

St Francis Newsletter 22nd 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

Pentecost Party



Today we came together as a school community to celebrate Pentecost, a very special feast in the life of the Church. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, filling them with courage and enabling them to share the message of Jesus with the world. For Catholics, this moment is known as the birthday of the Church, as it was the beginning of the apostles' mission to spread the Good News to all nations.

As we read in the Bible:

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

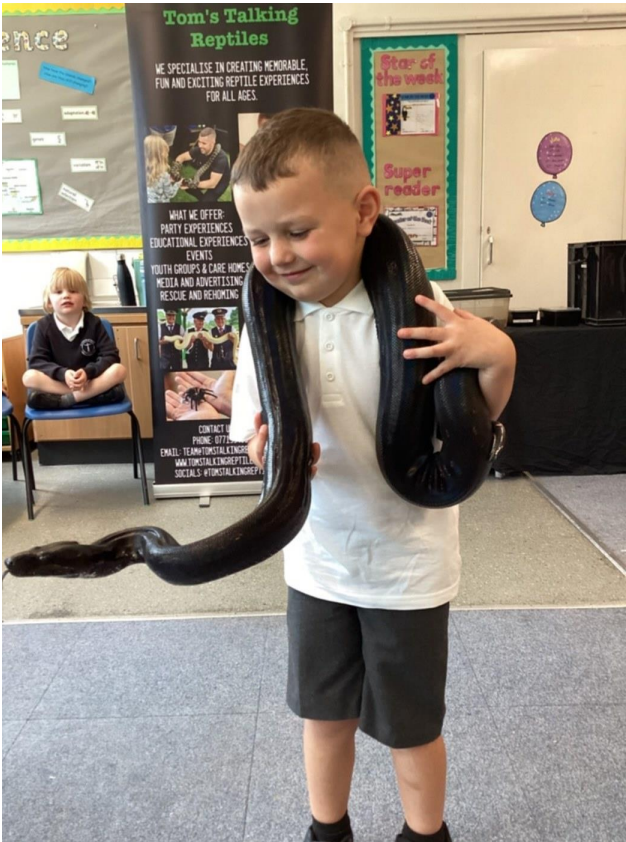
(Acts 2:4)

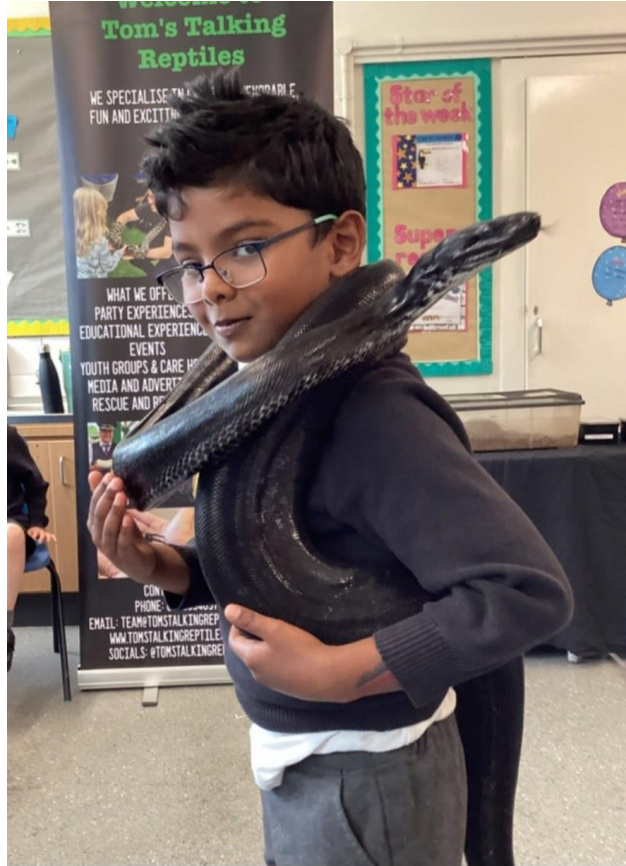
This reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us today, helping us to live out our faith with love, kindness, and courage.

