



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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At St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, God is at the heart of our school. We try, everyday, to follow Jesus' commandment 'Love one another as I have loved you'. We do this through love for our families, our friends, and our school. We respect our environment and recognise our responsibility for it. We encourage in each other a love of learning. We rejoice in each others' uniqueness. We place prayer and worship at the centre of everything we do. We are a community of love dedicated to God. Our school is somewhere we can grow together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Lent Loyalty Scheme is up and running now. I have never seen so many children attend the Rosary sessions! Miss Batchelor and I were delighted by the enthusiasm shown. Children can stamp their cards by engaging in extra prayer, random acts of kindness, making a Lenten promise, studying scripture at lunchtimes with adults and attend the Stations of the Cross to name a few.

This week we welcomed Mr Kirwan and some students from St Wilfrid's who came to talk to KS2 about Pilgrimage and how this theme fits in with our Jubilee Year. The students were amazing and relayed the impact of their Pilgrimage to the children. Thanks to Mr Kirwan who is an RE teacher at St Wilfrid's but also one of our amazing governors.

We will rock you - a fantastic fun-filled action-packed assembly from Zebra Class this week. In what felt like a mini production, the children showcased their learning in history as well as other curriculum areas. There were costumes, music and laughter - loved it!



Well done everyone, as attendance and punctuality are creeping back up. Bumblebee Class have been awarded a pizza party today as every child who was in school this week, came to school on time - whoop!

Leopard Class will have their pizza party next week.



Spring has sprung and EYFS had fun with ducklings brought over from the Friary Pre-school.

Despite some poo related mishaps ("Mrs Winton - the duckling ate its own poo!") the children loved having them in the unit.

Dental Care

Earlier this week, I sent a Parent Mail about improving dental care in school. Please remember to read this communication and follow the NHS guidance on how to keep our children's teeth healthy.



Veg Power - Eat them to Defeat them was launched this week and packs have been sent home. In school we have been learning about the power of veg and all the benefits eating them can bring. Special stickers are awarded at lunchtimes for those who eat their vegetables. Go veggies !!

Friends of St Francis

Don't forget to purchase *Mothers & Others* tickets for Afternoon Tea and/or a gift bag for that special someone. Tickets are on a first come first served basis.

Finally, thank you to Father Peter for enabling our KS2 children to take the sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Winton



Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37



The Book Fair will be open the following times:

Monday 17th March 3.15pm-3.45pm

Tuesday 18th March 8.40pm – 8.55pm

Wednesday 19th March 3.15pm-3.45pm

Thursday 20th March 8.40pm – 8.55pm

Please note that every book that is purchased, earns free books for the school.

Reception Trip to Wakehurst Place

Reception had a brilliant day at Wakehurst Place this week. They potted a sunflower seed and brought it home to grow, made some fabulous outdoor art from natural materials, and had a walk around the beautiful gardens to spot signs of spring. They were particularly taken with the ducks and pheasants which seemed to follow them around! The coach ride was also a highlight of the day! A big thank you to the adults who helped on the trip .



Thank you!

Massive thank you to **County Tree Surgeons** who donated a HUGE amount of woodchips to the school. We are so grateful for their generous donation which they also delivered to us free of charge.



Sports News!

Yesterday, year 4 attended a badminton festival at K2. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate the skills they developed last term in their badminton PE lessons. All the children represented the school brilliantly and I was so proud of them. They rotated through different skill stations and showed excellent enthusiasm and teamwork. The instructors were very impressed with St Francis! Mr Stone.



This Easter, we have two brilliant workshop opportunities for young people – with both paid places and **free funded places** for children receiving free school meals available.

DJ & Music Production – 7 – 9 April

Get a hands-on introduction to music creation and mixing. Learn beat-making, sound design, and track arrangement with professional tools. The DJ segment covers mixing, beatmatching, and seamless transitions. Whether you're into producing tracks or DJing live, this workshop offers practical skills and insights into both the creative and technical aspects of music production.

The workshops will be led by [Andrew Ferguson](#), an international touring DJ and music producer, founder of Education & Bass and a record label owner.

Interactive Soundtrack & Music Creation Workshop: A Studio Ghibli Adventure – 9 April

Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra who create sound FX and a musical soundtrack!

The workshop will start with a warm-up climb into *Studio Ghibli's* forest canopy using hands, voices and animated clips, before moving onto instruments - tongue drums, zaphir chimes, gongs, bird

flutes and more to create a live score to a cat-bus trundling through the night, Totoros hooting in a giant tree and the mysterious bamboo forests and baby turtles of *The Red Turtle*.

Lunch is included, and all participants will receive a **Digital Badge** after completing the workshops. Digital Badges are a smart, simple, and visual way of recognising non-accredited learning.

We also have a range of other workshops available this Easter at different locations, including Rock & Pop Band, Rap & Lyric Writing & "Soundz" Contemporary Choir.

