



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday we were invited to take part in this year's **Xavier Young Musician of the Year**. Lois (Year 6) represented St Francis and sang such a beautiful 'Quiet' from Matilda. Lois performed with confidence, musicality and maturity. The audience were absorbed by her sensitive performance. Well done Lois - we are so very proud of you!



Reigate and Redhill Festival

Congratulations to Festival prize winners **Archie (Yr 4)**, **Taylor (Yr 3)** and alumini Esme for being selected to participate in the Festival's Centenary Gala Showcase which promises to be a vibrant collection of instrumental, vocal and dramatic highlights. This event will take place at Reigate Park Church on Friday 21st May at 6.30pm. details can be found on the link. [Reigate & Redhill Festival Centenary Gala Showcase 2025 at Reigate Park Church event tickets from TicketSource](#) In order for Mrs Shannon to record all results/comments and prepare certificates/prizes for celebration assembly could parents ensue that she has their children/s festival certificates and reports if not handed in at the Festival. Results will be published after half term.

Talent Show

Thank you to Mrs Palmer for organising the talent show that took place this afternoon. It was an afternoon filled with celebrating the various talents of children across the school. Thank you so much to those who auditioned and well done to all participants.



Reception Trip

Our Reception classes had a wonderful trip to Sacred Heart Church this week. On the way there, the children practised important road safety skills, showing great awareness and care. At the church, they were warmly welcomed and enjoyed a fascinating tour. The children lit candles for prayer, explored the sacristy where the priest and altar servers prepare for Mass, and admired the beautiful statues, paintings of Jesus and Mary, stained glass windows. A special highlight was meeting Father Sean, who spoke to the children about the meaning of Mass. Together, they shared a moment of reflection and said a prayer. It was a meaningful and memorable experience for all!

Cycling Proficiency Year 6 Next Week

The Year 6 children will undertake Bikeability cycling proficiency training each morning after half term from Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June. The children will take a practical test on the final day.

As we wrap up a busy half term, we'd like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break. We hope you find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the summer term.

Mrs Kate Licence
and Staff

School Re-opens Monday 2nd June @ 9am



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 – @2.30pm
4 th July	PTA Summer Fayre details to follow
11 th July	Year 6 leavers Disco Details to follow
14 th July	Year 6 Production PM- Details to follow
16 th July	Year 6 Production PM- 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/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97996>

Please note the deadline to order t-shirts and caps for sports day is Friday 23rd May. No orders can be accepted after this date!

Information will be sent out soon as to how the t-shirts and caps will be distributed.

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. Thank you to everyone that attended the planning meeting. We look forward to a great event and hope to see you there!

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.

Save the Date!!!

5th July 2025 – PTA Survival Social —the PTA would like to invite any parent that wants to come and have a drink with us to join us at The Boundary on the Green from 5pm, children welcome to come along.

Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle: What gets bigger when more is taken away? Answer: A Hole

This week's riddle: I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?

CATERHAM FESTIVAL 2025

STREET PARTY

Sunday 1 June 1-6pm
High Street, CR3 5UX

LITERARY FESTIVAL

Sunday 1 June to Monday 9 June
Various Locations

SCARECROW FEST

Sunday 1 to Saturday 28 June
Various Locations

BARN DANCE

Saturday 7 June 7pm 'til late
Sunnydown School, CR3 5ED

GHOST WALK

Wednesday 11 &
Thursday 12 June 7.30pm
The King & Queen, CR3 5UA

FINALE FUN DAY

Saturday 21 June 12 noon 'til late
Westway Common, CR3 5PP

CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 6 July 9am onwards
Westway Common, CR3 5PP

FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 12 October 10am-4pm
Croydon Road, CR3 6PB



For full details of these events, visit
www.caterhamfestival.org

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