



Virtue of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Four weeks already and January is nearly gone! Well done on the great efforts you have made in bringing your children into school this month. We have a little way to go to get our attendance up to where it should be so we appreciate your efforts. Although it's been a calm week, the children have been busy learning, creating, and enjoying their time together, and it's been lovely to see them so settled and engaged in their school day. We would also like to say a big thank you to our guest speaker, **Nabhi**, who joined us for today's assembly to talk about **Hinduism** and the festival of **Holi**. The children enjoyed learning about the meaning behind Holi, its traditions, and why it is such a joyful and colourful celebration. Assemblies like this are a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about different cultures and beliefs and to ask thoughtful questions.

Art Across the School

Across the school, children are enjoying their art lessons using the Kapow scheme. This gives them lots of chances to be creative and try out different ideas and techniques. The children love working with a range of materials and tools, including paint, pencils, clay, collage, and mixed media. Lessons are very hands-on and encourage children to experiment, have a go, and enjoy the creative process. Through their art lessons, pupils also learn about different artists and styles and are encouraged to talk about their work and share ideas. It's been lovely to see their confidence grow and their creativity shine through.



Attendance

Well done, **Rowan class**, your fantastic attendance this week has earned you the Attendance Cup. It's great to see your commitment to being in school and learning together. To all our other classes: keep going, your turn to shine next week.



Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning, it was a really lovely session. A big thank you as well to the Mental Health Team for joining us, and to Mrs Betram and Ms Stansbury for their support. We really appreciate everyone who helped make the morning so enjoyable and informative. **Coming Soon: Parent Workshops on mental health and wellbeing** Transition to Secondary School Workshop – practical tips to help your child prepare for this big step Autism Support Workshop – strategies and resources for supporting children with autism. Details to follow.



Reminder: No Smoking in the Cul-de-Sac

To help keep our school environment safe, clean, and healthy for all children, families, and staff, we kindly remind everyone that smoking is strictly prohibited both on school premises and within the cul-de-sac area.

Train to Teach

We are always happy to hear from anyone who may be thinking about a career in teaching or who would like to find out more about the different routes into the profession. Teaching is a hugely rewarding job, and we love being able to support and inspire young people as they grow and learn.

Our school is proud to be a partner school of Xavier Teach SouthEast, an outstanding School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provider working across our local area. Through this partnership, trainee teachers receive high-quality training in both primary and secondary settings, helping them to develop into confident and capable professionals. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about training to teach, please do get in touch or follow the link below for more information: <https://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk/>

PTA Quiz

Best of luck to all those joining in with the PTA quiz tonight. Whether you're in it to win it or just there to enjoy the atmosphere, may your answers be correct, your team debates polite, and the snacks plentiful. We hope it's a great evening filled with laughs, teamwork, and friendly competition.



St Francis' School Development Fund

A huge thank you to everyone who has already clicked the link and donated — we really appreciate it! The St Francis' School Development Fund helps us make improvements around the school. Every donation, big or small, truly makes a difference and helps us keep moving forward. If you're able to help, we'd be very grateful for a one-off donation or a voluntary monthly gift. Please Donate Here, [Donate](#) or visit the donation page on our website (see image to the side) for more information. All donations are handled confidentially. Thank you so much for your continued support and for helping to make St Francis' such a great place for our children to learn and grow, we couldn't do it without you!



Safety Online

As children use technology more at home and at school, it's important to help them learn how to stay safe online. We talk to children regularly about being kind online, keeping personal information private, and telling a trusted adult if something makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

Helpful tips for parents:

- Talk regularly with your child about what they enjoy doing online
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible
- Use parental controls and age-appropriate settings
- Remind children never to share personal information online
- Encourage them to speak to an adult if they see or hear anything that upsets them
- Working together, we can help children enjoy the online world safely and confidently.

Best wishes,
Mr Doyle and Staff



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This Sunday's Gospel shares the Beatitudes, a list of statements right from the heart of Jesus' teaching. They flip the idea of success, thinking not on earthly treasures, but values which relate to the Kingdom of God. Their challenge to us, is to live our lives differently, seeking forgiveness and not revenge, humility instead of pride and peace instead of conflict. While we often know the correct or right way to do things, living that out and being pure of heart can be a much harder challenge to change the base-thinking which we often go to. What could you do to share love and kindness this week? **Mr Yarnell**

Vacancy

We are seeking a Multi-Site Estates Officer to join our Trust and play a key role in managing and developing our properties to support excellence across all our schools.

As the Multi-Site Estates Officer, you will provide high-quality estates and facilities management support across a cluster of primary schools. This is a varied and rewarding role involving site visits, advisory work, compliance coordination, and contributing to both day-to-day operations and longer-term strategic planning.

Salary: XCET PS9 £41,585 - £45,135, dependant on experience.

Hours: 36 hours per week, Full-time (Monday to Friday), 52 weeks per year.

Location: Xavier office based in Chertsey with travel to your hub of schools covering Caterham, Leatherhead and surrounding areas.

Start Date: After Easter 2026. [Multi Site Estates Officer](#)

Calendar Dates

9 th -13 th February	Mental Health
10 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Break up For Half Term
23 rd February	School reopens @9am
25 th February	Dorking Hall Festival
27 th February	Random Acts of Kindness
27 th February	PTA Reception Disco TBC
5 th March	World Book Day (Dressing Up) Details to Follow
6 th -12 th March	Book Fayre Details to Follow
9 th -12 th March	Science Week
16 th -20 th March	PTA Easter Bonnet Competition Details to follow
13 th March	INSET – School Closed
17 th March	Royal Albert Hall – Details to Follow
18 th -19 th March	Parents Evening Details to Follow
25 th March	Easter Reflections - Reception & KS1 @ 9.10am Parents Invited KS2 @ 2.30pm -Parents Invited
27 th March	Stations of the Cross – Yr 6 - @9.10am Parents Invited Break Up From School @1pm
13 th April	School Reopens @9am
4 th May	Bank Holiday -School Closed
5 th May	Year 3 Trip Frylands Wood
5 th May	Year 4 Trip to High Ashurst
11 th – 14 th May	Sats Week for Year 6
21 st May	Talent Show -Details to Follow
22 nd May	Outdoor learning Day Break Up For Half Term
1 st June	School Reopens @9am
1-12 th June	Year 4 MTC
10 th -12 th June	Year 6 PGL Residential
19 th June	Inset Day -School Closed
26 th June	Sports Day -Details to Follow
17 th July	Break up From School @1pm



Reminder

Please remember to log in and place your child's school lunch order ahead of time. If you have any questions, feel free to reachout to our support team.

- Email: primary@impactfood.co.uk
- Phone: 02045427211
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 8.30am- 5pm

School Attendance

Every day counts...

Good attendance helps with...

- Academic Achievement**
Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.
- Social Skills**
Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.
- Routine & Responsibility**
Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.
- Focus & Engagement**
Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.
- Building Confidence**
Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence as they see their progress and achievements over time.
- Enhanced Learning Opportunities**
School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Attendance Matters!

Attendance	Days Missed	School Days Remaining
100%	0 Days	190
95%	10 Days	180
90%	19 Days	171
85%	29 Days	161
80%	38 Days	152
75%	47 Days	143