

Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Year of Jubilee

This week we have celebrated the primary launch of the Year of Jubilee. A whole school Celebration of the Word took place, where the children listened to the Gospel that inspires us in this Year of Jubilee; heard the year of Jubilee prayer and also saw the Icon artwork that has been commissioned especially for this very special occasion. Pope Francis is challenging us to celebrate this year with:

- Deep Faith
- Lively Hope
- Active Charity.



Over the next year we will be taking part in events that will help us as a school community to live this out.

What is a Jubilee year?

A Jubilee is a significant moment in the life of the Church that happens every 25 years.

- Biblically, the Jubilee is a time of renewal, celebration, rest and freedom.
- In Old Testament times, debts were cancelled, prisoners and enslaved people were freed, and even the land was able to rest.
- Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It's an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.
- He has asked us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home, and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

Writing Club KS2

Yesterday, we held our very first Writing Club! Every Thursday at 1 pm, KS2 children are invited to join us in Linden class for a chance to let their creativity shine. This is a space where our young writers can put pen to paper, whether it's creating a comic, writing a diary entry, crafting a newspaper, or even developing their own short story. It was fantastic to see so many faces and the writing they produced! Perhaps you could have a go at a short story this weekend. Story starter-

In the heart of the Enchanted Forest, a young girl named Lily found herself in a dreamy glade. There, a gentle fairy hovered, glowing with a soft, golden light. Lily watched in wonder as the fairy's wings fluttered, sprinkling shimmering dust around. "Is this a dream?" Lily whispered, her eyes wide with awe. Continue the story...



PTA Quiz Night

To those attending tonight's quiz night, I trust you will have an enjoyable evening. Let's hope we have some budding masterminds amongst us, though I'm certain you will all have a good laugh regardless of the outcome. Best of luck to everyone!"



Whizz Kids Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club Provider, Whizz Kids is running in the February half term holiday and during the Easter Holidays. See flyer below.

St Francis Speech and Drama

Well done to those St Francis children who took their mock exams on Sunday and good luck to those who are taking speech and drama exams at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in London this Sunday. We thank Mr Lawson Lean Head of Prep School Drama at Notre Dame Cobham for his time in presiding over the mock exams. Mrs Shannon

Absence Procedures

In August 2024 the DFE published new guidance with regard to attendance in schools, 'Working together to improve school attendance'. The Children's Commissioner for England has put together a document outlining why attending school regularly is so important for children and parents' responsibilities. If children are taken out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), Please see grid below.

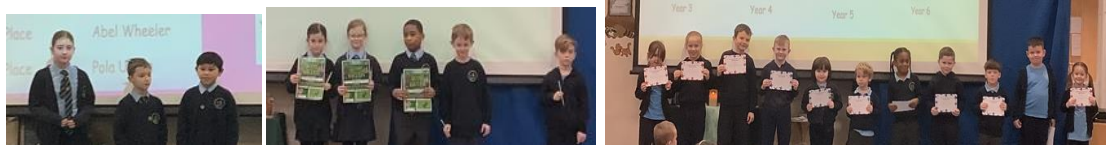
Absence Category	0 - 21 Days	22 -28 Days	More than 28 Days
First Absence since 19 August 2024	£80	£160	Prosecution
Second Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	£160	£160	Prosecution
Third Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	N/A	N/A	Prosecution

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the certificate winners this week and to **Margaret Clitherow** for winning the House points.



Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff



FINAL CALL - Parents Quiz Night



The quiz night is taking place this Friday 24th January 2025 – 7:00pm-10:00pm. Tickets are £5 per adult and are available on the PTA events website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>

Teams should be made up of no more than 6 people. Parents, carers, friends and those connected to the school are all welcome!! You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks with you but drinks will be available to purchase on the night from the bar, there will also be a raffle with the winning ticket pulled out at the end of the night! Get your thinking caps on!!! If there are any parents that do not wish to participate in the quiz but are available to volunteer to serve drinks at the bar please do let the PTA know, we would be very grateful for your support.

The Little Recyclers – School Fundraising

There is a collection arranged on Thursday 6th February 2025. Please fill any bags with clothes and bring them to the school on the morning of the 6th February, they will be collected and weighed. The more clothes that are donated the more funds the school will receive. 1 kg = £0.45

Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle answer: 'Are you asleep yet?'

