

2026

FEBRUARY

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SAINT FRANCIS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 6th February 2026

Dear families,

Thank you for your attention to the notice last week regarding the parking at the back of the school site. Please do continue to park responsibly and support our local residents and most importantly the safety of our school children and community. Please see the attached link from Leicestershire County Council where any issues with parking can be reported directly. [Parking enforcement | Leicestershire County Council](#)

In sad news, we said goodbye to Sister Valerie as one of our school governors this week. Sister Valerie has been struggling with her health in recent times and we send her our best wishes for her continued improvement. Sister Valerie was a teacher at the school for many years and returned in recent years to serve as one of our governors. We want to extend a special thank you to Sister Valerie for her incredible service to our school- she will always be a part of our school community, as all of our sisters are.

We have had some people struggling with Class Dojo and apparently the app is waiting to be approved by Apple and this will then solve will then

Thank you for the tremendous turnout for parents' evening. We hope that you enjoyed meeting with your child's class teacher and being updated on your child's progress. Please do reach out to your child's teacher if you require information at any point during the academic year.

Mrs Brown



Mon	Book Fair Y1 retreat in class	Sky Dance Club
Tues		Multi Sports
Wed	Benediction for children 9.15am	Multi Sports
Thur		Art Club
Fri	Y2 to attend Mass at Convent Chapel Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm	

KEY DATES

Lent Term

Half Term Break- Monday 16th- Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd February- Children come back to school.

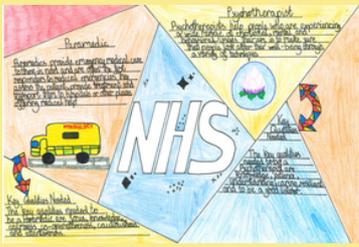
Wednesday 25th February- Mass in school for Lent- 9.15am

Friday 27th February- CAFOD family fast day- more details to follow

Monday 2nd March- Big Breakfast and Open morning
Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Wednesday March 18th- Y3/4 Easter Production 2pm

Wednesday 25th March Mass in school @9.15 am



Retreats with Deacon Keith

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 an example of a competition winner from last year. 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.

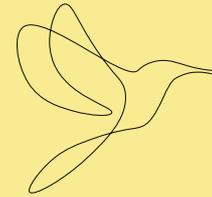
Enter the competition

We are challenging pupils in years 3-6 to choose up to three different NHS jobs that really stand out and then use their creativity to tell us what they have learnt about them.



Deacon Keith continues to visit a different class each week to run a retreat session.

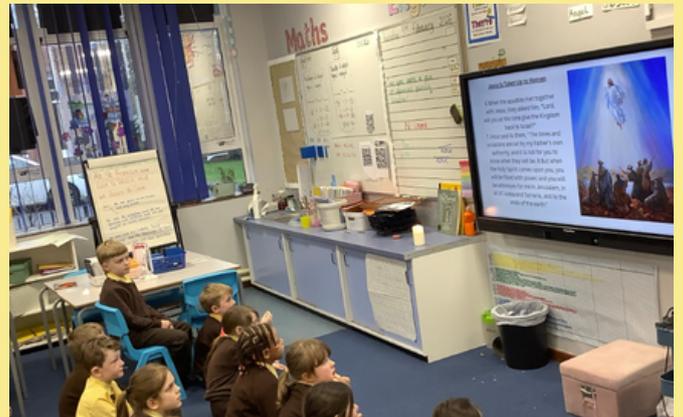
The children enjoy the sessions and Deacon Keith helps them to understand the Scriptures more fully and it gives the children the chance to reflect and make sense of the stories in a different way.



Lectio Divina

In class the children encounter different types of prayer. One is Lectio Divina. This is where the children read the scripture slowly and meditate on the words. It is a beautiful Christian practice that can bring us closer to God. The Four Main Movements (Steps):

- Lectio (Read): Read a short scripture passage slowly, aloud, multiple times.
- Meditatio (Reflect): Meditate on the passage, allowing a word or phrase to resonate in your heart.
- Oratio (Respond): Pray, using the passage as a starting point to talk with God.
- Contemplatio (Rest): Simply rest in God's presence, letting go of words and thoughts.



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

Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Year 3 have been hunting for minibeasts in our school environment as part of their Science work this week!



Year 4 have also been enjoying their PE lessons and increasing their fitness.



