



SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear families,

We hope that you enjoyed a pleasant half term break and that the children are refreshed and ready for this short second half of our Lent term. Lent began during the half term break, with Ash Wednesday and we celebrated Mass in school this week to mark this. Next week, we invite you into school for a CAFOD Breakfast- we are raising money to support CAFOD's vital work and our simple breakfast is in support of our global neighbours who do not have enough to eat. Let's eat simply and give generously – so another family can put food on the table.

A huge well done to our Sky Dance Theatre performers and to all of the staff who supported them. They did themselves proud and won awards for the best concept/theme and also for the best student interview. Well done indeed and thank you to all of the parents for your support. We were treated to their performance in school and it was so polished and showed the hard work and determination of the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown

Mon	CAFOD Family Breakfast	Eco Club KS1 Art Club
Tues		Multi Sports
Wed	World Book Day	Multi Sports
Thur		
Fri	World Day of Prayer No Celebration Assembly- 2.30pm Celebration of the Word led by Eco Team- families welcome.	



Mission

This week's mission was to take some time to pray. Children could write a prayer or show where they prayed in a special place. Here is a prayer written by one of the Sky Dancers:
Dear God,

Thank you for my Sky Dance teachers and helpers. Please help us to do well and get into the Final. And if we don't, teach us the patience to accept not winning."



Fr John visited us in school to celebrate Mass to mark the start of Lent. Year 3 led the Mass, having picked the hymns and prayers. The older children distributed the ashes to the younger children and it was a prayerful and special start to Lent.

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



KEY DATES

Friday 13th March- Y3/4 to attend Chapel for Mass @9.55am

Wednesday 18th March- Y1/2 TRIP to Botanical Gardens
Y3/4 Easter Production @2pm

Friday 20th March- Y5/6 to attend the Chapel for Mass @9.55am

Monday 23rd March- I Rock Concert @2.30pm

Wednesday 25th March- Year 5 Mass in Hall for whole school @9.15am

Wednesday 26th March- Easter Menu for lunch



Maisey received the "Beaver Scout of the week" award for her zine booklet she created, about her top 6 favourite books!

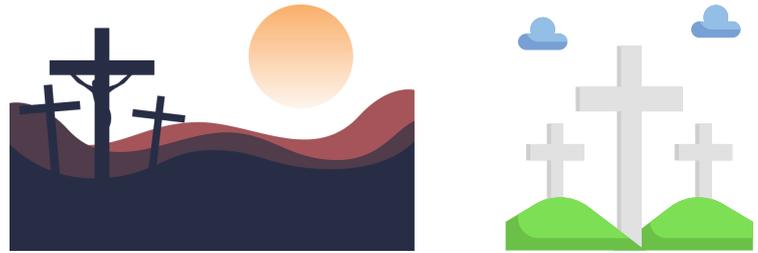
In March we will be holding a 'Step into the NHS' day where we will find out about different careers in the NHS. If you work for the NHS, please share your bio with us so we can inspire the children!

See details below. If children would like to enter the competition, they can bring their entries into school and we will send them in on their behalf. Final date is Monday 20th April so that we can get the entries in.



Mia in Year 6 has taken the time to make a beautiful piece of crochet and stitched with our school name. She is going to add this to her class prayer area. What a beautiful way to share her talent! Great use of the school colours too.

