

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter 6th March



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Compassion ~ We love and care

Humility ~ We put others first

Responsibility ~ We do what is right

Inspiration ~ We love to learn and achieve

Solidarity ~ We stand together

Truth ~ We live by God's Word

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we explored the dazzling story of the Transfiguration—a moment when Jesus’ friends saw something truly extraordinary. As they stood on the mountain, Jesus suddenly shone brighter than the sun, his clothes glowing white like lightning. Then, to their amazement, they heard a powerful voice from heaven saying,

“This is my Son—listen to Him!”

The children loved discovering that this story shows how special Jesus is and reminds us that God wants us to follow His teachings of kindness, courage, and love. Even more inspiring was learning how Jesus gently comforted his friends when they felt afraid—just as He comforts us today.

Everyone was then ready for the week and to shine a little brighter themselves!



🌟 World Book Day: Going All In! 🌟

To celebrate, the whole school took part in a fantastic assembly with a quiz, with children and staff dressing up as exciting and imaginative words as part of our ongoing focus on developing oracy and enriching vocabulary.

Throughout the day, each class enjoyed a host of engaging activities including:

📖 A reading trail around the school

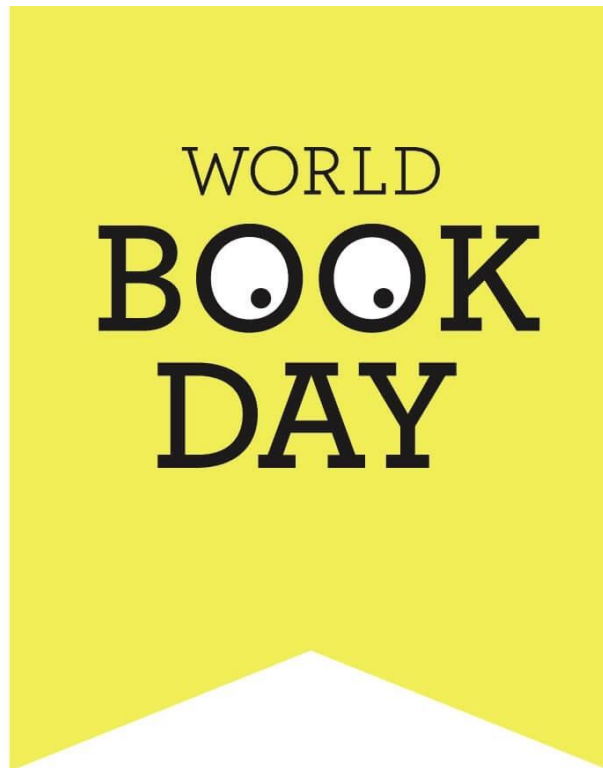
👉 Reading with a buddy from another year group

🌟 Reading for pleasure sessions

🎨 Designing their own book covers

The atmosphere was buzzing, and it was wonderful to see pupils so enthusiastic about stories and language.

A huge **thank you to Mrs Turney** for organising such a vibrant and inspiring day. It truly brought our “Go All In” theme to life!





1 - This year's winners!



2 - Leopard Class



3 - Ladybird Class and a big Ladybird



4 - Team Reception!



5 - Team 2!



6 - Meerkat Class























St David's Day

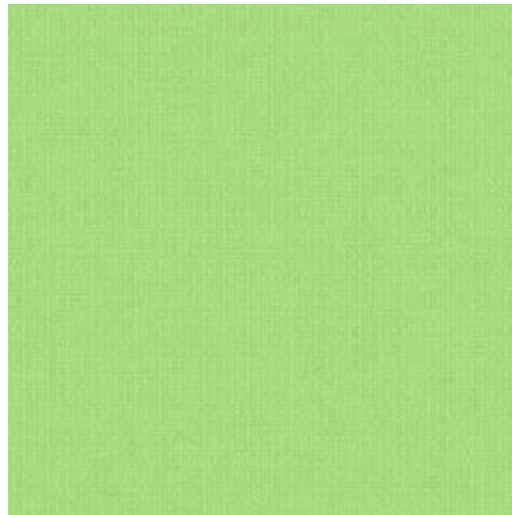


This week, Alpaca Class led a beautiful child-led liturgy to Key Stage 2 classes focused on St David, sharing scripture with clarity and reverence. The children offered thoughtful prayers and chose hymns that helped everyone reflect on St David's message of kindness, courage and faith.

