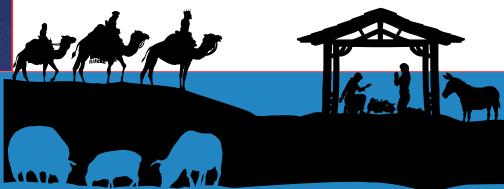


# SAINT FRANCIS

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear families,

We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and wishing you all the very best for the new year. It has been an eventful week with the excitement of snow and then today's unexpected closure. We had a partial power outage due to what we now know was a blown fuse at the substation. This affected our heating, the school kitchen and our lighting in the KS1 building. The National Grid were here by 1.45pm and have fixed the issue; Mr Partington is completing the final checks which will mean we will be open as usual on Monday. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

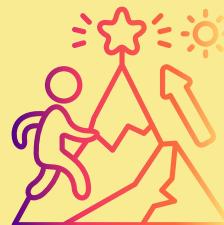
### Sunrise and Sunset Club- Important information

Please ensure that you book all sessions for the sunrise and sunset club so that we are aware of numbers. We do have a cap on numbers and we may not be able to accommodate your child if we do not have a booking. If your child is just attending for the half hour slot, they must arrive at 8.15 or after. We will not be able to admit children earlier than this time. If you do require an earlier drop off, please book in for the full session.

A reminder that we are back to wearing full uniform each day and changing into PE kits for lessons. Please remember to name absolutely everything that the children bring into school so that any misplaced items can be reunited with their owner.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday. Stay warm and safe!

Mrs Brown



Our Weekly Mission was to either chalk a door in the new year tradition with the initials of the three kings or, to think about what gift you would give to the baby Jesus.

Mon		Sky Dance Club
Tues	Road Safety Awareness Assembly for children in school.	Multi Sports
Wed		Multi Sports
Thur		Art Club
Fri	Y6 children to attend the Convent Chapel for Mass at 9.55am Celebration Assembly @2.40pm	



The Children's Commissioner has produced a guide for parents and carers as well as a separate guide for children around how to manage their digital lives.

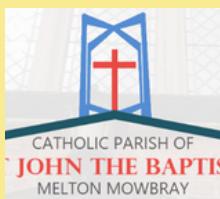
As a parent of teenage children, I know how complex navigating this can be and how we often learn as we go. This guide is helpful so do take a look. Click on the links below.

**PARENT'S GUIDE**

**CHILDREN'S GUIDE**



We enjoyed a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the Feast of Epiphany, led by some Y6 children and supported with some videos from Y4. The children invited a child from each class to come up with a lit candle and process around the hall to represent the journey of the Three Kings and they played some atmospheric music to gather everyone together. Some children from Y4 recorded some videos of how we can be ambassadors of hope now that the Jubilee Year has come to an end. They recognised the many gifts we have as a community and this term we will be thinking about how we can share these with our community.



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

## KEY DATES

### Lent Term

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January- Road Safety Awareness Assembly in school for pupils.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January- Y6 to attend Convent Mass @9.55am

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 3rd/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



# Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Well done to our children who were presented with the Mission Award this week: Edyth, Romy, Cody, Lucas, Piper, Mickey



Lunchtime awards go to:  
Jack

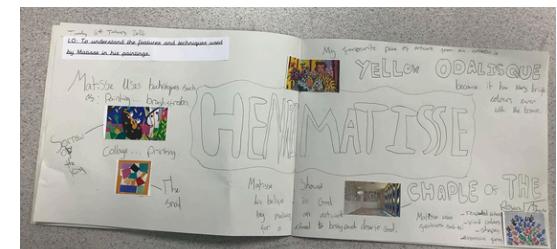
Our Star readers are: Wynn, Isaac, Master, Maisey, Shiloh, Oliver



Y4 have been enjoying working on their balance and co-ordination by completing different teamwork challenges.



EYFS have read a story about Sneezy the snowman. He is so cold that he has been trying to warm up, but he keeps melting...



Year 3 have been exploring the work of artist, Henri Matisse and learning about different balances in PE.



The poor in spirit are blessed. for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.	Those who mourn are blessed, for they will be comforted.	The gentle are blessed, for they will inherit the earth.	Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled.
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The merciful are blessed, for they will be shown mercy.	The pure in heart are blessed, for they will see God.	The peacemakers are blessed, for they will be called sons of God.	Those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
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Year 6 have been learning about the Beatitudes in RE. The Beatitudes are part of the Sermon on the Mount that we can read about in the book of Matthew chapter 5.

These are essentially short, but powerful descriptions of what it looks like to live life God's way.



Guisepppe Arcimboldo is the Artist that Year 5 will be focusing on this term. They explored his unique style of Art and then created their own.

# School Dinner Payments - Wraparound Care Payments

Please could we remind our families to keep an eye on school dinner bills and wraparound care bills.

We send out reminder emails every week about anything that is owed and we like to see families topping accounts up if more than £30 is owed.

Please do get in touch if you need any support.

School Office

**CENSUS Day MENU**

Thursday 15th January 2026

**Main Course**

Pork Sausages  
or  
Quorn Sausages (VG)

Chips or 1/2 Jacket Potato  
Served with  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans or  
Mixed Salad

**Dessert**

Iced Sponge with Sprinkles (VG)  
or  
Fresh Fruit Platter (VG)  
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**FEB HALF TERM**

AGES 4-11

16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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