

# SAINT FRANCIS

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 16th January 2026

Dear families,

We have had an enjoyable and busy week in school. Father John popped in to see the children and had a walk around the school to see what they were up to in their classes. The children loved seeing him.

As part of our personal development and wellbeing curriculum, the Road Safety team came to speak to children about keeping safe on the roads whilst on scooters and whilst crossing the roads. The children were already very knowledgeable which was great.

Please encourage the children to take part in the weekly missions which link to our Celebrations of the Word, our school mission and our personal development curriculum. This week the mission was to think about which virtue the children would like to grow. Our school virtues spell out the word FRANCIS and are: faith, respect, ambition, nurture, confidence, inclusivity and service. The mission passports help children to keep a record of their work and helps us to work together with you as parents to develop and nurture your child's unique talents and to reach their full potential.

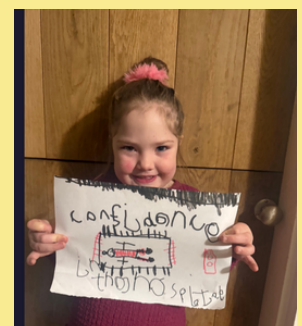
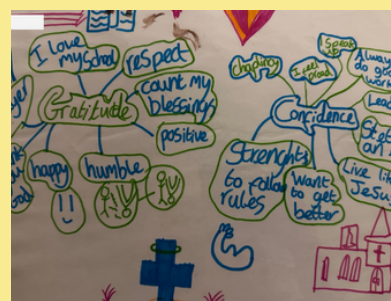
Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Brown



Mon		Sky Dance Club
Tues	Heights and Weights EYFS and Y6- school nursing team	Multi Sports
Wed		Multi Sports
Thur		Art Club
Fri	Y5 and 6 children to attend the Convent Chapel for Mass at 9.55am Celebration Assembly @2.40pm	



Our Weekly Mission was to think about which virtues the children want to grow this term.





# Retreat Time



Deacon Keith led a retreat with Year 5 this week. This is what the class learnt- This week we had a retreat with Deacon Keith. We thought about the thoughts, feelings and actions of people who witnessed Jesus baptism. Then we discussed what we would have done if we had been there when God spoke and the Holy Spirit appeared. Most people would have prayed or run towards Jesus, because they wanted to get closer to God. Some people said they might have run away because it might have been a bit scary to be that close to God's power!

## Community and Participation Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,  
you do not want any of your children to be lonely.  
You want them to know they are valued and loved.  
Help us to build communities  
where all people feel included.  
And help us to share with our communities  
the gifts and talents you have given us,  
so that we can learn from each other,  
work together, and grow in your mercy and love.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Parish of St  
John the  
Baptist  
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with the Parish  
news [here](#).

## KEY DATES

### Lent Term

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January- St Thomas Aquinas Feast  
Day Mass in school/selected pupils to attend.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January- Y4 to attend Mass in Convent  
@9.55am

Tuesday/Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February- Parents'  
Evenings

Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Children's Mental Health  
Awareness Week

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Y3 to attend Mass in Convent  
@9.55am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Y2 to attend Mass in Convent  
@9.55am

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February- Half Term Break

## Our School Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the  
gift of today.

We thank you for St Francis who  
teaches us to love You, each  
other and all creation.

Help us to grow as We love to  
learn and we learn to love.

Bless our school, students and  
staff.

Guide us to be kind, joyful and  
peaceful just like St Francis.

Amen



**St Francis**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL





## Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Well done to our children who were presented with the Mission Award this week: Imogen, Louie, Lydia, Eva, Joey, Bupe, Filip

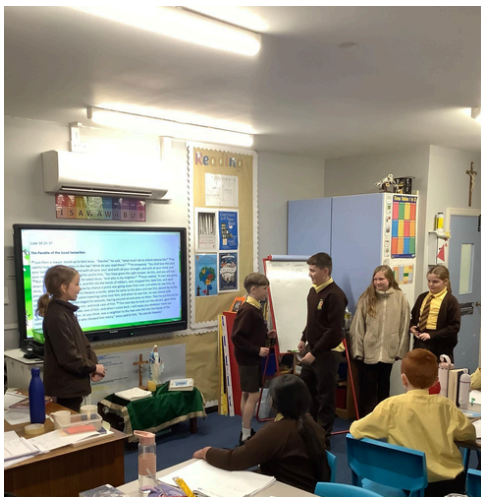


Lunchtime awards go to:  
Amelia

Our Star readers are: Dominic, Ned, Thomas, Olivia, Zara, Nel, Fin



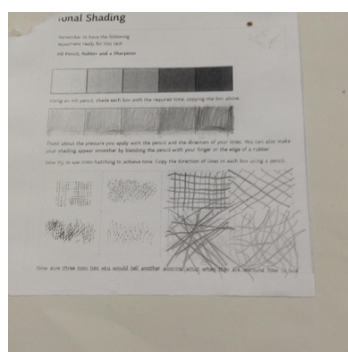
Y4 have been learning about the colour wheel and how to mix primary and secondary colours to make tertiary colours.



In Year 6 the children showed the virtue of confidence by roleplaying the parables in front of the class to help them to understand these important stories from the Bible.



In Year 5 the children had a great PE session, using imagination and creating a beat. Stomp, clap, slide were just a few of the movements that the children incorporated into their routine. They also learnt about shading and cross-hatching as part of their new Art topic.



# Sickness and Diarrhoea

A few parents get a little confused about how long a child has to be off if they have a dose of sickness and or diarrhoea.

We ask families to keep poorly children off school 48 hours after their last bout of being sick or having diarrhoea.

The reason is to try and reduce as much as possible passing their illness onto other children.

If you are ever confused or need guidance on time off please give us a call in the office.

## School Uniform Expectations

All children are expected to wear school uniform every day.

Please ensure that **ALL** items of clothing, including shoes, are **clearly labelled with your child's name**.

Uniform
Brown trousers, pinafore dress, skirt or shorts
Summer: yellow/white check or candy-striped dress (in summer if preferred)
Yellow school shirt, blouse or polo shirt
Plain/logo brown jumper/cardigan
Plain brown/black/fawn/white socks
Brown or black shoes
School tie
Brown school fleece (optional)
Dark coloured winter coat
PE Kit
Black shorts or skirt
White t-shirt
Black plimsolls or trainers
Black, dark blue or dark grey track suit for outdoor PE

**Hair:** Our children will be expected to wear their hair tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. Extremes of hair, including colour, shaving or excessive use of hair products, will not be allowed. Hair clips, headbands and hair ties should be simple, without big decorations and in brown or yellow to match school colours.

**Head Coverings:** Are to be plain and in the school colours.

**Jewellery:** Due to safety and because of risk of loses, children must not wear jewellery of any sort into school (with the exception of plain, single stud earrings).

**Shoes:** School shoes should be without flashing lights or other adornments.



**LONG FIELD  
SPENCER ACADEMY**

## Open Events

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
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](mailto:help@longfieldspencer.org.uk) to book in.



## Spring Parent's Consultations (Parent's Evenings) 3rd & 4th February

Keep an eye out for messages via Dojo informing parents that bookings for the two evenings are open.

If anyone is having any difficulty making bookings, please contact the school office.

## School Playground

We do not close the gates on our school playground until 9:00am.

So, please always try to drop your child off in the playground before using the entrance on Dalby Road.

Thank you.

School Office