

St. Francis' School Newsletter

6th June 2025



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back

Our first week back has flown by.



Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 did an outstanding job in the cycling proficiency course! The instructors were thoroughly impressed with their skills, attitude, and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6 – you should be very proud of yourselves!

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 will be taking the now statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) in the coming week. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The Y4 teachers have been preparing the children in school. Year 4 are encouraged to keep practising online one and this will help them in preparation for the test.

All classes have access to, and should be using, Times-tables Rockstars . Children can practise at home for 10 minutes a day, this will help them to secure their quick recall of tables.

Little Recyclers – Tuesday 17th June 2025

Please note that the next opportunity to contribute to this collection will be Tuesday 17th June. Please ensure all clothes as suitably bagged up to aid collection, distribution and any temporary storage. Many thanks in advance. PTA.



Year 6 Residential Monday 9th- 13th June

We wish our Year 6 pupils and staff a safe and exciting journey as they set off on their residential trip to Torquay on Monday. We hope the sun shines for you and that you enjoy every moment of this special experience. We're looking forward to hearing all about your adventures when you return!



Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Anne Line** for winning the House Points Cup.



Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Kate Licence
and Staff



Calendar Dates

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
20th June	Inset Day School Closed to Children
27 th June	Sports Day- Details to Follow
30 th June	District Sports Field – After School Details to Follow
2 nd July	Year 2 Trip to Painshill Year 1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3 rd July	District Sports Track - After Dchool 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 6PM- Details to Follow
16 th July	Year 6 Production 6 PM- Details to Follow
17 th July	Leavers Mass @ Sacred Heart Years 4,5,6 2PM
18 th July	Leavers Assembly
18 th July	Break Up for Summer Holidays
2nd September	Inset Day
3rd 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, if anyone has purchased t-shirts and caps these will be distributed around the 13th June.

Unfortunately, the date has passed for ordering so no more orders for t-shirts and caps can be taken.

Summer Fayre – 4th July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 4th July 4-6:30pm this year. Please add the date to your diaries.

We look forward to a great event and hope to see you there!

October Laser Show

Save the date!! We can now announce that there will be a laser show taking place at the school in the evening on 4th October 2025.

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: I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I? Answer: Your Breath
This week's riddle: Where does today come before yesterday?

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



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

17 JUNE
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES