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SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 8th May 2025

THE WEEK AHEAD - THEME: FAITH VIRTUE: FAITH

Mon 12th		
Tues 13th		Multi-Sports - EYFS, Years 1, 2 & 3 Chess Club - 3, 4, 5 & 6
Weds 14th	Mass in school @ 2pm	Multi Sports - Years 4, 5 & 6
Thurs 15th	Year 3 and 4 trip to Bosworth Battlefield Centre	American Flag Football - Years 5 & 6
Fri 16th	Year 3 to attend Mass in the Convent chapel @10:00	

Dear families,

After the sad occasion of the funeral of Pope Francis last week, it is wonderful to be writing today's newsletter with the news of a new Pope for our Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV. We will learn more about our new Pope in the coming weeks and we will pray that he will be filled with the Spirit as he begins his tenure.

We also hold in our thoughts and prayers our Year 6 children who begin their SATs tests next week. The children have worked incredibly hard and we will encourage them next week to do their very best and to show how much they have learnt. We are so proud of them!

Don't forget to join in with our weekly missions. These make a nice project for homework and use lots of learning skills. This week's mission was to find as many titles as you can for Our Lady. Many of the titles have beautiful prayers, images and devotions connected to them. Once you have gathered some titles, choose your favourite. From there you could draw an image of Our Lady with this title, research more about where the title comes from and most importantly, use it when you speak to Our Lady in prayer. You can bring the missions in for next Tuesday.

Mrs Brown
and the St Francis team.



Congratulations to all
the children who have
received awards this
week



DATES

Mission	Reader	Lunchtime
Joshua	Jude	Isla C
Lochlan	Rory	JunBo
Heath	Noah	
Joshua	Ava M	
Elizabeth	Nancy	Reading Club
Dominic S	Dolly	Olivia
Alex	Paulina	

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



HAVE FUN AND RELAX WITH

Melton Mowbray Open Gardens

£5 ENTRY
INTO ALL
GARDENS



Sunday 8th June 2025 11am - 4:30pm

Proceeds will go to Friends of St. John's, Registered Charity No. 1207977
for the Community, Parish Hall building fund.



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

THEME FOR NEXT WEEK

Vocation
VIRTUE
Ambition



MISSION

This week's mission was
to find as many titles as the children could for
Our Lady.



Saint Mary Our Lady Mother of God
Queen of Heaven Holy Mother of God

LEARNING AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



In art this week Year 2 have been exploring the work of Kandinsky. He used a variety of techniques from line drawing to printing. They had a go at creating a pattern and seeing if we could get it to repeat.

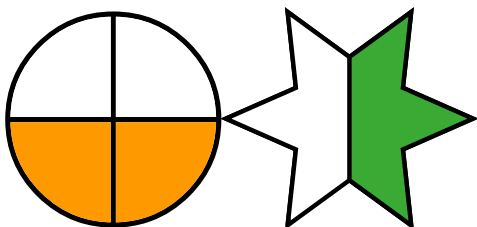


Year 5 have been exploring the Industrial Revolution and finding out about the important machines which were invented between 1750 and 1901. The children worked in pairs to put inventions in order from the earliest to the latest using their prior knowledge and detective skills. They were really surprised by how early the London Underground began!



EYFS were treated to an enchanted tale in forest school. They then spent time making fairy houses. They absolutely loved working together and being able to explore for different materials. Mrs Pandit was very impressed with the way they worked together, made compromises and encouraged each other to have a go if it was tricky.

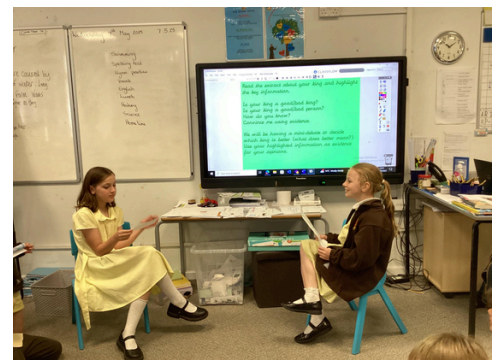
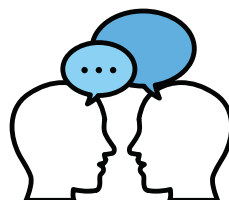
In Year 1 the children have been finding half of objects and shapes.



