stars!) and we are always blown away by the level of care and love they show consistently. We are looking forward to our final term of working together.



Easter Church Services

Saturday 12.4.20 Vigil Mass	St John's	6pm Mass
Sunday 13.4.2025	St John's	9am Mass
PALM SUNDAY	Convent	10.30am Mass
	St John's	4pm to 5pm RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Monday 14.4.25	Convent	10am Mass
OF HOLY WEEK		
Tuesday 15.4.25	St John's	10am Mass
OF HOLY WEEK		(Refreshments after Mass)
Wednesday 16.4.25		NO MASS IN MELTON
OF HOLY WEEK	Cathedral	11.30 am Mass of Chrism in St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
Thursday 17.4.25 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Convent	7pm Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 18.4.25	St John's	10am Stations of the Cross
GOOD FRIDAY	Market Sq.	12.00 Ecumenical service in Market Square
	St John's	3pm LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	St John's	7pm Stations of the Cross and Veneration <i>Holy Places of Palestine Collection</i>
Saturday Morning 19.4.25 HOLY SATURDAY	St John's	NO MASS Confessions 10:30-12:00
Saturday VIGIL MASS 19.4.25	St John's	Confessions 5.30 – 6.30 7pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 20.4.2025	St John's	9am Mass
EASTER SUNDAY	Convent	10.30am Mass



One of our pupils used his school virtue of confidence as he did a Bible reading in the church where both his parents are pastors. This is a great achievement. Well done indeed!



Our parish church is undergoing building works and the progress has been rapid. The new addition of a hall will make a big difference.



For more information about the project visit <https://www.meltoncatholics.com/project/project-updates/project-update-3>

CHAPLAINCY TRIP TO RATCLIFFE COLLEGE



A group of children from KS2 visited the prep school at Ratcliffe college to join in with walking the Stations of the Cross, making Easter gardens and then preparing and delivering a Celebration of the Word in the chapel. They loved making new friends and sharing this special time together.



Our Summer Menu

Easter Events

Lots of lovely events coming up.

Lunch Time Menu

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Menus are planned and comply with the current Government School Food Standards, we endeavour to serve food specified on this menu, however there are some circumstances when this is not possible. Orders may change without prior notice. Please check your school's website for full details or contact the school office regarding the menu being offered at your specific school.

ASSORTED Breads

by our school chefs

FRESH Fruit
and **Yogurt**

Mixed **Salads**

selection



BELVOIR CRICKET & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

2025 Easter Holiday Sports Camp

At Belvoir Cricket Club,
Knipton, NG32 1RE

Costs

£30 per day
£100 for 4 days

Children aged 6-12

Activities include:

- Archery
- Cricket skills
- Orienteering
- Tri Golf
- Basketball
- Short Tennis
- Hockey
- Dodgeball
- Rounders
- Base hide & seek

Dates

Mon 14th April
Tues 15th April
Wed 16th April
Thurs 17th April
Tue 22nd April
Wed 23rd April

Drop off from 8:45
Pick up at 3

Interested?

Contact Neil for a booking form or further information
neil@bcctrust.org.uk
07436 263837

Don't forget to bring: a packed lunch, water bottle, wet weather gear/spare clothes in case of wet weather!

Places are strictly limited book now to avoid missing out!



The Wind in the Willows
Outdoor Theatre Performance
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE @ 3PM
@ Stathern Lodge, Canal Lane, LE14 4EX

In aid of
Dove
DOVE COTTAGE
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Early bird tickets available until 31st March
Family (2A & 2C) £25 Adult £10
Child (5-17yrs) £5 Under 5's **FREE**

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Our Development Centre in Uppingham runs every Thursday for age groups U7 to U13. Weekly sessions to run alongside your grassroots clubs with extra games. All coaches FA qualified.

AGE GROUPS AND TIMES
 U7 to U9 - 18:00 to 19:00
 U10 to U13 - 19:00 to 20:00

Uppingham Community College
 London Road Uppingham LE15 9TJ

mark.angel@theposh.com

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Goals

- To develop young people of value as well as players
- Follow full PUFC academy syllabus of training
- Give players more ball time each week with additional games
- Create pathway into PUFC academy teams

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