

Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers

Holy Communion Liturgy and Celebration

Congratulations to all our children who have made their Holy Communion this year. We had a lovely Liturgy in School and a small celebration with juice and cakes afterwards.



Year 1 & Year 2 Trips

Year One had a fantastic trip to the British Wildlife Centre, we had the chance to see some amazing British wildlife, including red squirrels, hedgehogs, and Scottish wildcats. We also learned lots of fascinating facts: did you know that bobcats have an incredibly strong lockjaw, owls' brains are only the size of a pea, and badgers are nocturnal? Despite a little rain, we had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!



On Wednesday, Year 2 visited Painshill Park where they enjoyed a treasure hunt and den building activities. We were lucky with the weather as it was just the right temperature with only a light shower. We saw a ruined abbey, an ice house and a beautiful crystal grotto. We made a den for a baby bear and then built life size dens for ourselves, which were then tested to see if they were waterproof. Everyone had a great day. Thank you to the parents that were able to help out too.



District Sports

This week some of the KS2 children have taken part in the local district sports athletics competition. The events include relay races and field events such as throwing and long jump. The children were fantastic and represented the school proudly! There were lots of podium performances with lots of points scored over the two days which meant that overall St Francis came 1st place again, being the trophy back home with us! Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to all the staff who were involved in the organising and supporting!



PGL Assembly

Thank you to our Year 6 parents and family members who attended the PGL Assembly yesterday. It was wonderful to hear about the children's favourite memories. Unfortunately, the tech gave up on us during the assembly, but you'll be pleased to hear it's now back up and running! We'll be sending the PowerPoint presentation to all Year 6 parents so you don't miss out.

Mary's Meals

A huge well done to our amazing Year 2 and Year 6 children for putting on such a brilliant fundraising event this afternoon. The effort, creativity and teamwork they showed was incredible, it was clear how passionate they were about supporting Mary's Meals, and they really brought the whole school together for a great cause. Thanks to everyone who donated money to this great cause to help provide meals for children in some of the world's poorest communities. Every penny counts, and we're so grateful for all your support. You can find out more information about the charity at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



PTA Summer Fayre

Wishing everyone a fantastic time at the Summer Fayre! We hope the event goes really well and is filled with fun, laughter, and sunshine. A huge thank you to the PTA for all the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to make it happen, your efforts are truly appreciated!

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 **John Fisher** House for winning the House Points Cup.

Mrs Kate Licence
and Staff



Calendar Dates

8 th July	Changeover Day
10 th July	New Reception Children
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



Summer Fayre – 4th July 2025 – 4-6:30pm

The school Summer Fayre is upon us!! 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 available to purchase on the PTA events website, these can also be purchased on the day at the fayre:

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 – 5th July 2025

We made it 1 year!!!! —the PTA would like to invite any parent that wants to come and have a drink and talk all things non- PTA with us at The Boundary on the Green, the table is booked from 5pm, children are welcome to come along. With only 2 weeks of the school year remaining we reflect on what an exciting year we have had and look forward to more adventures in the coming year!

Thank you! PTA

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

This week's riddle: It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?