

St. Francis' School Newsletter

29th November 2024



Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Xavier Day
School Closed Monday 2nd December

Linden & Beech Class Assemblies

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents from Year 6 and Year 2 in this week for their children's assembly on the theme of "Prophecy and Promise." In Year 6, we heard about the importance of women in the Bible and how we have many female protagonists in the Old Testament; in Year 2 we heard about the covenant that God made with Noah after the flood. Both classes sang beautifully and spoke clearly. Thank you to all who supported the children. In the New Year we look forward to assemblies from Year 5 and Year 1 classes.

Advent

Last Sunday was the feast of Christ the King, signalling that we have reached the end of ordinary time, and this Sunday will be the 1st Sunday in Advent. The theme of the first candle is always "Hope", we are hopeful in our waiting, for the coming of our Saviour. In school we will be using this prayer from CAFOD to help us focus through this season. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/let-your-light-shine>

Christmas Rehearsals

Our Christmas Rehearsals are all well under way and it is lovely hearing the children singing their carols and Christmas songs around the school.

Cedar Tree

The Choir will be singing **on 1st December** at the annual Lighting of the Cedar Tree 6pm– do come to watch and support our local Caterham community.



PTA Christmas Fayre

With only a week to go until the Christmas Fayre (8th December) the PTA have been working hard putting the final plans in place to deliver what we hope will be an enjoyable event for all children and parents. We have a number of games for the adults and children, shopping stalls, festive food, and much much more (see Information below for further details) We hope to see as many of you as possible. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On **Wednesday 18th December**, show off your best Christmas sweater, decorate your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear! Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day!



Primary school Admissions for 2025

Please remember the deadline for **Reception 2025 applications** to School Admissions is the **15th January**. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners This week and **John Fisher** for winning the House Points Cup.



Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff

Calendar Dates	
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
2 nd December	Xavier Day School Closed
5 th December	Whole School Panto Day
6 th December	A Christmas carol Yehudi Menuhin School
8 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre -12.30-3pm
9 th December	Westminster Cathedral Carol Service- Details to follow
10 th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Performance
11 th December	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance
12 th December	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
13 th December	KS2 Carol Service, Morning - Details to follow
18 th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Details to Follow
19 th December	Sliver Cross Liturgy
20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
6 th January 2025	School Re-opens @9am



Please find below useful information:
Christmas Trees

The deadline for ordering your tree is Friday 29th November. There is a minimum order and we are close to reaching that but not yet. So if you're thinking of ordering your tree, please do to support this event.

For tickets to all the exciting events coming up, please visit the PTA events website
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>

Dates for the diary:
Friday 6th December- Santa visits school & bring a bottle for the adult tombola
Saturday 7th December- Christmas tree collection (am)
Sunday 8th December- Christmas Fayre 12.30pm until 3pm
Friday January 24th- Quiz night 7pm

Thank you!
PTA

Last weeks riddle : what has a face, but can't smile.
Answer: a clock

This week's riddle- what goes up, but never comes back down?