



Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, in a week of 'lasts', here is my final Newsletter!

Awards

We were also able to celebrate their achievements and award the special prizes to the following pupils for their commitment and dedication:

Music:

- **Barraclough Music Award** – congratulations to **Ophelia** who was awarded this **Choir Awards**: Celina - for conducting, Lois – for singing. Music Medals –were awarded. These were awarded to all who have all represented the choir and school this year. Well done!
- **Maths: The Fr John Maths** award for most improved mathematicians went to **Alex & Sadie**.
- **English**: Maria Wheeler English Award goes to **Elizabeth & Ophelia**.
- **Sports Awards**: were awarded to **Joe & Lois** for – super sportsmanship!
- **Drama**: Special Drama Awards go to: **Leo & Lara**
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The Governors' Award: Trophies have been awarded for amazing effort, perseverance and resilience displayed consistently this year. Well done to **Olivia**(KS1) and **Aaliyah** (KS2)

Finally, the **Hamilton Award**, our most prestigious award which is awarded to the pupils who most embody the ethos of our school, went to **Tommy & Lili** who have shone throughout their time at St Francis'!

Well done to all our pupils throughout the school for doing very well this year, and to the staff who work with them and encourage them. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

Year 6 End of Year

Last Friday evening, we held our Year 6 disco. The pupils looked fabulous and had loads of fun!

The Leavers Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart, it was very meaningful: our readers were superb, and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. This morning, we were able to welcome the Year 6 parents to our Leavers Assembly. It is always very sad when our children move on to secondary schools, the memories they shared with us at the Assembly were very moving. We wish our Year 6 children and their families a fond goodbye.

Goodbyes

We send a fond farewell to some Staff and Families who are moving on and we wish them a successful and happy time in their new ventures. We say goodbye to Mrs Hunter-French Mr Crispin,, Ms Thomas Mrs Hill & Ms Leith, they have been a great part of St Francis', and will be sorely missed. We're also grateful for the support of Dr Madhavi-Gladwell, Miss Bye and Mrs Way from Xavier CET who will be moving onto new roles in September.



Welcome

In September we welcome into the school:

- Mr Patrick Doyle- Headteacher
- Mr Peter Yarnell- Deputy Headteacher
- Ms Ellen Maguire- Assistant headteacher & Year 6 Teacher
- Mrs Louise Walters- Year 5 Teacher
- Mrs Rabab Sharif – Year 4 Teacher

I know that we will all give them a warm St Francis' welcome. I'd like to say **thank you to ALL the staff** who make us the great school we are: the teachers, the TAs, the Admin Staff, the Kitchen Staff, our Caretaker Mr Colyer, and our cleaners, who ensure that the school is ready for us every day when we come in.

Sharing Music Assembly

It was with great joy that Mrs Hardy, once again, was able to share with the school all the wonderful whole class instrumental learning that has been going on during this year, (see Photos below) Thank you to the children for such wonderful performances and hard work over the year. In addition, thank you to the music staff who have taught the children this year. If children would like to learn an instrument please apply through Surrey Arts Music



Sports Review 2024/2025

This year has been an incredible sporting success for St. Francis, without a doubt our strongest in recent years. The Y5 Football team took the title home making the school champions of this tournament for the third year running. The Y6 Football team completed a hat-trick of tournament wins to round off their titles in Y4 and Y5. The Y6 Netball team stormed to success in their tournament at Hamsey Green. The Cross Country team retained their title from last year hosted at Warlingham School. The District Sports team also won, marking the school's 3rd win in the past 4 years. Additionally, St. Francis made it to the county finals of the indoor athletics competition held at Guildford Spectrum. All the children who participated in any sports event this year should be incredibly proud of themselves. They have all been true representatives of the school. This could not have been done without the help and support of all the staff and families organising and cheering on from the sidelines. Thank you all so much for helping our children showcase their talents!

Poetry Club

Our thanks to Mrs Shannon for her continued dedication and voluntary work running this successful school club.

PTA

My sincere thanks to Amie Morell and our PTA team who have worked so hard in the background to fund our school. Their dedication and commitment has been very much appreciated. Amie is stepping down as PTA chair and looking for a new people to step forward for September. Without a PTA, we cannot have the additional support such as discos, fairs and events that they support. **Please do let the current team know if you can volunteer to help out about being a PTA team Member.**



Last but not least, thank you to all you as Parents and Families who have supported the children and our staff throughout the year. We appreciate your help and special thanks go to our Volunteer Parent Helpers and Readers.

School Reopens 4th September @9am.

Best wishes,

Have a wonderful and peaceful Summer.

Mrs Kate Licence & Staff



Calendar Dates

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



A Message from the PTA

Thank you to everyone for your support this past year – we hope people can come forward for next year to continue the events!

We hope everyone has a lovely Summer!

With thanks, the PTA team

Last week's riddle: What has lots of eyes but can't see?

Answer: A Potato!

