



SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 14th November 2025

Dear families,

We held a thoughtful and reflective remembrance service this week and opened up our book of remembrance for the month of November. The children can add names and prayers to our book throughout the month and our chaplaincy team will be leading on this.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Big Family Breakfast on Monday. There will be a chance for you to visit your child's classroom and I will be available to answer any questions that you may have. A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday as staff are on an INSET day.

Wishing you a restful weekend,
Mrs Brown

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon	Big Breakfast	Calm Club Sky Dance Club
Tues		Multi Sports
Wed		Multi Sports
Thur		Menphys Choir Christmas Crafting Club
Fri	Inset day- school closed to all pupils, including wraparound care.	



Weekly Mission

This week's mission was to say a prayer for someone who has died and reflect on the season of remembrance. It is lovely to see some of the activities that children have done outside of school for Remembrance.



Parent Governor

Congratulations and welcome to Ella Worthington who has been elected as our new parent governor.

I am very pleased to take on the role of parent governor at St Francis to support the school. My daughter has joined EYFS this year and we are enjoying the school's sense of community and the faith values that stem from the School's Mission. I have benefited from a Catholic education and I am now a secondary science teacher in Melton, previously teaching in West Sussex. Prior to teaching and I was an academic researcher for several years. I believe that schools should be an inclusive space that allow all children to reach their potential in both academic and personal growth.

I look forward to working with the St Francis school community, the staff, and governors, to ensure the best possible outcomes and experiences for our children.



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

The parish wreath competition is free to join this year. Entries to school by 22nd Nov and please let us know of your forthcoming entry via the forms link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/REsVRADpsU>

KEY DATES

Advent Term

Friday 21st November- INSET day- school closed to all pupils

Thursday 27th November- First Holy Communion Meeting Y3 parents- 6pm

Friday 28th November- Y5 to attend Mass at the chapel @9.55am

Thursday 4th December- Christmas Pointed Pen Calligraphy Workshop for parents/staff (pm)

Friday 5th December- Menphys Carol Concert

Tuesday 9th Dec- EYFS Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 10th Dec- KS1 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 16th December- Carols By Candlelight KS2- all welcome- timing and venue TBC

Wednesday 17th- Christmas Dinner Day/Jumper Day



Toy Sale- start to sort toys before the holidays and come and grab a bargain at the toy sale.

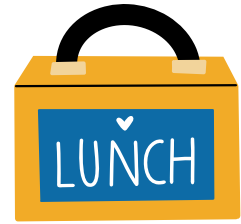
We will be holding a Christmas Toy Sale on Friday 12th December at 2pm (early access for parents- wrap & stash in time for Christmas) and then from 3.15pm for children.

Please send in any pre-loved toys that are in good condition. All items will be priced to sell so come along and grab a bargain!

Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Well done to our children who were presented with the Mission Award this week: Abigale, Joshua, Bodyn, Ivy, Thomas G, Laura, William N



Our Star writers are: Queen, Tilly, Isla, Robyn, Eric, Ella F, Elsie



Lunchtime and Reading Club awards go to: Ivo, Seth D, Easton, Pola

A group of our Y6 pupils led the school in a remembrance Celebration of the Word. Each class placed a poppy on the prayer focus, including EYFS children who had made their own in class. They showed a video about remembrance, led the children in prayer and reflection and gave them a mission to pray for someone who they would like to remember, especially those who have died in conflict and war. The children each took a poppy template to write their own reflection and all of the children sang the beautiful hymn, Amazing Grace.



Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget



Click the image to see what we have been learning this week.

LAST CHANGE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR BIG BREAKFAST ON MONDAY. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON DOJO TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

St Francis Fair Trade Big Family Breakfast & Open Morning

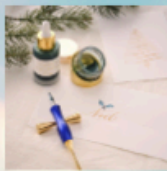
Monday 17th November 2025

Join us for a Big Family Breakfast in the school hall from 8.30- 9.15

Afterwards, spend some time in your child's classroom sharing some learning time with them from 9.15-10



CHRISTMAS *Pointed Pen Calligraphy Workshop*



Join us for a two hour workshop exploring
pointed pen Calligraphy with Mrs Brown on
Thursday 4th December from 5.30pm- 7.30pm at
St Francis- All profits go to our PTA!