A heartfelt **thank you to Mr Johnson** for guiding the children in creating such a meaningful and uplifting class liturgy.



Donations needed for Crawley Open House

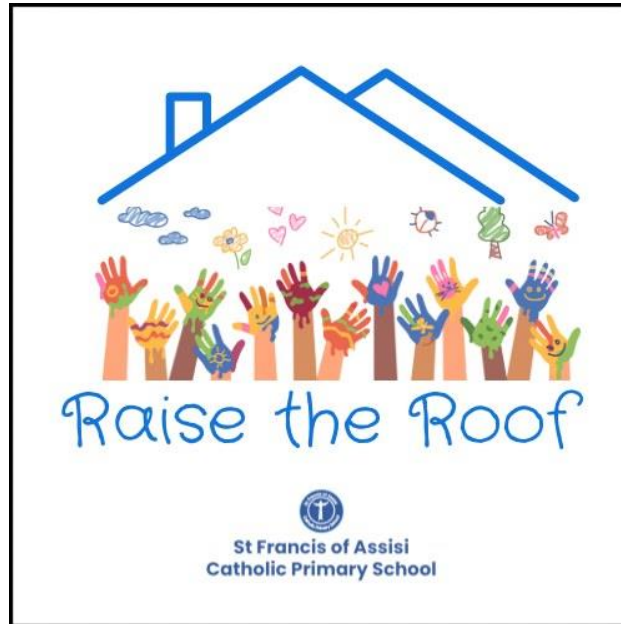


We kindly ask for donations of **tinned and non-perishable foods and/or toiletries**, of which St Patrick's House will be collecting all next week. All donations can be brought into class and will be collected by the St Patrick House Captains.

Please spread the word and help us to support our cause to help those in need at Crawley Open House.

If your child is in St Patrick's House, they may wear a green item with their school uniform on Tues 17th March.

Friends of St Francis



Thank you to everyone who signed up for Easy Fundraising. From sign-ups alone we have raised just under £250!

There are also still a few tickets left for next Friday's Mother's Day Tea. Please see the poster below for more details.



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Year 3 & 4 Easter Production



Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March at 3.30pm.

Tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay priced at £2.

Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Koala and Raccoon Classes for achieving 100% this week. Well done!

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded this week to Ladybird, Koala, Seal, Penguin, Meerkat, Armadillo, Panda and Alpaca Classes.

Star of the Week



Ladybird: Lily Niblock

Bumblebee: Aaron Aneel

Koala: Zainab Fatima Cheema

Wallaby: Chloe Cooper-Berry

Penguin: Matilda Nowak

Seal: Jovana Itty Nijin

Meerkat: Nevin Sony Abraham

Zebra: Ryan George

Armadillo: Vinay Praveenbabu

Raccoon: Arlo Nairn

Leopard: Ben Bogus

Panda: John Bestin

Toucan: Elliot Shortall-Emery

Alpaca: Kailon Hazel

Reader and Writer of the Week



Ladybird: Reena Rasaratnam

Bumblebee: Wemimo Bukola

Koala: Olexsandr Nahaiovskyi

Wallaby: Daniel Jaison

Penguin: Joshua Fevrier

Seal: Sky Cheong Took

Meerkat: Edward Lane

Zebra: Rita Abu-Ghazaleh

Armadillo: Isla Jolley

Raccoon: Adam Wozniak

Leopard: Emilia Kowalska

Panda: Kaya Vincatassin

Toucan: Tristan Popiel

Alpaca: Stephanie Ijeh

Remember we are a nut-free school



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.



Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget that Monday is an own clothes day in exchange for shop bought cakes.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton