

St. Francis' School Newsletter

9th May 2025



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

Reigate and Redhill Festival

On Tuesday 6th May our Festival Junior Choir entered the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival and performed a very musical and polished repertoire. The adjudicator commented - **Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho**; 'Very well prepared and energetically performed. Well done. Good part singing too.' **The Blessing**; 'Lots of really interesting things here. Nice use of soloists and conductor from the choir. Well done all.' The choir looked extremely smart and were a great credit to the school. All the children should feel extremely proud of themselves and their excellent performance.



Outdoor Learning Day

Yesterday we celebrated the great outdoors by moving our learning outside for part of the day. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful grounds – including our forest school area, our pond, prayer garden and Storytelling/Growing Garden!



Sporting Fixtures

A huge congratulations to our **Year 6 football** team, who have once again made the school proud by winning this year's football tournament at St John's School on Tuesday- their third consecutive title, having also triumphed in Year 4 and Year 5! This year's competition was their toughest yet, with strong teams and close matches throughout. But our team rose to the challenge, winning every single game thanks to outstanding teamwork, relentless determination, and some truly brilliant football. From solid defending to creative attacking play, they gave it everything and deservedly came out on top. Their hard work and unity on and off the pitch are a fantastic example of what can be achieved through commitment and collaboration. They've secured their place in school history as back-to-back-to-back champions an incredible achievement.



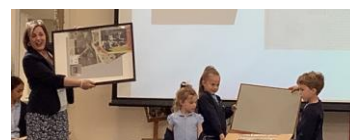
The netball team put on a fantastic performance at Hamsey Green School during a rally against several other schools. The girls won two games, drew one, and made it all the way to the final- where they claimed victory! Well done to everyone involved what a brilliant achievement!

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **John Fisher** House for winning the House Points Cup. Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Fiona McGrath
and Staff



Calendar Dates

12 th May	SATS Week
14 th May	Year 3 Trip to Frylands Wood
15 th May	Year 5 Trip to Gatton Park
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term Break
2 nd June	School Reopens @9am
2 nd June-6 June	Year 6 Bikeability
9 th June-13 th June	Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
12 th June	Reception Trip to Bocketts farm
17 th & 18 th June	Reception Height & Weight Screening Details to Follow
20 th June	Inset Day School Closed to Children
27 th June	Sports Day Details to Follow
30 th June	District Sports Field - Details to Follow
2 nd July	Year 2 Trip to Painshill Year 1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3 rd July	District Sports Track - Details to Follow
3 rd July	Year 6 PGL Assembly – Details to follow
4 th July	PTA Summer Fayre details to follow
11 th July	Year 6 leavers Disco Details to follow
18 th July	Leavers Assembly am details to follow
18 th July	Break Up for Summer Holidays
2 nd September	Inset Day
3 rd September	Inset Day
4 th September	School Re-opens 9am

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



Minecraft Experience – 20th June 2025 (INSET Day)

Hurry, this is your last chance to join us for the Minecraft Village Rescuer Experience at Canada Water (London) for the 20th June 2025 INSET day.

Tickets are £15 for children/ £20 for adults (if you require a carer ticket please contact the PTA before purchasing). Tickets can be purchased on the PTA events website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97427>

We have had a lot of interest in the event but currently we haven't had the response we were expecting. This event is strictly subject to numbers. The deadline to purchase tickets is **9th May 2025**.

Sports Day 2025 – 27th June 2025

Sports Day will be held on Friday 27th June 2025. Sales for Sports Day t-shirts and caps is now live, these can be purchased on the PTA events website here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97996>

A Big Thank You!

As a result of our notice going out before the Easter break a kind parent, Anthony Humphrey (Maple Class) has donated their BBQ, which is fantastic!!

Thank you also to Steve Cassidy (Maple Class) who has offered his van to deliver the BBQ.

Thank you!

PTA

Last week's riddle: What has many keys but can't open a single lock? Answer: A Piano

This week's riddle: What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?