£15

- All materials provided (a luxury notepad, pen holder, nib and ink) and can be taken home for your own Christmas card writing!
- Worksheets to practise your skills
- Bring your own drinks and nibbles
- Tea and coffee provided



Pointed Pen Calligraphy Workshop for Adults

Mrs Brown will be running a very special workshop to teach Pointed Pen Calligraphy.

The workshop will run on Thursday 4th December from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at school and is only open to adults.

The cost of the workshop is £15 each and all materials as well as tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided – although you may wish to bring your own festive drinks to the session! (All profits will go towards our PTA)

Please sign up through Arbor and then let us know via the school office which adult is attending as Arbor only notifies us of the child's name. This will be accessible through the School Shop as a product.

We hope you can join Mrs Brown for this festive session and hopefully you will be able to use your new skills for writing out your Christmas cards, tags and so much more!

The session will be limited to 20 adults to start with so please sign up swiftly to avoid disappointment and as usual please get in touch with me if you experience any difficulties in booking the workshop.

Mrs Culley
School Office

Christmas Pottery Painting

Book your child on to a festive pottery painting workshop this Christmas, the workshop will be straight after school, so no need to rush for the school run that day, any parent's that would like to take part are of course welcome too.
For more information please contact the school office or use this link:

<https://kathrynsaunby.com/school-christmas-pottery-painting/>

Festive
**POTTERY
PAINTING**
**AFTER SCHOOL
WORKSHOP**
In your School this Christmas

**THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
3.15-5PM £16 PER CHILD**



NHS Children's Spaces

Now Open!

We're delighted to announce a new Dental Therapist has joined our team at JDRM Dental Care Melton Mowbray. This means we have more space to see your children for their NHS dental check-up. Don't miss out – register your little ones today for expert dental care in a friendly, caring environment.

REGISTER NOW!

Click on the email link below to send us an enquiry



What's On in November

Melton Mowbray



Monday 3rd	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 Mindfulness and Meditation 13:00-14:00 Tai Chi 14:15-15:15
Tuesday 4th	Chair fitness 11:15-12:15 Craft Café 12:30-14:30
Wednesday 5th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00
Thursday 6th	Art Workshop 10:30-12:30
Monday 10th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 with Casey the therapy dog! Mindfulness and Meditation 13:00-14:00
Tuesday 11th	Music & drumming 11:15-12:15 Craft Café 12:30-14:30 Chair yoga 15:15-16:15
Wednesday 12th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 Workshop: Immunity & Mental Health 13:15-14:15
Thursday 13th	Art Workshop 10:30-12:30 Yoga Nidra 19:00-20:00
Monday 17th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 Mindfulness and Meditation 13:00-14:00 Tai Chi 14:15-15:15
Tuesday 18th	Chair Fitness 11:15-12:15 Craft Café 12:30-14:30
Wednesday 19th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00
Thursday 20th	Art Workshop 10:30-12:30 Everyone Active Health Walk, plus tea & chat 13:00-15:00
Monday 24th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 with Casey the therapy dog! Mindfulness and Meditation 13:00-14:00
Tuesday 25th	Music & drumming 11:15-12:15 Craft Café 12:30-14:30 Chair Yoga 15:15-16:15
Wednesday 26th	Drop-in Session 11:00-13:00 Pepper's Quiz Night 18:00-19:00
Thursday 27th	Art Workshop 10:30-12:30



Welcoming and friendly sessions open to all adults, free of charge. Take a break and look after your mental health & wellbeing this month.

Based at 43 Nottingham Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1NN
www.peppersasafeplace.co.uk
07936 563080, melton@peppersasafeplace.co.uk

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

3 DAYS WITH A 1 DAY HAMPER (MON 22ND/TUES 23RD/WED 24TH)

OR

4 HOURS FOR 4 DAYS (MON 29TH/TUES 30TH/WED 31ST/FRI 2ND)



SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!

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Department for Education

Notices



ADH-DO

AT MONTERO LOUNGE

Every Third Thursday
10am-12pm



Do you struggle with the day-to-day and think ADHD might have a play in things? Have you been diagnosed, or are seeking a diagnosis, and just want to chat? Pop on down to our peer support group and join us. Tea and coffee provided.



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