

Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

SATs Tests

Well done to our Year 6 children who have now all completed their SATs tests. They were all sensible, worked hard and did their very best, which is all we ask of the children. We look forward to 'Y6 Transition Visits', in the coming weeks, from some of the Heads of Year 7 from the local Secondary Schools. They meet with the children, teachers as part of the transition process. If you have any concerns around your child and transition, please do make an appointment to see the class teachers. We are happy to help, where possible, to make the transition process easier for the children.

Reigate and Redhill Festival

Well done to all the St Francis children and alumni currently participating in the R&R Festival. Full results will be published next week but particular congratulations to the KS1 Owl and Pussycat group who delighted the adjudicator and parents with their performance and for bringing home the Group Choral Cup. Our thanks go to Mrs Shannon for all her hard work and commitment to the children. Photos courtesy of Reigate and Redhill Festival <https://www.facebook.com/reigateandredhillfestival>

International Oratory Festival- good luck to those children who are currently participating in this event with children all over the world.



Trips

Year 5 spent a lovely day at Gatton Park learning about seed dispersal using microscopes to explore seeds. As well as, developing their team building skills in a variety of games. Year 3 had a fantastic time at Fryland's Wood Outdoor Centre this week. Much fun was had climbing, fire lighting, completing assault courses and having a go at archery. Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to make this a memorable day for the children.



Online Safety

Please continue to monitor what children are accessing online.

We've received reports of some children viewing and discussing inappropriate content with others. Your support in helping keep them safe and aware is really appreciated. Parents may find this link useful <https://www.internetmatters.org> The site has a wealth of information to support keeping your children safe online.

Water Bottles

Please remind children to bring their water bottles, especially as the weather warms up. Staying hydrated supports focus, energy and brain function throughout the day.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today it is with sadness for us we say Goodbye to Mrs Webster who has worked at the school since September 2021.

Celebration Assembly

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

Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Fiona McGrath
and Staff



Calendar Dates

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
17 th July	Leavers Mass @ Sacred Heart 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



Sports Day 2025 – 27th June 2025

Sports Day will be held on Friday 27th June 2025. The sale link 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/stfrancissschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97996>

Minecraft Experience – 20th June 2025 (INSET Day)

Good news! The Minecraft Experience event will be going ahead as planned as enough tickets were sold. We are so excited that the children are able to go along and enjoy their INSET day together. Information about ticket distribution will be released shortly for those that purchased tickets.

Summer Fayre – 4th July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 4th July this year. Please add the date to your diaries. There will be a planning meeting arranged shortly to begin to make arrangements for the fayre and to allocate stalls to classes, for those that can't make it in person you will be able to attend via Zoom.

Summer Ice Cream Rota

If anyone would like to help out with selling ice lollies after school on a Friday please could you let the PTA know, we would be very grateful for any volunteers.

Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle: What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right? Answer: Your Right Elbow!

This week's riddle: What gets bigger when more is taken away?