

St. Francis' School Newsletter

25th June 2026



Virtue of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by commending the children for their fantastic attitude to learning and school. Despite the sweltering conditions, they have been on great form and it has been lovely to see such positive, purposeful learning continuing across the school. This tone is set at home so thank you for continuing to encourage them to be in and to join in. We are lucky to have as many air-conditioned rooms and gazebos as we do, and I was personally quite touched by the several families who offered us fans, gazebos, ice lollies and also general encouragement. Thank you. I would also like to thank the staff for their good cheer in managing the carousel of lessons across the classrooms and their general can-do attitude in the heat.

Next week, **children return to full school uniform**. Sports Day is also planned for next Friday, all being well. On this day, children can come to school wearing their house colours, along with suitable footwear for outdoor activities. We will be keeping a close eye on the weather and will confirm arrangements nearer the time. Further details will be shared soon.

We would like to say a big 'welcome back' and a heartfelt thank you to Father Seán for joining us to celebrate the First Holy Communion with our Year 3 children this week. We are also very grateful to the parents for providing the delicious cakes – they were thoroughly enjoyed by all!

As the weather continues to be warm, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school each day and ensure they bring a named water bottle and hat throughout the week.

We would also like to emphasise the importance of good attendance and being in school every day. Regular attendance makes a significant difference to children's learning, progress and confidence. Thank you very much for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school consistently and arrives on time.

Our PGL assembly went really well, with children confidently sharing their favourite memories and experiences from the trip. Despite the very warm hall, they all did brilliantly and it was lovely to hear about their adventures!

We are looking forward to our upcoming Changeover Day, where children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classes and meet their teachers for September. This is always an exciting part of the year and helps everyone feel more confident and prepared for the new school year ahead. We encourage you to talk to your child about the day positively, as they will take their lead from you. Staff will be on hand to support and reassure them throughout. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and maybe even get the chance to watch a couple of games of football. In the staff sweepstake, I got Ghana, Ecuador and Mexico as my teams ... But don't worry, when one of those teams win and I hit the jackpot, I'll still be coming in to work at the wonderful St Francis. A reminder that our **Summer Fair is taking place this Sunday, 28th June from 12:00–2:00pm**. This is always one of our biggest community events of the year, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone for what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon.

There will be plenty to enjoy, including our brand-new St Francis Water Fight, which is sure to be a highlight! Tickets are £2 in advance or £3 on the day. Don't forget you can purchase raffle tickets and stamp cards via the PTA website to make your day even easier. Thank you to the PTA and all who have helped them. If you have a spare few minutes and could help out on one of the stalls, it would be great to have your help.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and let's have lots of fun at the fair on Sunday.

Mr Doyle & Staff

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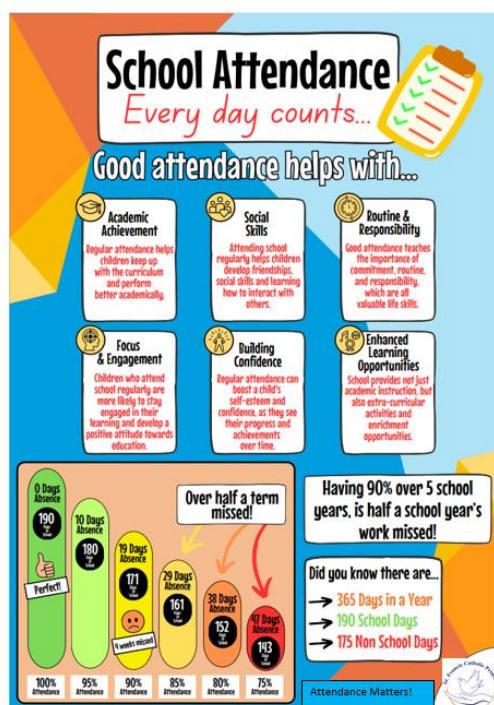
It is funny that, nearly a year after both Mr Doyle and I joined the school, some of the children – particularly the younger ones – still get our names mixed up. I can understand their confusion, especially as we often wear similar styles and colours of clothing! Sometimes, recognising who someone really is can take a little time.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a much deeper question: *"Who do you say I am?"* While many people were unsure, Peter immediately recognised Jesus' true identity. He knew that Jesus was the Messiah, the one God's people had been waiting for over many generations.

Jesus saw something special in Peter too. He knew that Peter's faith and understanding made him the right person to help lead the Church. Peter went on to play a vital role in sharing Jesus' message with the Jewish people, while Paul became instrumental in spreading the Good News to the Gentiles. Although they were called in different ways and had different strengths, both were chosen for a particular mission and purpose.

Calendar Dates

30 th June	Changeover Day
3 rd July	Sports Day – Details to follow
6 th July	Reception to Bocketts Farm- Details to follow
7 th & 8 th July	Year 6 Production
9 th July	New reception Children -Play & Stay @ 2,15pm
10 th July	Year 1 Trip to Godstone Farm
10 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
13 th July	Year 6 Mass @ Sacred Heart
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass @9.10am
17 th July	Break up From School @1pm
1 st September	Inset Day -School Closed
2 nd September	Inset Day -School Closed
3 rd September	School Reopens @9am



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July 9th 2026

4:30pm



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