



# SAINT FRANCIS

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



At Saint Francis We Love to Learn and  
We Learn to Love

'Love One Another, as I Have Loved You'  
John 13:34-35

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear families

We are at the end of a busy and productive term and I would like to start by thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership. The children have sent in some 'cracking' (sorry) entries for the Easter Egg Character Competition. Thank you for joining in and please see below for some great pictures.

The Eco Team have created some beautiful Easter Gardens in the prayer area and we have also placed some gardens made by our Chaplaincy team around the school for children to see and have a quiet moment of reflection.

We have some exciting new clubs which will go out and please see information at the end of the newsletter which gives the details around booking.

Wishing you a wonderful and peaceful Easter.

Mrs Brown and all at St Francis

# Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Mission

This week's mission was to share some RE learning with someone at home in celebration of our topic- From Desert to Garden. We also had some children send in some missions from last week including Fin, who sacrificed his time to make a meal. What a beautiful spread!



Mon			Eco Club Netball Club Multi Sports - EYFS Years 1, 2 & 3
Tues	Drama workshops Y1-5		
Wed			Multi Sports - Years 4, 5 & 6
Thur	Easter Mass @9.15am		Girl's Football Club Little Springers
Fri			



## KEY DATES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April- School starts for the Pentecost Term

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April- Class Group Photos

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April- St George's Day- children can wear scouting/brownies uniforms

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Big Easter Walk

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May- First Confessions in school

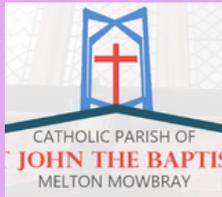
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Marian Walk

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Heritage Evening



We were pleased to welcome students and staff from Ratcliffe Prep school to join us for a Chaplaincy retreat at St Francis. We walked the Stations of the Cross and enjoyed making easter gardens and prayer journaling together. We all walked the Stations of the Cross in our school grounds on Thursday- the images for each station were created by pupils and they remain in the grounds for you to see some of them.

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



## Celebrating Great Work and our Mission



Lunchtime Awards:  
Evelyn, Laura (Y5), Oliver (Y6)

	Mission	Star Writers
EYFS	Jacob	Niamh
Year 1	Romy	Imogen
Year 2	Shrihan	Leon
Year 3	Robyn	Lucas
Year 4	Ethan	Summer
Year 5	Seth	Jayden
Year 6	Demi	Darsh



# Easter Egg COMPETITION!



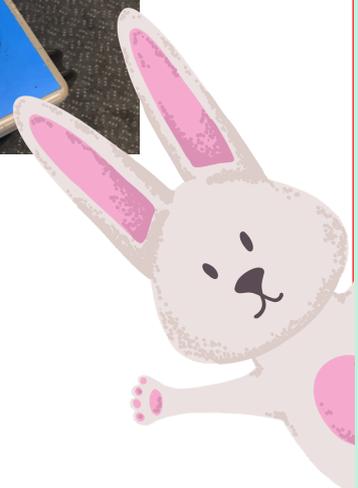
## GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL FAMILY



Elodie took part in the 5km swimathon on 21st March in aid of Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK. She was in a team with her completing between them 200 lengths of Waterfield pool. She was very tired afterwards but really proud of her achievement.



These children won medals for their achievements at football. They have listened well and shown incredible commitment. Well done!



# Happy Easter

We wish all of our children and families a peaceful and Happy Easter!

School Office



## BELVOIR BEES SUMMER 2026 JUNIOR KWIK CRICKET COACHING

Starting: W/C Tuesday 21st April 2026  
Timings: 6-7:30PM  
£5 per session  
Boys & Girls aged 5-11



Season pass-  
Great Dalby & Hose season pass- £45  
All venue season pass- £70

Season pass payments can be made via bank transfer.



