

St Francis Newsletter 15th May 2026



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

Ascension Day

“He was lifted up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.” (Acts 1:9)

Ascension Day celebrates Jesus’ return to heaven, 40 days after Easter, reminding Christians of His divine glory and the promise that He is always with us.

To mark the Feast of the Ascension, each class wrote their own prayer, which we then released together. Despite the looming storm clouds, it felt as though the heavens opened just for us, as our prayers were lifted up into the sky.







Pentecost - A Birthday Party for the Church!

Pentecost is a very special time in the Liturgical Calendar, often described as the “birthday of the Church.” To help mark this important occasion, we will be celebrating with a fun, birthday-style party next Friday!

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes for the day and join in the celebrations. As part of our party, we kindly ask that each child brings in a small item of party food (not for sharing due to allergies). Please ensure all items are **nut-free**.

We’re looking forward to a joyful day of celebration as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

Rosary prayers and crafts



Please remind children they can bring their Rosaries to school so that they can take part in prayer and craft 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.

Year 1 Trip To Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre



Wallaby and Koala Classes had an exciting time with the birds of prey at Huxley this week. Despite torrential downpours, the weather did not dampen anyone's spirits! I was told that members of the public approached school staff to congratulate them on how well behaved and courteous our Year 1 children were on the trip. This is always so lovely to hear! Despite the rainy weather, the children loved seeing the wide variety of birds and enjoyed making links with their classroom learning.

SATs - well done Year 6



A huge congratulations to the Year 6 children who completed four days of SATs this week. They approached each test with maturity and confidence and I couldn't be more proud. A massive thank you to Mrs Jones, Mr Johnson and all the adults who supported the process. As a thank you, a visit from the ice-cream van was a welcomed treat after such a busy week.

Walk to School Week 18th - 22nd May



Mrs Pitcairn-Hill's Eco Team led an assembly all about Walk to School Week. Next week, all classes will be taking part in Walk to School Week 2026 which runs from Monday 18 May to Friday 22 May 2026, encouraging pupils to walk, scoot, or cycle to school. During this week, we'll be encouraging everyone to take part as much as they can. It's a chance for our whole

school community to come together and work towards something positive. Each morning, the Eco-councillors will take a count of how many people have taken part and the class with the **most children through the week will win a lovely prize!** Our Eco Team has chosen to focus on this because we care about the future. We care about the air we breathe, the world we live in, and the habits we build. The choices we make today can shape the world tomorrow.

How to take part: Walk, ride or scoot to school...its as simple as that! If you live further away and use a car or bus to come to school, maybe choose to hop off a stop early or park a little further away and walk the remaining part...this all counts.

Golden Readers

Don't forget that that our Golden Reading expectation is at least 4-reading sessions a week that are logged in the record books.

Friends of St Francis Movie Nights

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MOVIE NIGHTS

KEY STAGE 1 - WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

ZOOTOPIA 2

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/7-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

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| Category | Price | Quantity |
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| Adult | £2.00 | 1 |
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KEY STAGE 2 - THURSDAY 21ST MAY

ORION AND THE DARK

3.15PM - 5.15PM

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Diary Dates



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May

Mon 18 - EYFS Workshop with 'Toms's Talking Reptiles'

Tues 19 - Bumblebee Class Assembly at 9.05am

Wed 20- Movie Night for Reception, Year 1 and 2 at 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Thurs 21- Lost property outside front office after school

Thurs 21- Year 4 Climbing Wall Workshop

Thurs 21- Movie Night for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Fri 22 - Own Clothes Day - Pentecost Celebration

Mon 25 Half term week

Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Koala & Seal Class for achieving 99 % this week, and to Panda Class for achieving a fantastic 100% .

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

Star of the Week



Ladybird: Adrin Antony Amalan

Bumblebee: Eva Vartejanu

Koala: Maya Iwanski

Wallaby: Zakai Opoku

Penguin: Amelia Hull

Seal: Kinsley Ggiibwa

Meerkat: Racquel Marabella

Zebra: Leah Carvalho

Armadillo: Aariana De Heredia

Raccoon: Adam Wozniak

Leopard: Ezekiel Pinto Rakibe

Panda: Amelie Huang

Toucan: Whole Class

Alpaca: Whole Class

Reader and Writer of the Week



Ladybird: Adaolisa Aniago

Bumblebee: Jagoda Szczygielska

Koala: Mark De Heredia

Wallaby: Raphael Sebunya

Penguin: Jayden Nayee

Seal: Jaxson Elton

Meerkat: Jessica Rusu

Zebra: Leo Kalucki

Armadillo: Alexandra Dudas

Raccoon: Henry Hull

Leopard: Maria Kearney Portilla

Panda: Chevy Fernandes

Toucan: Whole Class

Alpaca: Whole Class

Remember we are a nut-free school



Final thoughts



Next week, Walk to School Week is the week before half term. Please remember that if you are driving in, park away from the school and park safely, not obstructing driveways, paths and pavements. For Walk to School Week, can you try to park a bit further away and walk in? This could then be added to the class totals!

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