



## Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Whole Sports Day

We had an amazing time at Sports Day Today! The sun was shining, the races were exciting, and everyone gave it their best shot. From sprints and relays to long jumps to wellie throwing, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was fantastic to see so much team spirit, cheering, and big smiles all around. Whether children were running, jumping, or supporting their friends, they showed great sportsmanship and had lots of fun. **Thomas Moore** had a great relay race and won both girls and boys events. Congratulations and well done to **Margaret Clitherow** house for winning the cup! A big **thank you** to all the staff, and families who came along to cheer and make the day so special. Well done to all the children, you were brilliant! See photos below.



#### Inclusion Assembly

On Thursday we had a very special assembly all about *inclusion*, that means making sure everyone feels welcome, safe, and happy at school, no matter who they are. We spoke about being kind, respectful and helping others, and celebrating what makes us all different and unique. At our assembly and everyone belongs!

#### Good Shepherd Mass

Some of our children had an opportunity to attend the Good Shepherd Mass at Arundel Cathedral. They joined other schools to celebrate together and did a fantastic job representing our school. This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope," which means we're all on a journey of faith, kindness, and looking after one another, just like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for us. A big thank you to Mr Crone & Mrs Zarembski for taking the children and helping make the day special.



#### St Bede's Jazz Band

We had such a fun time when the St Bede's Jazz Band came to visit on Tuesday. They played some brilliant music.

The band also showed us their instruments and told us what it's like to be part of a real band. We saw trumpets, saxophones, drums, and more, it was loud, exciting, and super cool! A big **thank you** to Mr Wood (who will be retiring this year) the students and staff from St Bede's for coming to share their music with us. We loved it and hope you come back soon!



#### 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 is for children only, no parents attending)** 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.

## Mary's Meals

On Friday 4th July, year 2 and year 6 will be holding a fundraising fair during the school day for Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. The charity is already feeding more than 2.4 million children every school day – and together, we can help them reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals. As part of our RE learning, the year 2s and year 6s have learnt about this charity and know how we have a responsibility as the hands and feet of God on Earth. In class, they have been looking at ways that they can raise awareness of this charity as well as planning their own event with exciting stalls. It has been wonderful to hear the enthusiasm from the children as they have been delivering assemblies, creating posters and organising the events for the day. All children will be given a card which will enable them to take part in the activities. We are however asking families for a donation towards this worthy charity. Any amount of money is welcome, suggested amount is £2 in an envelope. It cost £19.15 to feed a child for a whole school year. You can find out more information about the charity at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



## 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 **Thursday 10th July**.

It was a pleasure to meet and welcome the children and their parents during yesterday's story time. Thank you to everyone who attended!

## Celebration Assembly

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



Mrs Kate Licence and Staff

## Calendar Dates

30 <sup>th</sup> June	District Sports Field – After School
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Holy communion Liturgy
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Year 2</b> Trip to Painshill <b>Year 1</b> Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	District Sports Track - After School
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 PGL Assembly – @2.30PM
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Mary's meals Mufti Day Bring a bottle PTA Summer Fayre
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Changeover Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Children
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers Disco Details to Follow
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6PM- Details to Follow
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6 PM- Details to Follow
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Mass @ Sacred Heart Years 4,5,6 TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Break Up for Summer Holidays
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School Re-opens 9am</b>



# ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

"Every child a winner"

Supporters of the National Open Youth Orchestra  
Welcome - National Open Youth Orchestra



*Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"*

St Francis of Assisi

## LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART EXAMINATIONS – APRIL 2025

Congratulations to the following children who all achieved Distinction in their performance/communication exams taken at LAMDA in Hammersmith at the end of April:

Sebastian (Yr 1) and Arathana (Yr 2) - Introductory Stage 1; Grace (Yr 3) - Entry Acting; Astrid (Yr 3), Erica and Kamshika (Yr 4), Aaliyah (Yr 6) – Entry Verse and Prose.

Well done to the children and the parents/guardians who have supported you in this process.

Thank you once again to David Lawson-Lean, Head of Prep school drama at Notre Dame, Cobham for overseeing the mock exams.



**'Communication is key to a successful society'**

Catherine West MP at English Speaking Union "Discover your Voice" workshop





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 , the collection for these will be **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**, please give the donations of sweets to your class teacher.

### Summer Fayre – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will soon be upon us and is taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 4-6:30pm. This year we are excited to announce that there will be a free to use soft play area for pre-schoolers and there will be food available to buy at the fair, along with lots of stalls, fun and games.

Raffle tickets and stamp cards for activities are now available to purchase on the PTA events website:

Stamp Cards - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=100385>

Raffle Tickets - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=100383>

Raffle Prizes include – Afternoon Tea @ Coulsdon Manor Hotel, Voucher for The Light, Redhill and more...

### PTA Survival Social – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Ice Cream Sale

The Ice Cream stall will be open after school today (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June) which might well be needed after sports day – please bring cash!

### Little Recyclers

Well done to everyone that donated sacks of unwanted clothes on 17<sup>th</sup> June, we raised an amazing amount, thank you!!



Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle: What goes up and down but doesn't move? Answer: A Staircase

This week's riddle: If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in?