This week's riddle: What is always in front of you but can never be seen?

Calendar Dates

5 th February	Coffee Morning @ 9am Mental Health Team In.
6 th February	Children's Mental Health Day Little Recyclers
11 th February	Safer Internet Day International Day of Women in Science.
14 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
17 th -21 st February	Half Term
24 th February	School Reopens @ 9am
25 th February	Parents Evening- Details to Follow
26 th February	Parents Evening- Details to Follow
5 th March	Ash Wednesday
10 th March	Science Week
14 th March	Inset Day
28 th March	Beginning Lenten Reflections Reception / Year 1 - Palm Sunday Parents invited 9.10am
31 st March	Year 2 - Jesus in the temple-Parents invited 9:10am
1 st April	Year 3 - Washing of the feet-Parents invited 9.10am Year 4 -The Last Supper-Parents invited 2:45pm
2 nd April	Year 5 -The betrayal and The last supper -Parents invited 9.10am
3 rd April	Year 6 - Station of the cross-Parents invited 9:10 am
4 th April	School Finishes For The Easter Break @1pm



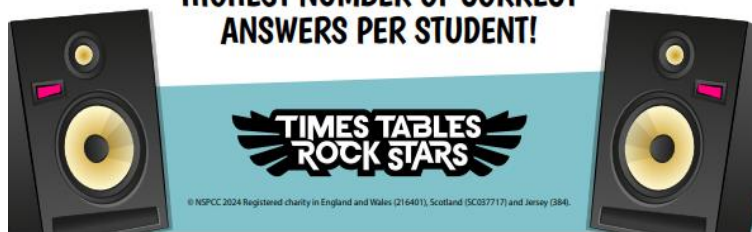
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ROCKS**

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025
7:30AM TO 7:30PM

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

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Reigate Redhill & Festival
Celebrating Performance in Music and Drama

1st – 23rd May 2025

Join us to celebrate the Centenary of Reigate and Redhill Festival: a fun and friendly festival with competitive and non-competitive classes in music, speech and drama. With over 200 classes to choose from, there's something for everyone - whatever your age or talent!

Enter at www.rrfestival.org until 25th February 2025

Entries from £5

- Music classes for children and adult amateur musicians:
 - Brass, Choirs, Classical Guitar, Group Music, Harp & Clarsach, Piano & Organ, Strings, Vocal, Woodwind (inc. Recorders)
- Concerto class for musicians aged 19 and under
- Rock, Pop and Urban for soloists and groups, aged 10 to 19
- Speech and Drama classes for Reception to Year 13

Registered charity no 1209178

www.rrfestival.org

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have five venues around West Sussex and Surrey.



If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizzz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

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www.whizzzkidsclub.co.uk

For exact dates please visit our website.
 We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.
 Whizzz Kids is registered with Ofsted. see website

only £33 per day
 * Bulk booking discounts available

Venues

- 1 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 2 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 3 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 4 Leachpool Primary School, Horsham
- 5 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



Operating Dates

- FEB HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 4, 5
- EASTER:** Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- MAY HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 4, 5
- SUMMER:** Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- OCTOBER HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- CHRISTMAS:** n/a

Our Locations



Active Fun!

- SPORTING ACTIVITIES**
 - Football
 - Cricket/Kwick Cricket
 - Tennis/Short Tennis
 - Basketball
 - Rounders
 - Mini Sports
 - Team Games
 - Adventure Playground
 - Field Activities
 - Mini Olympics
 - Dodge Ball
 - Tag Rugby
- CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**
 - Cooking
 - Face Painting
 - Painting & Sticky Stuff
 - Play Dough Modelling
 - Story Telling
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Dance and Drama
 - Treasure Hunts
 - Themed Days
 - Picnics
 - Easter Egg Hunts
 - Board Games

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
 9am - 4.15pm (per day)
 £33.00

EXTRAS

- Early Birds** 8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50
- Late Leavers** 4.15pm - 5.00pm (per day) £4.50
- Late Leavers +** 4.15pm - 6.00pm (per day) £7.00
- Tuck** £1.50 (per day)
- Sickness & Flexibility Insurance** £2.50 (per day)



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