

Virtue of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Children Ready for Learning

It has been wonderful to see how ready and enthusiastic the children are when returning to class after breaktimes. Their calm and focused attitude sets a positive tone for learning, helping everyone settle quickly and make the most of each lesson. One particular highlight has been how brilliantly the children have been lining up after breaks. It's clear they understand the importance of transitioning smoothly back into the classroom environment, and their efforts are truly appreciated. Well done to all the children for showing such fantastic readiness and responsibility, keep it up!

Head Girl and Head Boy

We have been celebrating this week the appointment of our Head Boy and Girl. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and to those children who prepared and made speeches. We are proud of you all. There will, as usual, be a further opportunity for pupils to put themselves forward again in the spring term. Congratulations to **HEADGIRL- Holly** and **HEADBOY- Archie**. Congratulations also go to our new **House Captains. Thomas More- Logan and Charlie Anne Line- Brandon & Elijah Margaret Clitheroe- Madalyn & Elia John Fisher- Indiana & Amelie** they will receive their badges next week.



Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents: **Open Morning & Tours – 30th September @ 9.15am & 11th November @9.15am**. The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events.

We invite all prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place?

McMillian Coffee Morning

We're excited to invite you to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at **Treetops**, a lovely opportunity to enjoy a cuppa, share a slice of cake, and support a great cause. This will take place on **Friday, September 26th 9-10am** Our **SENCO Ms Bertram** will be there for informal chats in a relaxed setting. If you'd like to **bake or buy a cake**, we'd be thrilled (nut free) all proceeds will go towards **Macmillan Cancer Support**, helping make a real difference. We hope to see you there! **Please drop off any cakes Thursday afternoon or Friday morning into the office.**

Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. If you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. To help you prepare, click below to find out everything you need to know about the schools application process. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Doyle & Staff



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In a world full of busy times, and the rush of everyday life, it is often easy to forget what is important. Pope Francis said that 3 words in life were the most important; please, thank you and sorry. Often we want things from others, not understanding the issues or struggles they may be going through. A simple 'please' with a request makes a world of difference.

'Thank you' acknowledges the work or role someone else has played in helping you. Thirdly and most importantly, let's be brave and say 'sorry'. Nowadays, people seem to be scared of saying sorry as they feel it attributes blame. When we go to every Mass though, it is the first thing we begin with. Asking forgiveness for the things we have done and things we have failed to do. So, during this week perhaps we should try to use these words more to support our children, families and those in our communities of which we are part.



Calendar Dates

23th September	Little Recyclers Clothes Collection
26th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am- 10am
30th September	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
2nd October	St Francis Feast Day
3rd October	INSET Day- School Closed
14th October	Larch Class Assembly to Parents @9.10am
14th October	Choir Festival Details to Follow
16th October	Linden Class Assembly to Parents @9.10am
16th October	Harvest
21st October	Parents Evening Detail to Follow
22nd October	Parents Evening Details to Follow
27th October- 31st October	Half Term
3rd November	School Reopens @9am
7th November	Individual Photographs
30th November	Beginning of Advent
1st December	Xavier Day School Closed
4th December	Whole School Panto Day
8th December	Clubs Finish
10th December	Year 4 Trip - Polka Dot Theatre
19th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
5th January	School Reopens @9am



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

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

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

23 SEPTEMBER
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

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PTA Chair

The current PTA Chair is stepping down at the next AGM, which is coming up soon (date TBC), due to other professional commitments.

In order to keep the many wonderful events going at the school, which are led by the PTA, a new Chair of the PTA will need to be elected.

The PTA plays a vital role in organising events, fundraising for new resources and supporting the school in general

Since the message from the PTA Chair went out at the end of the Summer term there has not been any interest to date and there does need to be a Chair in place for the PTA to continue all of the wonderful work they do for the children at the school.

If you are interested on taking on this role either as an individual, or as a group, there is already a lovely team of PTA members in place that can support the PTA chair going forward.

If you are interested in taking on this role or if you have any questions about the role please email: stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com

Bouncy Boss Bouncy Castle & Soft Play Hire

If anyone is looking to hire a Bouncy Castle or Soft Play please consider Bouncy Boss:

<https://www.bouncyboss.co.uk>

They are a local hire company and if you place an order with them and give this code when booking then the school will get some money donated back to them for each booking from a St Francis family, the code is: STFRANCIS

The Little Recyclers

Reminder: There will be a Little Recyclers collection at the school on Tuesday 23rd September, please fill any bags with clothing that you would like to give away and drop them off at the school gates on Tuesday morning ready for collection.

Thank you!

Thank you to Natalie Alderton at Thrive for the continued support with our Summer Fayre

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- Helping with reading, speaking and listening.
- Verbal reasoning.
- Essay writing.
- Math support.
- Reading comprehension.
- Creative writing.
- Grammar and punctuation.

Dyslexia Assessments

- Identify specific reading and language processing challenges.
- Distinguish dyslexia from other learning difficulties.
- Provide a foundation for tailored interventions and accommodations.
- Assessments can be conducted at 8 years old, though early evaluation (in preschool or early elementary years) is often ideal. Early identification enables timely interventions, which can mitigate the long-term effects of dyslexia.

ADHD Coaching & Mentoring

Help you gain clarity and stay focus on goals as well as giving you the tools and support to better understand your ADHD and take control of all aspects of your life.

Logos: University of Exeter, The British Psychological Society, The Patoss, patoss

This week's riddle: What has one eye but cannot see?