

**Rooted in Faith  
Growing in Love  
Learning for Life**

**Newsletter—No. 4**

**Friday 30th January 2026**



*"The people who live in darkness will see a great light.*

***On those who live in the dark land of death the light will shine."***

*Matthew 4:16*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wet week has unfortunately slowed down the roof replacement work. The team have worked incredibly hard on the dry days to complete as much as possible. The good news is that the hall floor has now been booked to be fully replaced during the summer holidays. This means there will be no disruption to lunches, PE, assemblies or other hall based activities during this academic year.

### **Share Christ's Light**

In Gospel Assembly this week, we have been exploring the reading about the prophet Isaiah and how Jesus fulfilled his prophecy. The children have been focusing on the theme of light. The children have thought about what light represents and how we can all share light with others through kindness, compassion and positive actions in our daily lives.



### **We will ROCK you!**

Thank you to Miss Chester for a rock-solid Stone Age assembly. Meerkat Class were *boulder* than ever when they showcased this term's history learning to their families and the school. The costumes were amazing and all the children really did themselves proud.



## 📖 World Book Day – Vocabulary Parade

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day with a Vocabulary Parade. As a school, we are focusing on developing children's oracy and vocabulary, and this is a fun way for children to explore and use new words. Children are invited to dress up as a *word* that describes a character, feeling or personality. For example, a child might dress in bright colours to show *kind* or wear a cape to represent *brave*.

### 💡 Costume Ideas (Dress as a Word)

- Kind – bright colours, hearts, helping hands
- Brave – superhero cape, knight, explorer
- Curious – magnifying glass, question marks
- Happy – smiley face, sunshine colours
- Calm – soft colours, clouds, peaceful symbols
- Grumpy – frown, crossed arms, darker colours

### 📖 Favourite Book Characters

Children are also very welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. If they choose to do this, please help them think of one word that describes that character. For example:

- **Horrid Henry** – *stubborn*
- **Cinderella** – *kind or compassionate*
- **The Gruffalo** – *brave or scary*
- **Paddington Bear** – *polite or friendly*
- **Matilda** – *clever*

We are really looking forward to celebrating books, language and learning together!



Friends of St Francis

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the Wear something you Love disco. It promises to be a **love**-ly event!

Tickets are available to purchase from Wednesday 28th January until Friday 6th February via the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstfrancisofassisi/index.cfm?e>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton



THE FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS'

# 'What We Love'

## DISCO

*THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY*

COME TO SCHOOL IN AN OUTFIT YOU LOVE & DANCE THE AFTERNOON AWAY!

**EYFS & KS1 - 14:00-14:45 - £3 A TICKET  
(INCLUDES DRINK & A SNACK)**

**KS2 - 15:20-16:30 - £2  
(INCLUDES A DRINK)**

**KS2 CHILDREN CAN BRING UP TO  
£5 IF THEY WISH TO SPEND ON HOT  
DOGS/TUCK/TOY SHOP**

**DANCE** ♥ **FUN** ♥ **MUSIC**



**FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS**  
A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST



# 'Go All In!'

## National year of reading 2026

### Upcoming Events

**February:** Story telling week

**March- World Book day!** Children are invited to come to school dressed as a word!

### Reading champions!

This week, KS2 children were excited to be invited to apply as a 'Reading champion! Watch this space to see who was successful!



### This week....

This week your child/ children will have been given a 'Reading Tracker' sheet (KS1), or a 'Year of Reading' worksheet (KS2) to help them keep track of 12 months worth of reading. Encourage your child to keep this safe and updated- we look forward to seeing them throughout the year!

The children were also excited to receive a 'Reading Bingo' game and 'A reading adventure maze' We hope these activities will provide some fun reading opportunities outside of school.

### Book review awards!

All children are invited to create book reviews and place them in the boxes in the main reception area. At the end of half term, winners will be drawn from the boxes and prizes awarded!

Good luck!



# JAM CODING REIGATE

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CLUBS  
(LUNCH NOT PROVIDED)**

## REIGATE

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February

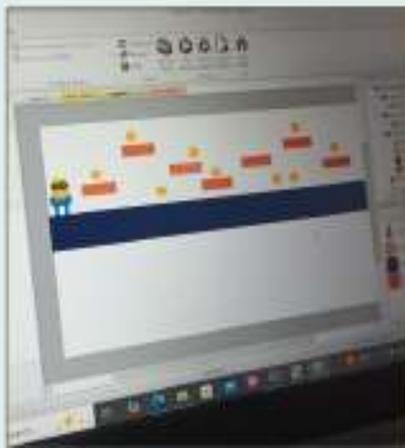
**Timings:** 09:00 am to 03:00 pm

**Venue:** Woodhatch Community Centre, Whitebeam Dr, Reigate RH2 7LS

PRICE: £26 FOR WHOLE DAY

BOOK HERE:

