

SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 2nd May 2025

THE WEEK AHEAD - THEME: FAITH VIRTUE: FAITH

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| Mon 5 th | Bank Holiday Monday | Bank Holiday |
| Tues 6 th | | Multi-Sports - EYFS, Years 1, 2 & 3 Chess Club - 3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Weds 7 th | Pupil Parliament attending Wilton Court | Multi Sports - Years 4, 5 & 6 |
| Thurs 8 th | | American Flag Football - Years 5 & 6 |
| Fri 9 th | Y5 to attend the chapel for Mass @9.55am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy | |

Dear families,

We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Easter break. We have been enjoying the weather this week with lots of outdoor play on the field.

Mrs Byrne shared a Celebration of the Word this week around the passing of Pope Francis.

We have had a few queries about children wearing black trainers/trainer shoes. I know that many retailers sell a trainer like school shoe. We have consulted with our Governors and will adapt our policy to allow plain black trainers in the new academic year and will allow these from now. These must be plain black with no additional colours. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Brown
and the St Francis team.



Congratulations to all
the children who have
received awards this
week



DATES

| Mission | Writer | Lunchtime |
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| Isaac | Romeo | Fabian |
| Henry | Grace | Master |
| Connie | Olivia | |
| Ivo | Ava | |
| Orson | Bonnie | Reading Club |
| Isabella | Elsie | Lucy |
| Elspeth | Tara | |

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

Community News

Well done to Violet on earning her very first
Blue Peter badge. Great work!



THEME FOR NEXT WEEK

FAITH
VIRTUE
Faith



MISSION

The visiting pilgrims loved the poems and
cards from the children. This week we
reflected on the passing of our Pope in our
whole school Celebration of the Word.

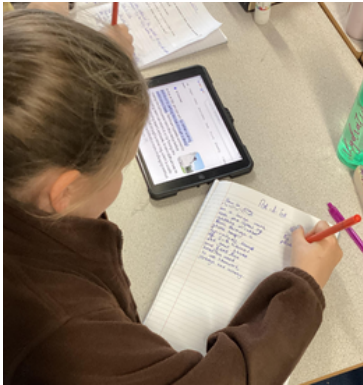


Parish of St John the
Baptist
Keep up to date with the
Parish news [here](#).

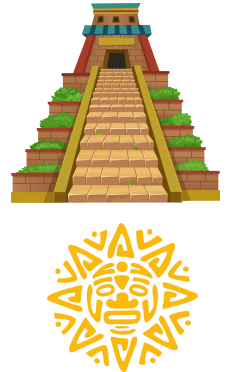
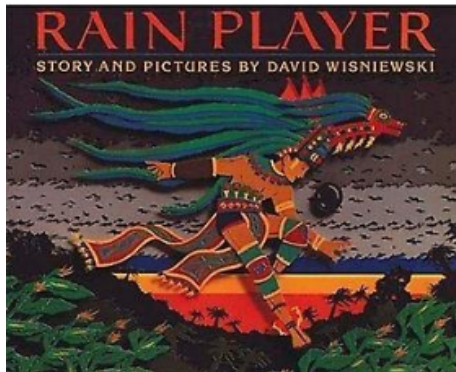
LEARNING AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



EYFS have made the most of their outdoor workspace this week. It was great to have phonics and English in the sunshine!



Year 6 started their new book for the unit called Rain Player. They researched the ancient game of Mayan Pok-a-Tok and have written a list of instructions on how to play the game.



Year 1 have turned their classroom into an art gallery, looking at art related to the creation story. They will be creating their own artwork too.



CATHOLIC LIFE

PRAYER

DEAR GOD,
YOU GRANTED OUR
BLESSED FATHER
FRANCIS THE REWARD
OF EVERLASTING JOY.
MAY WE, LIKE
ST. FRANCIS, LIVE A LIFE
OF LOVE AND
COMPASSION, AND FIND
PEACE IN YOUR
REMEMBRANCE AT THE
TIME OF OUR PASSING.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR
LORD.
AMEN



Children in EYFS led a Celebration of the Word on the theme of mercy. The children choose items to go on the prayer focus area that links to the theme for the week.

HOUSEPOINTS

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| 3018 | 3252 |
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| 3191 | 3140 |

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.

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR BASKETBALL

U11 COUNTY TEAM TRIALS 2025

CHARNWOOD & N. LEICESTERSHIRE TRIALS

Friday 2nd May 2025
4:45 – 6:15 p.m.

linktr.ee/leicsjrbball

Castle Rock School
Coalville
Meadow Lane, Coalville LE67 4BR

FURTHER INFORMATION:
Boys and girls in school Years 5 & 6.
Players from all schools and clubs welcome.
Trialists must live in a Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland postcode.
Successful trialists will be selected to represent Leicestershire at the East Midlands U11 Regional Tournament on Sunday 8th June 2025.

JUST £2 TO TRY OUT

School Shop

We have an on-site school uniform shop stocked with lots of good quality second hand clothes.

Each item costs just £1 each.

If you would like to visit the shop please do so after 2:30pm and not first thing in the morning as we are a very busy school office.

Let's Get Ready for Summer

As we look forward to a beautiful summer we would like to ask our children to come to school ready for hot weather.

During hot spells children are advised to bring a clearly named hat to school; have sun cream applied before coming to school and always bring a named water bottle to school every day.



Thank you.

Our Sad Found Property Box

Our Found Property is overflowing with items of school clothing that have been left around our school in just 3 days.

None of these items have a name inside them and we cannot reunite them with their owners.

Please make the time to name your child's school clothing, coats, shoes, bags, PE kits, lunch boxes, water bottles and anything else your child brings to school.

Let's make our box happy again!



"BARKS & BARGAINS"

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

@ Stathern Lodge (opposite Dove Cottage Day Hospice)
Canal Lane, Stathern, LE14 4EX

ICE CREAM VAN

FUN DOG SHOW

first class @ 11:30pm (registration open from 10:30am)

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| 1. Best Puppy (up to 12 months) | 6. Best Biscuit Catcher |
| 2. Best Veteran (8 years+) | 7. Waggiest Tail |
| 3. Prettiest Bitch | 8. Best Rescue |
| 4. Most Handsome Dog | 9. Most Appealing Eyes |
| 5. Best Trick | 10. Fancy Dress |

All 1st prize winners go through to 'Best in Show'
£2 per class or 3 classes for £5

TEA & COFFEE

JUMBLE SALE & CAR BOOT

Browse our selection of jumble, with clothing, shoes & accessories priced at just £1 per item!

Various car boot sellers will be on-site for you to bag a bargain from too!
(If arriving by car, please note there will be a requested donation to park on site)

Timings to be confirmed In aid of

Follow @dovecottedayhospice on FB for updates

BELVOIR FARM DRINKS

BACON COBS