



## Virtue of the month – Respect

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. As we return, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with learning, prayer, activities, and opportunities to grow. This term brings some special highlights, including our much-loved Nativity performances and class assemblies, which we know many of you are already looking forward to. It's a wonderful time to come together as a school community and celebrate the festive season. Let's make the most of the weeks to come and support each other in making this term a great success!



#### Footwear

As we settle back into the school routine, we'd like to kindly remind families that children should be wearing **school shoes**, not trainers, as part of our uniform policy. We understand trainers can be comfy, but school shoes help maintain a smart and consistent look across the school. Thank you for your support in helping us keep standards high.

#### Attendance Cup

A big congratulations to **Larch Class** for winning the **Attendance Cup** this week! Your fantastic attendance shows real dedication and sets a great example for everyone. There are plenty of chances for other classes to shine. Being in school every day helps us learn more, grow together, and make the most of every opportunity. Who will be next to lift the trophy? Let's keep aiming high!



#### Sports at St Francis

Yesterday we saw some great sporting action from our young athletes! In the football match, the team showed fantastic teamwork and determination, securing a well-deserved 3–1 victory. Their energy on the pitch made all the difference, well done to everyone involved! Meanwhile, in the netball match, despite a spirited effort and great sportsmanship, the team faced a tough opponent and finished with a 3–0 loss. The players gave it their all and should be proud of their resilience and positive attitude throughout the game. Both teams represented us brilliantly, congratulations to all!

#### Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported our poppy appeal, our poppy gifts have been incredibly popular this year! We've even had to request extra stock. Unfortunately, we now only have a small amount left, and once this final batch is gone, we'll only have the traditional poppies available. We really appreciate your generosity and support for this important cause.

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 their school uniform.**

### Mental Health Coffee Morning

We're pleased to share that our **Mental Health Team** will be visiting for an informal **coffee morning**. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am in Treetops. This is a great opportunity to come along, have a chat, and find out more about the support available for children and families. Whether you have questions, need advice, or just fancy a cuppa and a friendly conversation, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there!

### Red Wednesday

On **Wednesday 19th November 2025**, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to **come to school dressed in their 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.

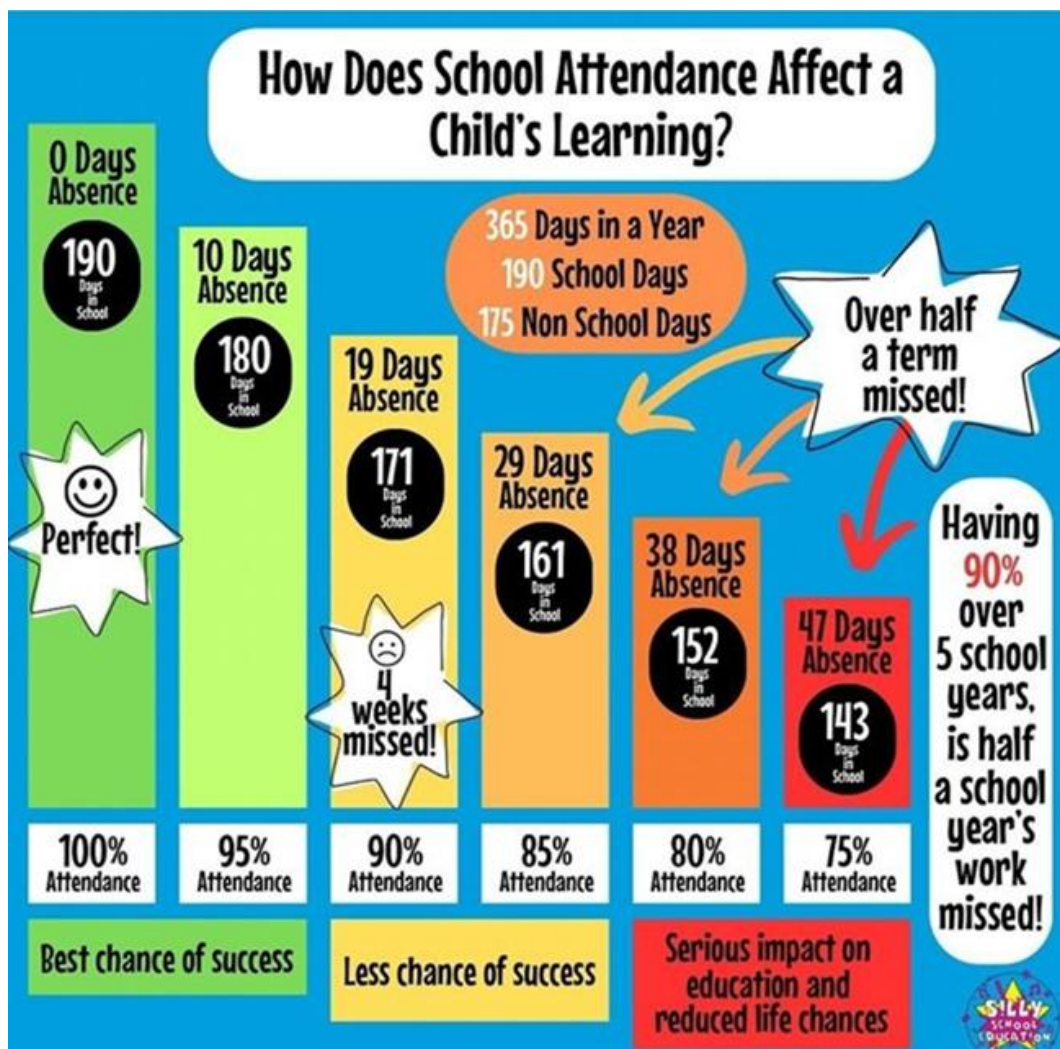
Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Doyle & Staff

### RE

This weekend we come to our annual remembrance of people (and animals) who lost their lives in the line of duty. It is often a time of remembrance in our own families of those who fought in the wars too, or who have passed on, remembering these in the month of November as the month of the holy souls. It reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice of giving our lives up for someone else, just as Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice on the cross so that we could be saved. At this time, please remember and pray for all of those in our community who may be grieving for a lost family member. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Amen.



Calendar Dates	
13 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM – 7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Mental Health Team Coffee Morning 9-10am Treetops
19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Red Wednesday</b> -One Item of Red With full School Uniform
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Stem @ Caterham School
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Sniff <b>Height and Weight for Year 6 Only</b>
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	Year 6 & Year 2 to Wintershall Details to Follow
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 Hall Festival -Details to Follow
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Trip Frylands Wood Details to Follow
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to High Ashurst – Details to Follow



### **PTA Annual General Meeting 2025**

The PTA AGM will be taking place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 7pm** where the current PTA Chair will officially step down and a vote will take place to formally agree the new PTA Chair and Deputy Chair positions.

Please attend if you can to participate in the vote.

### **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>

If you give this code when booking then the school will get some money donated back to them the code is: STFRANCIS



The PTA have an account with the Stampastic name label company and will get money back with every order if you choose our school from the drop down menu

<https://stampastic.co.uk/>

This week's riddle: What has one head, one foot and four legs?


Last week's riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old, and once a year, I make heavy [pumpkins](#) light. What am I?


Answer: A Candle


# COFFEE MORNING



**COME ALONG FOR A WARM DRINK, A FRIENDLY CHAT, AND A CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH TEAM.**

 **DATE: MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

 **TIME: 9AM- 10AM**

 **LOCATION: TREETOPS**

**LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH IN A RELAXED AND WELCOMING SPACE.  
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!**