

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

24th October 2025



## Virtue of the month – Responsibility

### Dear Parents and Carers

Have a great  
half term!

It has been an incredibly busy first half term back, and your children have been a credit to you with their resilience and positivity. The teachers and LSAs have done so well to give countless enjoyable and interesting lessons right up until 3.30pm today, and your support has made a huge difference. Even the car 'door-opening' service each morning demonstrates active love and generosity that can only be good for your children. Thank you for getting behind us this term – you have done a great job and we hope that you and your families have a great half term and a restful time. Don't forget that the biblical commandment to rest – to keep the sabbath – is up there alongside the commandment not to murder! So be sure to recharge your batteries and we'll all be ready to start again in November.

### Mrs Dommett – Farewell

I am very sorry to have to share with you that Mrs Dommett has decided to leave St Francis School at the end of this half term. Mrs Dommett has been an integral part of our school both as a class teacher, Assistant Head and SENCO since she joined us in 2003. Over the past 22 years, Mrs Dommett has dedicated herself to the education and well-being of our students. She has touched the lives of countless students, parents and staff members with her kindness, expertise and dedication. We are incredibly grateful for all that Mrs Dommett has contributed to our school and while we will miss her greatly, we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Please join us in thanking her for her many years of service and wishing her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her journey.

### Attendance Matters

Well done to **Rowan Class** for winning the Attendance Cup this week! Your excellent attendance reflects a strong commitment to learning and sets a fantastic example for everyone. The Attendance Cup is awarded weekly, so there will be plenty of opportunities for other classes to shine after half term. Keep aiming high and make every day count!



### Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. These early days in your child's class are such an important time, and it's a great opportunity to discuss their progress, settle in, and celebrate their learning journey so far. Thank you for taking the time to come in and connect with us. If you have any further questions at any point during the year, please let your class teacher know.

### Year 6

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their beautiful Harvest and Thanksgiving assembly! The children shared thoughtful readings and sang with heart and joy. Thank you to all the families who came along to support. Thank you also to those who supported our teams in their netball and football matches last week against Audley. They showed good effort against tough opposition and both of our teams won. Thank you to Mrs Jobson and Mrs Fada for making the matches happen.

### School Photography

We're pleased to let you know that the school photographers will be visiting on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure your child comes to school in **full uniform**, looking neat and tidy.

## Congratulations

We're thrilled to celebrate **Rashid Amassoul**, father to Amber, who proudly represented **England** at the **ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships in Italy**. Rashid delivered an outstanding performance, winning **three gold medals and one bronze** across both **sparring** and **patterns** categories. Already a **European Champion**, Rashid's latest achievements confirm his place among the elite in international Taekwon-Do. Closer to home, Rashid runs **Redhill Taekwon-Do**, a small welcoming school open to **all ages and abilities**. His passion for the sport and dedication to teaching aims to **inspire others to give Taekwon-Do a try**, whether for fitness, discipline, or fun. See flyer below.



## Remembrance Day

If your child is a member of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Guides or similar uniformed groups, they may come to school on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** in their club uniform. **Any children who are not member of these group should come to school in full school uniform**. Remember to bring in your money after half term to purchase your poppy. This year, we'll also have bracelets, reflective poppies, and snap bracelets available. All proceeds go towards supporting a great cause, and we really appreciate your support.

## Red Wednesday

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to come to school **dressed in full uniform, but with one item of clothing or accessory that is red for world-wide Red Wednesday**. Red Wednesday is a day to gather together to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs.

## CST Conference (Catholic Social Teaching)

This week, some of our children had the wonderful opportunity to attend the CST Conference at St Clements, where they explored important themes around justice, and the common good. It was an inspiring experience that encouraged thoughtful reflection and action. We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sunnydown School for generously lending us their minibus, which made the trip possible. Your support is truly appreciated!

## Supporting Young Carers in Our School

At our school, we recognise and support the incredible role that young carers play in their families. A young carer is a child who helps look after a parent, sibling, or relative who may have an illness, disability, mental health condition, or addiction. We understand that being a young carer can sometimes be challenging, and we're committed to providing a safe, understanding environment where these children feel supported and valued. If you think your child may be a young carer, or if you'd like to learn more about the support available, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or visit the school office. We're here to help. **Surrey Young Carers (Action for Carers Surrey)** provides free services to children aged 5–17 click on the link for more information. [young-carers](#)

## 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 the certificate winners this week and to **Anne Line** for winning the house cup points.