For more details, please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

7 - 9 April

BOGNOR REGIS - Rap & Lyric Writing
CHICHESTER - Interactive Soundtrack & Music
CRAWLEY - Music Production & DJ
 - Interactive Soundtrack & Music
LITTLEHAMPTON - "Soundz" Contemporary Choir
WORTHING - Rock & Pop Band
 - Interactive Soundtrack & Music

AGES 8 - 16YRS
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Play tennis at Crawley Parks Tennis

Exclusive offer for you

Did you know that Crawley has nine refurbished and upgraded tennis LTA registered courts? Located at Maidenbower, Southgate and West Green Park.

An annual household season ticket covering all courts costs Crawley residents just £48.20 for the year per household. A household season ticket covers up to five people and can be used for a maximum of five hours of tennis per week and a maximum of two hours of tennis per day. – That's just 19p a game!

Or you can pay and play for just £8 per hour on a pay and play basis. An additional fee of £2.10 for members or £4.30 for non members will be payable for the use of floodlights at West Green Park.

Enjoy a special £5 off voucher for an annual seasonal membership at Crawley Parks Tennis.

To activate this offer – Please email parks.tennis@crawley.gov.uk quoting SCHOOLOFFER. We will then be in touch with a link to set up your discounted annual seasonal membership. For more information on the Crawley Parks Tennis see clubspark.lta.org.uk/Crawley

Free tennis programmes

Free, social tennis sessions. You can sign up to a session at West Green Park – no matter your age, background or ability – and play tennis for free on select Sundays at 10am.

- any child can attend Free Park Tennis
- under 12 need to be accompanied throughout the session by an adult
- 13+ can come on their own but should be picked up and dropped off by an adult

See: clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/booking

Coming soon

Free sessions for individuals, families and clubs aged 12 and over at Maidenbower Park every Saturday from 11am to 12pm.

- for all ability levels
- all equipment provided

For more information, visit clubspark.lta.org.uk/Maidenbower

Where to play

Here are the Crawley Parks Tennis venues where you can play:

- Maidenbower Park**
Maidenbower Drive, Crawley RH10 7HG
- Southgate Park**
Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG
- West Green Park**
Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley RH11 7AJ

Kids tennis at Crawley Parks

with Summit Tennis

- TENNIS TOYS** Walking to six years old
- TENNIS TITANS** 5.5 years to 8.5 years old
- TENNIS TITANS** 8.5 to 12.5 years old
- TENNIS TITANS** 12.5 years to 16 years old

Come along to one of our fun, free Easter taster sessions

Thursday 10 April at Maidenbower Park

Thursday 17 April at West Green Park

For more information and to register your interest, visit summit-tennis.com/crawleyparktaster



SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

Easter 2025

7th-11th April

Stage 1 09:00 (30 minute classes)

Stage 2 09:30 (30 minute classes)

Adults 11.00 (30 minute classes)

Breaststroke Clinic 11.30 (30 minute classes)

£58.50

For enquiries and booking call 01293 585300 or email
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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby Class for achieving 99% and Alpaca Class for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Bumblebee, Wallaby, Armadillo, Panda & Leopard Classes.

Diary Dates

March

Mon 17—Class Photos— all children should come to school in their school uniform. There will be no PE that day

17-21—Book Fair in school

Tues 18—St Patrick's Day-If your child is in St Patrick's house, they may wear something green.

Tues 18—Parents Consultation Evening 3.50-6.30pm

Thurs 20—Parents Consultation Evening 3.50 –6.30pm

Tues 25—Year 3 & 4 Easter Production at 3.45pm

Weds 26—Year 3 &4 Easter Production at 3.45pm

Thurs 27—Pre-loved uniform sale—after school

Fri 28—Pre-loved uniform sale— before school

Fri 28—Last Year 4 Swimming

Fri 28—Mothers & Others tea and cake celebration at 3.15-4pm in the main hall



Ladybird: Angeles Latouche
Bumblebee: Vanessa Chadinha Jaworska
Koala: Theo Dakurah
Wallaby: Mya Rasaratnam
Penguin: Alicja Mrowiec
Seal: Holly Bailey
Meerkat: Tiwa Asanbe
Zebra: Athena Carter
Armadillo: Mihir Parekh
Raccoon: Natalia Amariei
Leopard: Ella Vessio
Panda: Akenya De Silva
Toucan: Gerry Ryan
Alpaca: Teniola Odje



Ladybird: Ashlyn Dias
Bumblebee: Iris Watson
Koala: Kian Fernandes
Wallaby: Cadan Maskell
Penguin: Jan Drozdowski
Seal: Rita Abu-Ghazaleh
Meerkat: Riya Mistry
Zebra: Sophie Heath
Armadillo: Robin Alexa
Raccoon: Maria Kearney-Portilla
Leopard: Tristan Popiel
Panda: Marco Ferreira
Toucan: Laurence McGee
Alpaca: Kenzie Mutagaya

Child Protection and Safeguarding

At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, we are committed to promoting the welfare of all our pupils, ensuring they feel safe and can place their trust and confidence in any adult that is working in, volunteering for or visiting the school.

The designated Safeguarding Leaders at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School are Mrs Winton, Miss Strudwick, Miss Date and Mrs Jones