

# St Francis Newsletter 8th May 2026



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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*

## May Day Procession

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Luke 1:38*





Thank you to the friends and families who joined us for our glorious annual **May Day Procession**. The sun shone brightly on us all as we prayed together, sang hymns and listened to Scripture in honour of our Blessed Mother Mary.

“Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.”

*Luke 1:30*

## Rosary prayers and crafts

Please remind children they can bring their Rosaries to school so that they can take part in prayer sessions led by myself and Miss Batchelor. We have a stock of Rosaries if children would like to borrow one in school. So far we have had a wonderful turn-out of children wanting to get involved. Sessions are held at playtimes either in the Chapel or the Peace Garden.

## Reception Balance Bikes

The reception children were taught how to confidently use Balance Bikes and had a wonderful time!





Don't bin it - donate it!

Dear Families

St. Francis Of Assisi  
Catholic Primary School

Let's recycle today

in participating in the **Kids Just Recycle** textile recycling scheme which is a great way to raise additional funds for your school and also teach pupils about the importance of recycling to help

Please bring any of your pre-loved textiles listed below and donate them in the **Kids Just Recycle** outdoor clothing bin. We will then collect your **Kids Just Recycle** donations when the bin is full and weigh, sort, grade and redistribute your textiles giving them a second lease of life to less fortunate people who really need them.

**KIDS JUST RECYCLE**

Thank you!

email: [friends@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:friends@stfrancis.org.uk)  
email: [enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk)  
Tel: 0209903 9933





Examples include books and unused stationery such as notepads and exercise books, which are passed on to other schools and community groups.

**IMPORTANT:**

**All items must be placed in a carrier bag before being put into the bin. This helps keep items clean and in good condition.**

**What not to donate:**

- Soiled or dirty items
- Quilts or pillows (due to hygiene restrictions)

**Why recycling matters:**

- Reduces waste
- Supports communities locally and globally
- Teaches children about sustainability
- Raises extra funds for the school

Thank you for your continued support,

The Friends of St Francis

## Homework Expectations

Here are the homework expectations by year group. This information was also sent out as a Parent Mail this week.

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| <b>EYFS</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading journal: At least 4 entries each week</li> <li>• Reading books: Regular reading at home</li> <li>• Tricky words: Practise using bookmarks sent home</li> <li>• Phonics: Weekly sheets added to the Felicity Fairy Phonics Folder for practice</li> <li>• Picture books sent home every Friday to enjoy together</li> <li>• Maths: Activity ideas sent home each half term</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Year 1</b>   | <p><b>Reading:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Read every day with an adult</li> <li>o Record reading in the log at least 4 times a week</li> <li>o Talk about the book and answer questions</li> </ul> <p><b>Phonics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Weekly sheets sent home in the Phonics Folder</li> <li>o Continue practising all sounds learned</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Year 2</b>   | <p><b>Reading:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Read daily (15–20 minutes if possible)</li> <li>o Talk about the story and new words</li> <li>o Adults should write in the reading log each time</li> </ul> <p><b>Spellings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Use Ed Shed (Spelling Shed) regularly</li> </ul> <p><b>Maths: (optional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Use Maths Shed to practise number skills and problem-solving</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Year 3-6</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Read daily (15–20 minutes)</li> <li>o Children can read independently but should still: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Talk about what they've read</li> <li>o Reading aloud to an adult is still important</li> <li>o Adults should still write in the reading log</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Spellings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Given at the start of each half term</li> <li>o Tested weekly (Monday/Tuesday)</li> <li>o Practise a little each day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Times Tables (TTRS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Practise a few minutes each day</li> <li>o Use Garage mode for personalised learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Maths Shed (optional):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Extra practice if your child would like to</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

## Wallaby Class Assembly





FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS



KEY STAGE 2 - THURSDAY 21ST MAY

ORION AND THE DARK

3.15PM - 5.15PM

£2.00 PER TICKET

FREE DRINKS & POPCORN  
will be available



To book tickets use the QR code or visit  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstfrancisofassisi/?event=event&eventId=116276>

Book this ticket if you signed up to Easyfundraising in February and email us from the email you signed up with - 1 ticket per sign up



Book this ticket if you did not sign up to Easyfundraising in February



## Class Photos

The closing date for Yellow Photos is Tuesday 12th May 2026



New youth group in Crawley in June!

## Skills for Life Experiences for Life Friends for Life

Uniformed youth organisation based in the South of England, **open to young people aged 8+** with an aim to develop and nurture important life skills while also having a great time....



Camping \* Adventure Activities  
Archery \* Rifle Shooting  
Sailing \* Powerboating  
Kayaking \* Marching Bands  
Leadership \* Communication  
Teamwork \* Self Confidence

[www.ntc.org.uk](http://www.ntc.org.uk)  
[recruitment@ntc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ntc.org.uk)

**OPENING IN CRAWLEY IN JUNE!**

## ARE YOU OUR MISSING PIECE?

Recruiting adult volunteers aged 18+ for a number of roles, uniformed or non uniformed

Volunteer now and give something back to your local community....



## New unit opening in Crawley June 2026.

More information waiting list now open!  
Please follow links below to receive more information about our upcoming open evening

## Diary Dates



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### May

**Mon 11 - 14** YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

**Tues 12** - Closing Date for Yellow Photos

**Wed 13** - Year 1 Trip to Huxley's Birds of Prey

## Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Armadillo Class for achieving 100 % this week, and to Wallaby Class for achieving 99% .

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded this week to Ladybird, Bumblebee, Koala, Armadillo, Panda, Alpaca and Toucan Classes.

## Star of the Week



***Ladybird: Sanjini Santhosh Kumar***

***Bumblebee: Nirti Snehi***

***Koala: Inayah Dorothe***

***Wallaby: Angeles Latouche***

***Penguin: Sana Thomas***

***Seal: Nevin Joseph***

***Meerkat: Pearl Legras***

***Zebra: Jayden Jobe***

***Armadillo: Ojasthry Wasanthakumar***

***Raccoon: Jordan Muwonge***

***Leopard: Nadia Skudra***

***Panda: Noah Carter***

***Toucan: Adelina Jayasundera***

***Alpaca: Kayzia Fernandes***

## Reader and Writer of the Week



***Ladybird: Harshan Balaguru***

***Bumblebee: Julia Barbagallo***

***Koala: Amelia Correia Cameira***

***Wallaby: Ayaan Jalaldeen***

***Penguin: Sophia Abreu***

***Seal: Maeghan Highland***

***Meerkat: Aaron Veerabadren***

***Zebra: Jozef Zagaja***

***Armadillo: Sky Bidol***

***Raccoon: Sophie Parau***

***Leopard: Akif Shakir-Ali***

***Panda: Shéalinn McGovern***

***Toucan: Hanna Szynalik***

***Alpaca: Harvey Bailey***

Remember we are a nut-free school



Final thoughts



Please remember our wonderful Year 6 children in your prayers this weekend as SATs begin on Monday. The tests will take place each day and conclude on Thursday with their final Maths paper. We wish them every success and thank their families for their continued support.

**“The Lord is with thee.”**

*Luke 1:28*

*Warmest wishes,*

*Mrs Winton*

## 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**