

## Value of the month – – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Ash Wednesday Liturgy

We are so fortunate that Monseigneur Richard came to prepare all of us for Lent. Children and staff in both Key Stages enjoyed a beautiful, reflective liturgy, followed by ashes on their foreheads. Thank you to Monseigneur Richard for his time and to everyone else involved in our preparation for Lent.



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#### World Book Day

Thanks to all pupils for arriving at school in world book day costumes or pyjamas with lots of smiles and enthusiasm. Thank you to all adults at home who supported your children with this. Children enjoyed a unique day at school, including being read to by a surprise teacher and being visited by different pupils across the school. We hope they enjoyed the day and are inspired to really get into reading. Please remember to email in any photos of your child 'reading their way'. These may be shown on a display in school or an assembly. **Read Your Way Photo** We are challenging children to take and send in a photo of themselves enjoying reading 'your way'. For example: in the car, in the living room on the sofa, in your bedroom with your nightlight on, in the garden on a bench or on the grass. The photo will be displayed in school and possibly in an assembly. Please send your photos to email address- [bookday25@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bookday25@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

#### Dorking Halls

Our Choir attended the Surrey schools music festival with 5 other schools on Thursday evening at Dorking Halls. The event was fantastic and all the schools only met that afternoon. The singing was amazing. Under the fantastic leadership of Mrs Hardy the choir performed a solo song, The Battle of the Jericho- it was outstanding. I want to express my thanks to Mrs Hardy, Mrs McEvoy, Miss Coggins, Mrs Thompson who accompanied the children and supported throughout the performance. I was yet again blown away by the talent of our choir.

#### Sports Day

Please be aware that this year we will be having Sports Day on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**.

#### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Thomas More** for winning the house cup.

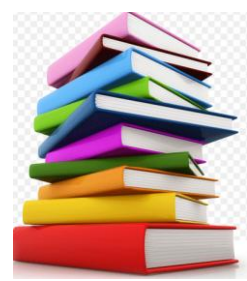
Best wishes  
Mrs McGrath and Staff



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## Calendar Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Inset Day School Closed to Pupils</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Beginning Lenten Reflections <b>Reception / Year 1</b> - Palm Sunday Parents invited <b>9.10am</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Year 2</b> - Jesus in the temple-Parents invited <b>9:10am</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Year 3</b> - Washing of the feet-Parents invited <b>9.10am</b> <b>Year 4</b> -The Last Supper-Parents invited <b>2:45pm</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Year 5</b> -The betrayal and The last supper -Parents invited <b>9.10am</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Year 6</b> - Station of the cross-Parents invited <b>9:10 am</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Finishes For The Easter Break <b>@1pm</b>

### 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

### Legoland – INSET Day 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Good News!



We have had enough parents purchase tickets for Legoland so we will go ahead with the trip on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March as planned

#### School Discos for Y1-Y6

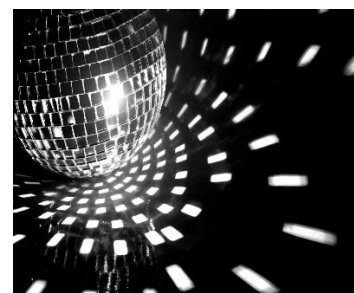
The school discos for Yrs 1-6 will be going ahead as follows, please note these are 'drop and go' so parents do enjoy the free time!

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm – 7:15pm Yr 5 & 6**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm-6:15pm Yr 1 & 2**

**6:45pm – 8pm Yr 3 & 4**

Disco tickets are available to book on the PTA events website.



Thank you!

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Last week's riddle answer: A Towel

This week's riddle: I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?