Have a lovely half term break **School reopens 3<sup>rd</sup> November @9am**.

Mr Doyle & Staff



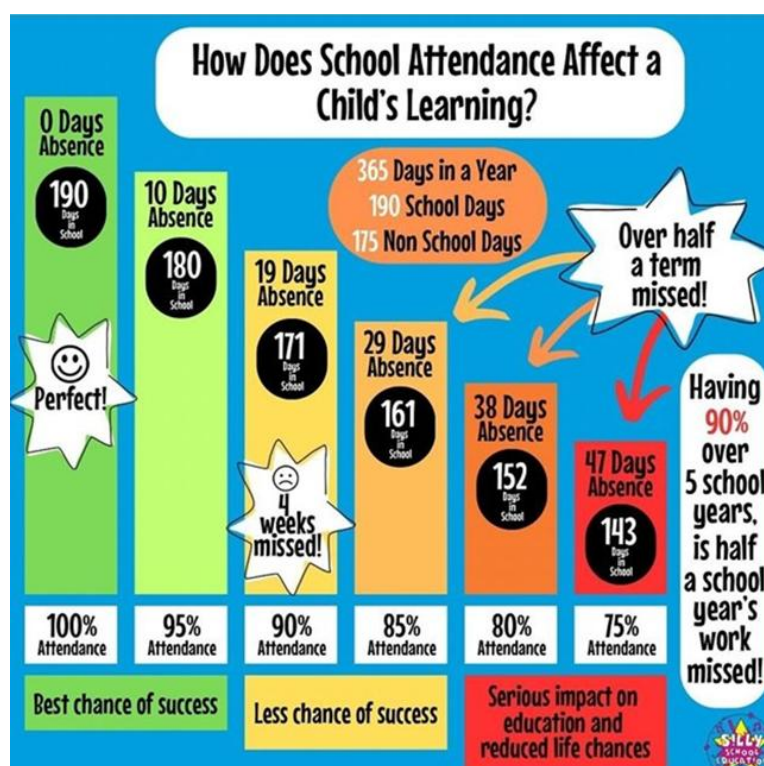
## RE

As we come to the end of the first term, it is wonderful to reflect on what we have achieved in many different ways. From an R.E. Point, this has included our learning about 'Creation and Covenant' with the building of our world. We have celebrated St Francis feast day, had our harve collection and also had a number of children attend a Catholic Social Teaching conference as part of the deanery of schools. All of these activities help us to reflect on what we do and how our help can be given to others, shared and distributed, helping others who might not have as much. Being part of the Xavier family also allows us as a school to have support from the wider group of schools, shared knowledge and resources are also important for schools to be nourished. As we enter the holiday therefore, think about how you can nourish those around, be refreshed and ready for the term when we celebrate the coming of Jesus



## Calendar Dates

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> October- 31 <sup>st</sup> October | <b>Half Term</b>  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                           | School Reopens @9am   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Individual Photographs Full Uniform                                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Open Morning 9.15am   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Uniformed Groups Can Wear Club Uniform (Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows, etc) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November                          | PTA AGM   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Red Wednesday (One Item of Red with Uniform)                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Whole School Flu Sniff  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Beginning of Advent   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                           | <b>Xavier Day School Closed</b>                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                           | Westminster Carol Service- Details to Follow                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Whole School Panto Day  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Cedar Tree Carols and Switching on Christmas Lights 6.00pm            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Clubs Finish  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Year 4 Trip - Polka Dot Theatre                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Wintershall Trip Yr6 & Yr 2   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day                                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                          | <b>Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm</b>                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                       | <b>School Reopens @9am</b>  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February                          | Dorking Halls Festival -Details to Follow                             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March                             | Prom Praise Albert Hall – Details to Follow                           |



# Taekwon-Do CLASSES

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT

PERSEVERANCE SELF-CONTROL



FIRST TASTER LESSON FREE

The schools instructor is the current triple European Champion

Tuesday  
7pm - 8.40pm  
Sunday  
10am - 11.30am

COURTESY INTEGRITY

Want to compete?  
Develop your skills in sparring, patterns, self defence & compete at various events throughout the year.  
5 years & above.  
We welcome all abilities & are family friendly

Contact us today!

Email: [redhilltkd@gmail.com](mailto:redhilltkd@gmail.com)

Location: YMCA Leisure Centre, Princes Road Redhill