### TUESDAY

ASFORDBY PARISH HALL, ASFORDBY LE14 3SA  
18 weeks (21<sup>ST</sup> April-18<sup>TH</sup> Aug) - £4 per session (subsidised)



### WEDNESDAY

GREAT DALBY CC, GREAT DALBY LE14 2EZ  
12 weeks (22<sup>ND</sup> April- 8<sup>TH</sup> July) - £5 per session



### THURSDAY

HOSE VILLAGE HALL, HOSE LE14 4JR  
12 weeks (23<sup>RD</sup> April- 9<sup>TH</sup> July) £5 per session



### FRIDAY

BELVOIR CRICKET CLUB, KNIPTON NG32 1RE  
18 weeks (24<sup>TH</sup> April-21<sup>ST</sup> Aug) £5 per session



All sessions can be pre-booked. For further information or to book please contact [neil@support-best.org](mailto:neil@support-best.org) or 07436 263837

## EASTER ART WORKSHOPS

RUNNING ON  
30th March - 8th April - 9th April



9.30-3.30PM early - late available 8.30-4.30pm [www.kathrynsaunby.com](http://www.kathrynsaunby.com)

Dear Parents

The after-school clubs will begin again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and run up until we break for our May half term. Please book and pay for your child's places through Arbor. If you are having any difficulty in accessing your Arbor [account](#) please speak to someone in the school office.

We are spacing out our club offer over the year as each teacher voluntarily runs a club.

Please be aware clubs will not be running on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please also see that Little Springers is slightly more expensive at £4 a week.

In addition to the afterschool clubs on offer, our sports coach supports our children with organised activities on two lunchtimes a week to help them to remain active and give them ideas for games they can play on other days. There are other clubs and activities which will also be on offer during the school week such as chaplaincy, maths club, school parliament and prayer clubs. Details of these clubs will be shared in school with the children.

£3/4 per week	5 or 6 Weeks	Starting week commencing Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026				
	Year Groups	Activity	Coach/Teacher	Cost	Maximum No. of pupils in club	Pick up time
Monday	(5 weeks) K52 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Netball Club	Miss Easom Miss Bone	£15 <b>No club on May Day - 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	20	4:15pm
Monday	(5 weeks) K52 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Eco Club	Mrs Cathcart Mr Partington	£15 <b>No club on May Day - 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	16	4:15pm
Monday	EYFS, Years 1, 2 and 3	Multi Sports	Urban Movement	£15 <b>No club on May Day - 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	20	4:15pm
Wednesday	Years 4, 5 & 6	Multi Sports	Urban Movement	£18	20	4:15pm
Thursday	K52 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Girl's Football Club	Miss Page	£18	16	4:15pm
Thursday	K51 EYFS, Years 1 and 2	Little Springers Gymnastic Club	Kiera Spong	£24	16	4:15pm

### Multi Sports

This is a club run by our sports provider Urban Movements, and samples a range of sports. This is a fun session to keep children active and enjoying a range of activities.

### K52 Netball Club

This club will be run by Miss Easom and Miss Bone for children in K52, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on a Monday afterschool. Please note this club is for 5 weeks and will not run on Bank Holiday Monday.

### K52 Girl's Football Club

Miss Page, an experienced Level 2 FA Coach, will be running a girl's football club on a Thursday afterschool for girls in K52. Equipment has been donated by the Youth Sports Trust in conjunction with the English Football Association and the Premier League.

### Little Springers Gymnastics Club

Little Springers provide non-competitive gymnastics activity classes, where children are bound to learn and bound to have fun! These sessions are £4 each.

### K52 Eco Club

As a school who has achieved the Eco School Flag (with distinction!) we want to keep our commitment to all things Eco. Mr Partington and Mrs Cathcart arrange a range of eco activities for the children, which last year included making hanging planters, weeding and composting, scattering seed bombs, making bug hotels, community litter picking and much more. Please note this club is for 5 weeks and will not run on Bank Holiday Monday.

