



SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



16th January 2025

COMING UP

Mon 20th	Pupil Parliament visit to Wilton Court Y6 Bikeability	Sky Dance Club
Tues 21st	EYFS will have balance bike sessions. Y6 Bikeability	Chess Club KS2 Multi Sports Club EYFS, Y1, Y2 & 3
Wed 22nd		Multi Sports Club Y4, Y5 & Y6
Thurs 23rd		American Flag Football Y5 & Y6
Fri 24th	Parish Mass- Y4 and Y5 attend Non Uniform Day	

NOTICES

- Please ensure all children's clothing is labelled clearly to minimise losses.
- We have had some photos of dangerous and illegal parking sent to us. Please ensure that you do not park on the zig zag lines- thank you for your consideration.
- Visit our curriculum pages on our website for more information about the learning in each subject.

Dear families,

It was lovely to celebrate the start of the journey for our First Holy Communion children on Sunday in the parish. Please keep the children in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

EYFS had their first balance bike session this week and thoroughly enjoyed it- what a great skill to build their confidence, co-ordination and lay the foundations for Bike ability in Y6.

We are looking forward to some activities in class next week as we build up to our Trust feast day on 28th January.

Have a super weekend, Mrs Brown and the St Francis Team



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week

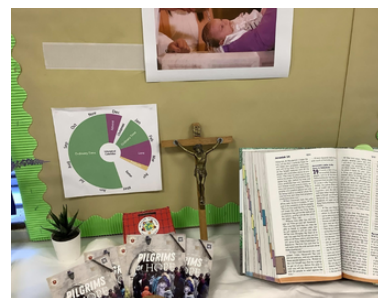
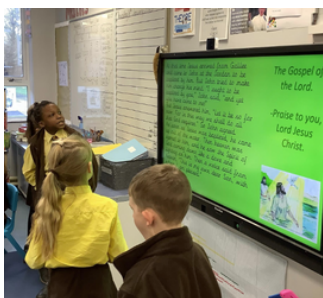


Mission	Reader	Lunchtime
Dominic	Riva	
Easton	Oliver H	
Ofure	Seth	
Evie-Mae	Ava C	
Christopher	Isabelle	
Henry	Igbiosa	
Paulina	Ava C	

DATES

- Tuesday 28th January- St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Mass
- Wednesday 29th January- Heights and Weights - EYFS and Y6
- Friday 31st January- Parish Mass- Y3 to attend @Convent Chapel- all welcome- 9:55am
- Week Beginning 3rd February- Children's Mental Health Week- Activities at lunchtimes.
- Friday 7th February- Y2 to attend Mass @Convent Chapel
- Friday 14th February- Y1 to attend Mass @ Convent Chapel

CATHOLIC LIFE



Year 3 led a beautiful liturgy on our theme Baptism. The rest of the class wrote down words that reached them whilst listening to the Word.



Lorley, our lay chaplain, came and led retreat sessions with some of our classes this week- the theme was the Jubilee Year of Hope.

THEME FOR NEXT WEEK

VIRTUE

Discipleship
Service



MISSION

Our mission this week is to write a school prayer- we will use the children's ideas for a new school prayer which the Chaplains will write!



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



In Art, we explored the artist Andy Warhol by creating a mood board about his artwork, and how he showed our Catholic Virtue Respect.

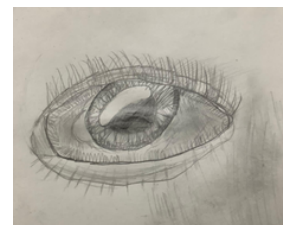


Our budding cyclists in EYFS!
The sessions will continue for the next few weeks- this is a core part of our PE offer in school.

LEARNING IN ACTION AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have had a varied week with yoga in KS2, exciting warm ups in music in KS1 and starting a new adventure story in EYFS.

In Year 5 in art this week, the children worked with Miss Scott to explore the work of Stephen Wiltshire (an artist with autism who draws cityscapes) and LS Lowry. They then experimented with shading to draw eyes. Year 6 delved into some algebra and enjoyed the challenges!



Some children have been talking about things they can do in their spare time to foster their love of learning and adventure. Blue Peter Badges are a great way to do something fun at home and earn the coveted Blue Peter Badges along the way.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,

hope

Non-Uniform Day, Friday 24th January 2025

On Friday 24th January 2025 we are inviting our children and staff to come to school in non-uniform for the donation of £1 to go towards our Catholic Hardship Fund which supports families in need in our school community.

We would prefer you to make your donation through your Arbor App but if necessary please bring £1 into school.

When paying through Arbor please visit the School Shop section and then choose School Shop products and there will be one product called Catholic Hardship Fund. You can donate here.

Thank You.

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