

St. Francis' School Newsletter

19th June 2025



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Residential to Devon

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who recently returned from an unforgettable residential trip to Devon. It was a long journey, but every moment was filled with excitement, adventure, and personal growth. Throughout the week, the children challenged themselves to step outside their comfort zones, trying new activities and developing valuable life skills along the way. From team-building exercises to outdoor adventures, they embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers who gave up their personal time to accompany and support the children. Your commitment and care helped make this trip such a positive and memorable experience for everyone involved. Y6 Parents are welcome to attend the PGL Assembly on **Wednesday 3rd July at 2:30pm.**

Changeover Day & New Reception Children

On **Tuesday 8th July**, all children across the school will take part in our Changeover Afternoon, where they will meet their new teachers and learn about their upcoming year groups. They'll also take part in some fun introductory activities to help them feel excited and prepared for the year ahead. We're also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children on that day. It was a pleasure to meet and welcome their parents during yesterday's first school meeting, thank you to everyone who attended!

Whole Sports Day

We're excited to announce that our Whole School Sports Day will take place on Friday **27th June**. All parents will be welcomed on site from **9.15 until 10.45**, allowing everyone to see their child participate in several events. Gates will then be opened allowing parents to leave the site. **KS2** parents are invited back in the afternoon from **1:30** to enjoy the House relays and the trophy presentation.

Holy Communion Liturgy and Celebration

On **Tuesday 1st of July**, we will be holding a Holy Communion Liturgy for the children in year four to celebrate them receiving their Holy Communion. This will take place in the morning so that they can wear their special outfits to school if they'd like. After the liturgy, we'll celebrate with a cake, and a drink. The children will also receive a small gift to mark the occasion. The children will be getting changed afterwards, so please send them with a bag or hanger for their clothes.

Chewing Gum in School

We'd like to remind all families that chewing gum is not allowed in school. We've had a few recent incidents, and we'd really appreciate your help in reinforcing this rule at home.

Chewing gum can cause mess and damage to school property, and we want to keep our classrooms and shared spaces clean and welcoming for everyone. Thanks for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive learning environment!

Inclusion Assembly

Next week, we'll be holding an **Inclusion Assembly** to help children think about the importance of treating everyone with respect and standing up against racism and discrimination. It's part of the work we're doing to make sure our school is a safe, welcoming place for everyone, where kindness, fairness, and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do. We're looking forward to some thoughtful conversations and reflections, and we appreciate your support in continuing these discussions at home too.

Multi Skills

A huge congratulations to our St Francis team who came 2nd out of 8 schools at the Woodlea Multi Skills event today! 🏆 Even more impressive, they achieved this with reduced numbers, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and school spirit. We're super proud of everyone who took part.



St Bede's Jazz Band

🎷 We're really looking forward to a visit from the St Bede's Jazz Band next week! They'll be playing around 11 or 12 great tunes, and some of their students will get to show off the instruments and how they work. It should be a fun and interesting session, we're hoping everyone learns something new and enjoys the music!

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Kate Licence and Staff

Calendar Dates

20th June	Inset Day School Closed to Children
24 th June	St Bede's Jazz Band Visit
25 th June	Good Shepherd Mass
27 th June	Sports Day- Details to Follow
30 th June	District Sports Field – After School Details to Follow
1 st July	Holy communion Liturgy
2 nd July	Year 2 Trip to Painshill Year 1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3 rd July	District Sports Track - After School Details to Follow
3 rd July	Year 6 PGL Assembly – @2.30PM
4 th July	Mufti Day Bring a bottle PTA Summer Fayre
8 th July	Changeover Day
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 TBC
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

After School Clubs

The last week for most clubs is the week beginning 30th June.

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



Mufti Day – 4th July 2025

Children can come to school in their own clothes on the day of the Summer Fayre for a donation of a bottle for the bottle tombola. Please bring a bottle with you to the school in the morning where Susie and other volunteers will be waiting by the gates to collect them.

If anyone is free and would like to volunteer to help with collection of the bottles please do let the PTA know. We will also be collecting sweet donations for the fayre but the collection for these will be Monday 30th June.

Summer Fayre – 4th July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 4th July 4-6:30pm this year. We need lots of volunteers to make the fayre a success so please do contact your class rep if you would like to support your child's class stall, volunteer slots are usually only 30 mins per parent so you can still enjoy the fayre.

Raffle tickets and stamp cards for activities will be available to purchase very soon – Raffle Prizes include – Afternoon Tea @ Coulsdon Manor Hotel, Voucher for The Light, Redhill and more...

PTA Survival Social – 5th July 2025

We made it 1 year!!!! —the PTA would like to invite any parent that wants to come and have a drink with us and talk all things non- PTA to join us at The Boundary on the Green from 5pm, children welcome to come along.

October Laser Show – 4th October 2025

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

Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle: Where does today come before yesterday? Answer: The dictionary

This week's riddle: What goes up and down but doesn't move?