### Pick-up arrangements

At the end of the club, pupils will be brought down to the playground to be collected. Please can parents follow the same procedures that currently take place at the end of a school day and be ready for the pupils at the times listed in the table above.

If you would like your child to take part in any clubs, then please make payment via Arbor a.s.a.p. as places are limited and filled on a first come and first served basis.

If you have any questions or queries, then please get in touch.





Performing at St John's Church  
Thorpe End  
Melton Mowbray  
LE13 1RB  
On Friday 17th April  
7.30pm

**JUST  
£5 A  
TICKET**



Refreshments to be served in the interval  
tickets available on the door & in Advance from Frances on  
**07790 631635**



Proceeds go to Friends of St John's Church Registered Charity No.1207977

We're a vibrant and versatile group, bringing you a lively mix of music! From foot-stomping skiffle and heartwarming country to toe-tapping pop and soulful folk, we embrace a diverse repertoire. We even throw in a few unexpected twists and the occasional comedic number for good measure.

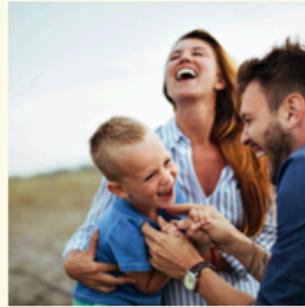


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# Healthy Together Newsletter

ISSUE 10



## Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from the school nursing team at Healthy Together.

In this update, you can find advice around reducing screen time, information about free online parenting pathways and details of our Lanterns game, encouraging children to write down their worries and watch them float away.

### Reducing the amount of screen time for children

To help you explain the importance of looking away from and spending less time on their screens, we have produced 5 easy to understand reasons for you to share with your child.

#### Riddle me this!

When should you turn off your screen before bed time?

- 1 1 hour before
- 2 1 second before
- 3 1 minute before



Click here to view our 5 reasons why you need to look up from a screen

### Free online parenting pathways to support your journey

TogetherNESS courses cover concerns that parents often face with all children, from before they are born to early adulthood, including physical and mental health, understanding their feelings and how to build better relationships.

Issues that affect children with additional needs including learning disabilities and autism – are also covered.

Click here to find out more about all of the available courses



Performing Stars Academy Seniors Presents...



**a new musical  
about the labels  
that last a lifetime**

Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown Book by Dan Elish and Robert Horn

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

**25th & 26th April at Melton Theatre  
5.00pm & 7.30pm performances**

**Melton Theatre Box office 01664 851111  
www.meltontheatre.co.uk**

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk  
"13" was Commissioned by Center Theater Group, Los Angeles, CA (must be in boldface type)  
Subsequently produced for The Goodspeed Opera House by Michael P. Price, Executive Producer  
Original Broadway Production Produced by Bob Boyett, Roger Berlind, Tim Levy, Ken Davenport,  
Ted Hartley, Stacey Mindich, Jan Bergere, Broadway Across America, Sharon Karmazin, Carl  
Moellenberg, Tom Miller, True Love Productions /Olympus Theatricals and Center Theatre Group



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## In the Spotlight

### Lanterns: Helping to let go of worries

For some children, feelings can be difficult to understand, share and let go of.

To help with this, the Lanterns game on Health for Kids encourages children to note down their feelings on one of our lanterns and watch as they float away, rather than 'bottling up' how they are feeling.



Click here to play our Lanterns game

### Contact a school nurse by text message

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

**07520 615 382**



### Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



**Call 0300 300 3001**

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

### Free local support for managing parental conflict

There is strong evidence that conflict between parents, whether they live together or are separated, can have a significant negative impact on children's mental health, well-being, and long-term life chances

Not all conflict is harmful. Children can cope well with disagreements that are calm, short-lived and resolved. However, when conflict is frequent, intense, or poorly resolved, it can affect how safe children feel, how they manage their emotions, and how they behave at home and in school.

The East Mids Relationships website offers more information as well as non-judgmental support and guidance for managing parental conflict.

Click here to visit the East Mids Relationships website

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