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/SCHOOLHOLS/E/EV-SYDTJ-20260218090000](https://bookwhen.com/schoolhols/E/EV-SYDTJ-20260218090000)



## CRAWLEY

**Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Timings:** 09:30 am to 03:30 pm

**Venue:** Atelier21 Future School, Broadfield Park, Brighton Rd, Crawley RH11 9RZ

PRICE: £36 FOR WHOLE DAY  
(SIBLINGS DISCOUNT OFFERED)

BOOK HERE:

[HTTPS://PORTAL.JAMCODING.FRANSCAPE.IO/CLASS-OVERVIEW/5115](https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/5115)



## OXTED

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Timings:** 09:00 am to 03:00 pm

**Venue:** St. Mary's CofE Primary School, Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0NP

PRICE: £36 FOR WHOLE DAY  
(SIBLINGS DISCOUNT OFFERED)

BOOK HERE:

[HTTPS://PORTAL.JAMCODING.FRANSCAPE.IO/CLASS-OVERVIEW/5537](https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/5537)





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# DESTINATION IMAGINATION



**Where imagination turns into action  
this February half-term**

Multi-activity holiday childcare clubs

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



## AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination offers a mix of activities designed for children aged 4-11, keeping them engaged throughout the day. From **Hero Activities** and hands-on **Make & Take** creations to **Skill Zone** challenges that support confidence and teamwork, every day brings something a little different. Daily themed activities include:



### DEEP-SEA DISCOVERER

- ✓ Sunken Treasure Quest
- ✓ Ocean Creature Cookies
- ✓ Sea Bottom Mini Golf



### EXPLORER ENGINEER

- ✓ Elements Endurance Towers
- ✓ Static Surge Dance
- ✓ Electric Paper Circuit



### RAPID RESCUE RESPONDER

- ✓ Disaster Dash – Save the Town!
- ✓ Mini Parachute Buddy
- ✓ Emergency Airlift Landing Zone



### INTELLIGENCE AGENT

- ✓ Operation: Escape Room!
- ✓ Cipher keypad
- ✓ Operation: Stealth Trace



### SPORTS STAR

- ✓ Super Sports Tournament
- ✓ Finger Football Frenzy
- ✓ Slam Dunk Snack Shootout

Holiday HQ by Junior Adventures Group provides trusted, Ofsted-registered holiday childcare. Flexible attendance options and a range of payment methods help families plan February half-term with confidence.



[JUNIORADVENTURESGROUP.CO.UK](http://JUNIORADVENTURESGROUP.CO.UK)



[@JUNIORADVENTURESGROUPUK](https://www.instagram.com/junioradventuresgroupuk)

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Koala Class for achieving 100% and Leopard Class for achieving 99% this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded this week to Meerkat Class.

## Diary Dates

### February

**Tues 3rd**—Koala Class Assembly at 9.05am—Parents/ Carers/Grandparents welcome

**Tues 10** - Toucan Class Assembly at 9.05am— Parents/ Carers/Grandparents welcome

**Thurs 12-** Friends of St Francis Disco

Years R,1 & 2—2pm-2.45pm £3 per child (includes drink & snack

Years 3,4,5 &6—3.20pm-4.30pm £2 per child (includes a drink)

### 16-20—HALF TERM



Ladybird: Reign Marabella  
Bumblebee: Gabriel Pezo  
Koala: Thea Ceapa  
Wallaby: Martina Daniel Cirera  
Penguin: Leah Lucas  
Seal: Remi Chigora  
Meerkat: Tienna Hazel- Harison  
Zebra: Leo Kalucki  
Armadillo: Martha Kirwan  
Raccoon: Deawn Etienne  
Leopard: Eszter Olszowy-Sipos  
Panda: Gia Joseph  
Toucan: Kristina Valkova  
Alpaca: Isabella Borgia



Ladybird: Daphne Doidge  
Bumblebee: Freddie Forrest  
Koala: Albie Nairn  
Wallaby: Chloe Cooper-Berry  
Penguin: Nathan Mendes  
Seal: Maham Khan  
Meerkat: Nevin Sony Abraham  
Zebra: Jake Knight  
Armadillo: Ansh Chaudhari  
Raccoon: Aiden Leonce  
Leopard: Maria Kearney-Portilla  
Panda: Robin Alexa  
Toucan: Ella Vessio  
Alpaca: Olivia Gulak

## 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