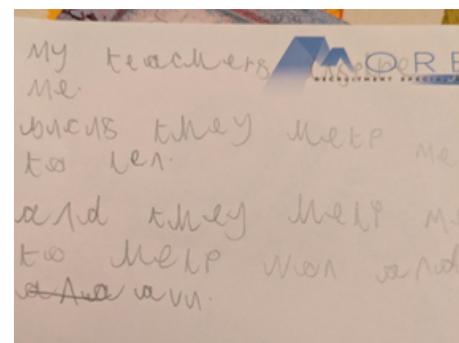
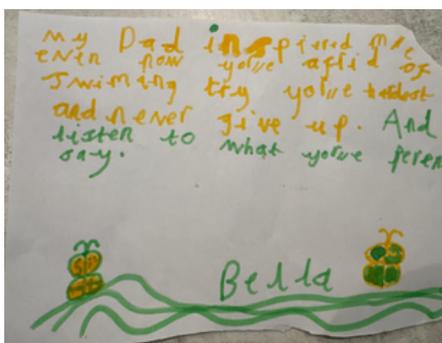
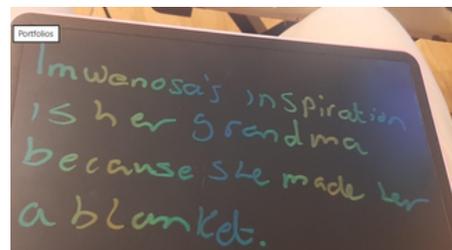
Year 2 have been working with clay this week and have been practising their coiling skills. They are getting ready to make their pots. They also had a retreat with Deacon Keith.



EYFS have been reading about other cultures and have loved the non-fiction books!



So many great missions were received this week that we wanted to share as many as we could. Well done everyone. There are some great people inspiring our children!



Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Well done to our children who were presented with the Mission Award this week: Phoebe, Aiden, Isla, Remy, Jacob, Giles, William



Our Star readers are:
Anthony, Dominic,
Oliver C, Rosa, Ava C,
Nancy, Victoria



Lunchtime awards
go to: Aiden
David



Other Achievements

Alfie has recently joined Melton Foxes football club and was awarded with manager's player of the match in his first game.



Arthur completed try outs at Melton Mowbray Swimming Club and has been selected to be part of the competitive swimming squad.

February Half Term at Leicester Cathedral



FREE



Tues 17 and Thurs 19 Feb
10.30am-12pm and 2.00-4.00pm

Get creative and sew any design
you like onto binca canvas
(recommended age for activity 5+)

FREE drop-in activity, donations welcome
All children must be
accompanied by an adult

All week in half term
10.30am-4.30pm

Come along to see our 'Peacemakers'
installation and all are welcome to join
in with the weaving
Available for all ages

FREE drop-in activity.
All children must be accompanied by an
adult



FREE



Join us for three exciting
children's comedy shows
Leicester Cathedral -
overleaf.



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Open
Morning
7 March 2026



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Dojo Messages - Illness

Please could we ask parents, if possible, to leave us a voicemail about a child being absent rather than a Dojo message?

If a member of staff is not in, Dojo messages about illness can be missed.

Therefore, the best method of letting us know is to leave us a voicemail as anyone in the office can access these.

Thank you!

Tickets available from
the LCF website



All U18s must be accompanied
by an appropriate adult.



Ask Granny

Ages 6+

17 Feb, 11.30am & 3.00pm & 19 Feb, 11.30am

Granny's here bringing giggles, tickles & a sprinkle of chaos! NaanE - the fruit-loving, fun-making granny - turns kids' questions into silly games and hilarious life hacks in this laugh-out-loud, interactive show. Expect laughter, surprises & mischief.

Richard Atkinson: Saints Alive

Parental Guidance

19 February, 1.00pm & 3.00pm

Whilst at primary school Richard was pulled up by his teacher for drawing Jesus wearing jeans and playing football. Stunned at his historical inaccuracy he has sought to right the wrongs and learn about the Saints of the Christian Church. Richard isn't a Saint but Henry VI nearly made it! A fascinating journey pulling up some of the more unusual elements of more than 20 Saints, this promises to be an opportunity to explore faith with a light-hearted twist.

Benny Shakes: Slugageddon!

Age 7+

17 February, 1.45pm

Slugs, slugs and more slugs! Can you help Benny defeat the slug army with a piano made of vegetables, some delicious compost and a final showdown with the boss!



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