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Some great debating skills were put to use on Year 4 as the children were debating which king was better, Henry VI of Edward IV.



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION



We are trialling some new RE lessons from our new RE curriculum which we will begin next academic year. The children have really enjoyed the new lessons and we will share more information about the new scheme very soon as we plan our curriculum in full.

Year 1 have been looking at the creation story. They went outside to explore our world and used our senses to look, listen and feel God's wonderful creations.



Cardinal Robert Prevost of the USA has become the next pope of the Catholic Church, taking the name Leo XIV.

Elected on the conclave's fourth ballot, as the 267th Roman Pontiff of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV greeted the crowds gathered in St Peter's Square at just after 6.20pm BST.

Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, was the head of the Church's Dicastery for Bishops and is the first Pope from the United States of America.

The name the new Holy Father has selected may suggest an emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Leo XIII is best remembered for his great encyclical Rerum Novarum on the dignity of labour and the common good. He was a pope who sought reconciliation above all - between the Church and the modern world and between workers and bosses.

PRAYER

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

HOUSE POINTS





Start of our School Day

Our school day starts at 8:45am and children access our school playground's entrance on Blyth Avenue.

The gates are locked at 9am and if you are late arriving to school AFTER this time please drop your child(ren) off at the front of the school on Dalby Road.

Please could we remind you that you should not be dropping children off at the front of the school BEFORE 9am unless they are accessing our Reading Club.

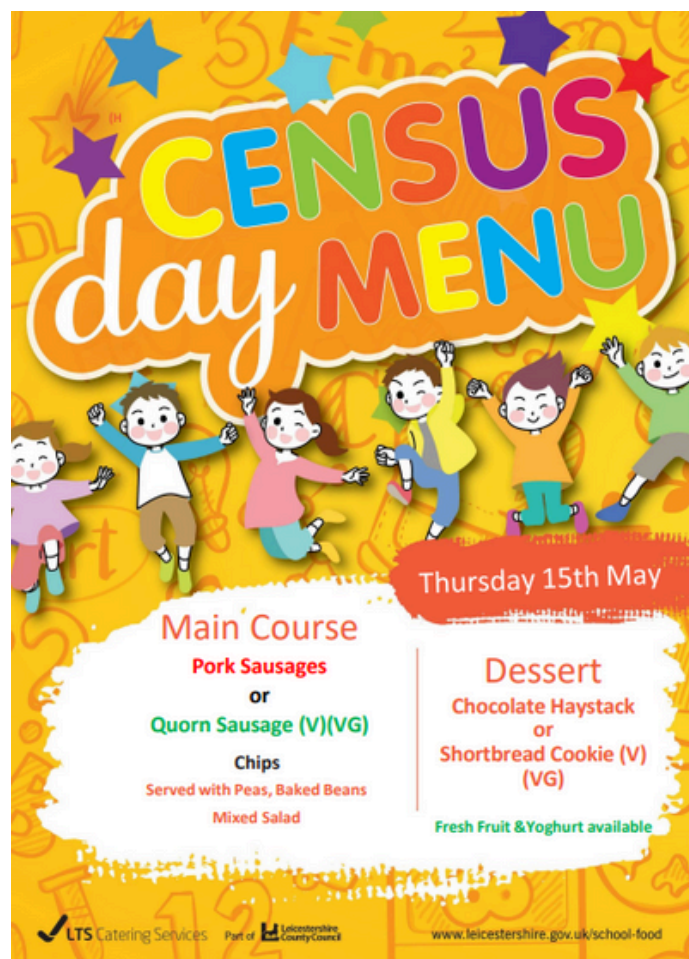
Reading Club

Miss Farmer runs our Daily Reading Club. Miss Farmer would like remind children booked onto the club to bring a reading book with them.

Please do not send your children to the club without booking them in first. Miss Farmer has a limited amount of spaces and needs to know who is attending.



Thank you.



**LONG FIELD
SPENCER ACADEMY**

Open Events

Please sign in at Reception on arrival
No need to book in advance

Thursday 26 th June 2025 5pm – 8pm	Presentations with Mr Haggett 5.15pm, 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.15pm
Thursday 18 th September 2025 5pm – 8pm	Presentations with Mr Haggett 5.15pm, 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.15pm

You can also have a school tour with Mr Haggett on weekdays. Please contact the school on 01664 56 1234 or email help@longfieldspencer.org.uk to book in.

