



# 2025 Newsletter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI WELLBEING AMBASSADOR **ALLSTARS**

## April Issue.

What a special month April is for us all.

Not only is it the second month of spring, but traditionally - this is the month when we have our 'spring clean' clear out to get ready for summer! We have 'April Fool's Day' on the first and most importantly, Easter.

Let us remember what our Lord sacrificed for us.

What's New: **APRIL** **this month**

There is always something going on at St Francis! - Be a part of something cool!

April: Easter / World Autism Awareness Day / Earth Day

		
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# World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness is an opportunity for everyone to come together and raise awareness, foster acceptance, and create a society where autistic people are supported, understood, and empowered.

**World Autism Awareness Day 2025** is on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**. The United Nations General Assembly designated April 2nd of every year to observe as World Autism Awareness Day, so it is a really big deal!

**This year, help us change attitudes towards autism. Your support can help create a world that works for autistic people and their families.**

**Some facts about autism:**

## **Autism is not an illness**

Being autistic does not mean you have an illness or disease. It means your brain works in a different way from other people.

## **Autistic people can live a full life**

Being autistic does not have to stop you having a good life.

Like everyone, autistic people have things they're good at as well as things they struggle with.

## **Autism is different for everyone**

Autism is a spectrum. This means everybody with autism is different.

Some autistic people need little or no support. Others may need help from a parent or carer every day.

## **Autistic people can have any level of intelligence**

Some autistic people have average or above average intelligence.

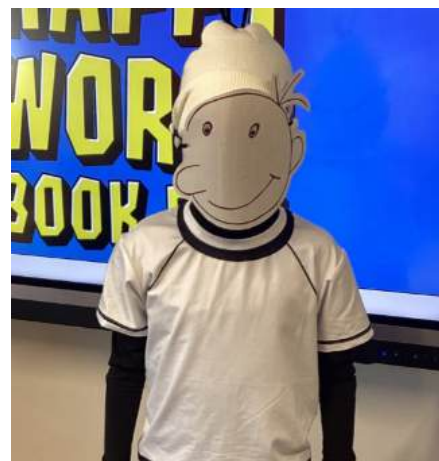


**Amazing posters designed by our Wellbeing All-Stars! Could you do a poster for the next issue? Draw your idea and give it to Mr. F!!**

## World Book Day

Once again, the fantastical world of books graced the halls of St Francis for World Book Day. How often can you go home and tell your adults that today Groot was hanging with Harry Potter whilst Batman played football in the courts with Moana and a fox had lunch sitting next to Darth Vader!

There were some absolutely amazing outfits today and some of the most imaginative ideas we have ever seen. A fun day was had by all with the teachers putting on some really engaging activities to help encourage us all to fall in love with reading and discover that magic hidden within the pages on a book.





### **The Art's News:**

#### **Superstars at the Hawth.**

Last week, children who attended dance club this term performed on the main stage at the Hawth theatre as part of Let's Dance Crawley! Over 2 nights, several local schools showcased a dance performance in front of an audience of friends and family. The children worked so hard during the weeks leading up to the show and represented St. Francis fabulously! Well done girls, you were amazing!



### **Sports News:**

#### **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!



#### **Year 3 at the Rugby festival.**

A number of Year 3 children took part in a tag rugby festival alongside lots of other schools. The children loved learning about tag rugby and completed circuits that focused on developing their footwork and passing skills. Well done!



#### **After school clubs.**

A massive thank you to all the adults who help run our after school clubs. The children have really enjoyed their activities and look forward to starting them up again after the Easter break.



Remember, part of the 5 steps to wellbeing includes keeping active. It is a great way to stay fit and healthy, be social and be part of something fun!





# Time for some **FUN** stuff!



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## Crazy facts:

1. A woman in the UK called the police when her ice cream didn't have enough sprinkles.
2. McDonald's once attempted to make bubblegum-flavored broccoli.
  3. In Switzerland, it is illegal to own just one guinea pig.
  4. The color orange was actually named after oranges.
5. The oldest "your mom" joke was discovered on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet.
  6. Turtles are able to breathe through their bottom!
7. The first President of Zimbabwe – President Banana – actually brought in a law to stop people making fun of his name.
  8. No one is entirely sure why duck quacks produce no echoes.
9. The ancient Greeks, apparently, used to throw apples at each other to show that they loved them.
  10. Sloths only poop once a week, and it's an exhausting process for them!

**See if your adults at home knew any of these!!**

## Every day is a special day... **SOMEWHERE** in this crazy world!

**YES! These are actual April dates that are celebrated somewhere in the world!!**

- 1 - International Pooper Scooper Week
- 2 - National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- 3 - National Burrito Day
- 4 - International Carrot Day
- 5 - National Deep Dish Pizza Day
- 6 - National Caramel Popcorn Day
- 7 - National No Housework Day
- 8 - Zoo Lovers Day
- 9 - National Name Yourself Day
- 10 - National Hug Your Dog Day
- 11 - Day of Silence
- 12 - National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
- 13 - Scrabble Day
- 14 - International Moment of Laughter Day
- 15 - National Rubber Eraser Day

- 16 - National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
- 17 - National High Five Day
- 18 - National Animal Crackers Day
- 19 - National Hanging Out Day
- 20 - National Look Alike Day
- 21 - National Yellow Bat Day
- 22 - National Jelly Bean Day
- 23 - Talk Like Shakespeare Day
- 24 - National Pigs in a Blanket Day
- 25 - National Hairball Awareness Day
- 26 - National Sense of Smell Day
- 27 - National Prime Rib Day
- 28 - National Superhero Day
- 29 - International Dance Day
- 30 - Bugs Bunny Day

# EASTER

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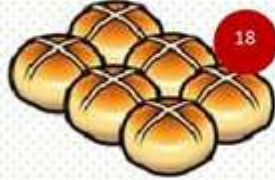
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# Friday Afternoon Reward Time



The Mario Kart Challenge: Work Hard, do your best and get your name on my list - Mr.F

It has been another excellent half term of racing!

The new champion is:

## Keldon - Year 5!

The Finals Result:

- 1st Keldon Y5 2:35
- 2nd Sarah A Y4 2:38
- 3rd Summer Y5 2:44

A new championship will start with another champion being crowned just before Easter break.

*If your teacher lets me know that you have been amazing, I will add your name to the list for that week.*

*Names will be chosen at random – maximum 6 racers per week.*



# The AllStars!



## Your Wellbeing Ambassadors



The Wellbeing All-Stars are out on the playground every day, look out for them, especially the ones wearing the blue Hi-Viz jackets. If you have any questions or need support at all, go find one and speak to them - they are always happy to help and remember, we also have the Worry Monsters, Winston and Willow!