Celebrating Great Work and our Mission

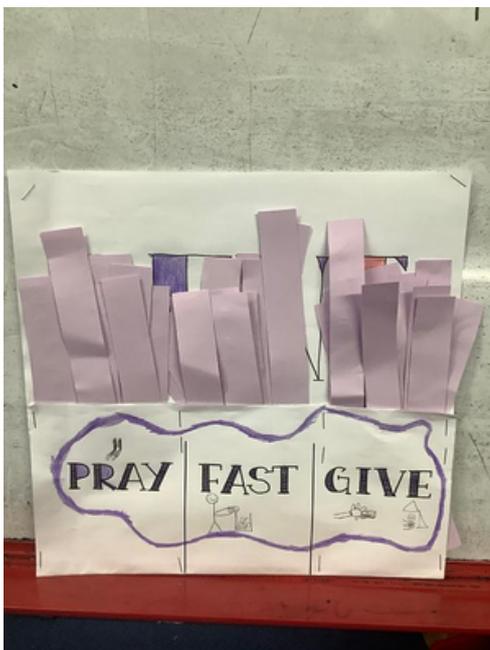
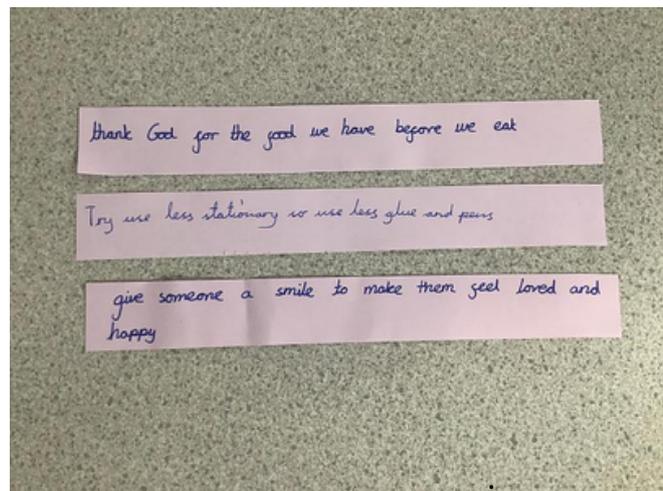


In RE, EYFS spoke about how we can be closer to Jesus during the time of Lent. We talked about Jesus' journey through the desert and he was amongst nature.

We can be closer to Jesus around nature just like he was close to nature in the desert. So, we bought nature into our prayer area and will be growing hyacinths to show some lovely beautiful spring flowers. 🌸

We spoke about looking after the plants and caring for them as Jesus cares for us.

This week in Y6, in RE we have learnt that Christians aim to pray, fast and give during Lent. We have written down ways in which we could do these each day and have added them onto our class poster.



Exploring length in Maths in Y1 using different cubes and objects, The children enjoyed working out how many bricks long different objects were. They will progress to measuring in standard units!

Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Well done to our children who were presented with the Mission Award this week: Summer-Leigh, Antoni, Bella, Sonny & Lana, Ivy, David, Leo



Our Star writers are: Edyth, Romeo, Joseph, Maizie, Luiza, Bonnie, William



Lunchtime awards go to: Connie, Lily W, Piper,



Other Achievements



Summer-Leigh has taken on a new hobby and officially started jujitsu this week! Go Summer-Leigh- what a fab photo!

Please continue to share things that you do outside of school- this can be anything- an exciting adventure, an achievement or any activity that could inspire another family! Thank you so much for sharing!!

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Leicestershire Adult Learning Service



Family Learning



Free Course

StoryTime Fun



The Family Learning Team, in partnership with Leicestershire Libraries, is very excited to be taking part in the BookTrust Storytime Prize in 2025-26.

You will be able to listen to stories and take part in fun activities with your child. Each week we have a different new book to share with you.

This is a free, 5-week course for parents/grandparents/carers and children/grandchildren aged about 2 – 4 years old. (Younger siblings welcome)

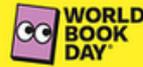
Please use the QR code below to enrol on the website or call the FREEphone number. When enrolling, ask for 'Storytime Fun' and give the venue and course code.

Venue	Starts	Time	Course Code
Melton Mowbray Library (Adult Learning Room) LE13 0UJ	Wednesday 15 th April 2026	1:15-2:30pm	25MT103P

For further information, or if you have problems enrolling, please email Louise.Allen@lelcs.gov.uk

www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk

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We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!



Join us for our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 5th March 2026.

This year's theme is 'words'.

Come to school dressed as a word.



A prize for the best word in EYFS, KS1 and KS2

£26 PER DAY



Easter WORKSHOPS

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APRIL 1, 8, 9, 10 | 9am-3pm

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St David's Day



Sunday 1st March

Happy St David's Day!