To celebrate this joyful occasion, all of the children took part in a whole-school Pentecost Party. There was a wonderful atmosphere of joy as everyone enjoyed party food, wore their bright party clothes, and shared in music, dancing, and fun activities outside on the field. It was a fantastic way to celebrate together and remember that we are all part of God's family.



Reptiles in Reception













This week, Bumblebee and Ladybird classes were visited by Tom's Talking Reptiles. The children had up-close, hands-on experiences with snakes, lizards, frogs, insects, and other fascinating creatures. Everyone was very excited to meet all the exciting animals and learn all about them.

Bumblebee Class Assembly





Thank you to the busy little Bumblebees for such a fantastic assembly all about bees! They also shared their other learning from this year from all the other areas of the curriculum from music to RE. Thank you Mrs Doyle and the wonderful Early Years team.

Climbing to New Heights











This week the children in Year 4 were incredibly brave, scaling a very tall climbing wall that was put up in the playground yesterday. The teachers commented how confident the children were climbing up high. Many of the children had never climbed before and were still fearless!

Antisocial Behaviour

Please report dangerous parking/driving to [Report antisocial behaviour | Sussex Police](#) and [Operation Crackdown](#).

This issue was raised again at this week's Governing Board meeting and discussed in detail. I have already contacted the local council and the police to seek their support.

It is important that we all work together as a community to help improve the situation and make the area safer for our children.

Reading Stars Shine Bright







The children who met the expectation of reading at least 4 times a week (and updating their reading journals) had a special treat to celebrate. Our "Golden Readers" were awarded an extra playtime with making bookmarks, eating biscuits and playing games. I had the best time playing with the children in the sunshine and celebrating their reading achievements with them. A big thank you to Mrs Ternouth for leading this highly successful initiative, which has significantly boosted positive reading habits across Key Stage 1.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

— *Dr. Seuss*

Friends of St Francis Movie Nights

Thank you to The Friends of St Francis for the two Movie Nights this week. Both events were very well attended and the children loved staying after school to munch on popcorn and enjoy a movie with their friends. Thank you to the lovely parent helpers for giving their time to support this event.

SUMMER FAIR



The poster features a header with six colorful stick figures holding hands. Below them is a white banner with the text 'JUNE 19TH, 2026 | 1.15PM - 6.30PM'. The main title 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' is in large, bold, blue and red letters. A green banner below reads 'Help make our Summer Fair amazing!'. The text continues: 'Our Summer Fair is coming up – and we need YOUR help to make it a huge success for our children and our community!'. A yellow banner states 'IT TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE TO MAKE THESE THINGS HAPPEN AND CREATE SPECIAL MEMORIES FOR OUR CHILDREN.' followed by 'As we haven't had a Summer Fair for quite a few years, let's come together and make this one EXTRA SPECIAL!'. A central white box with a blue border contains the text 'IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME AND YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE SIGN YOURSELF UP TO A SLOT THAT SUITS YOU:'. Below this, two options are provided: 'via the link below:' with a red box containing a URL, and 'via the QR code:' with a QR code and the text 'Scan me!'. A blue brushstroke at the bottom left says 'Thank you for supporting our school and our community!'. The footer is a blue bar with school contact information and logos.

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→ via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10C044AA4A29A0FCCF8-64070785-stfrancis&useFullSite=true>

OR

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Thank you for supporting our school and our community!

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Diary Dates



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May

Mon 25 Half term week

June

Mon 01 - Pupils return to school

Tues 1 -12 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Fri 05 - Year 1 and 2 Scooters Workshop

Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Penguin and Seal Class for achieving 97% this week, and to Zebra Class for achieving a fantastic 100% .

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded this week to Panda and Toucan Classes.

Star of the Week



Ladybird: Travis Maissin

Bumblebee: Wemimo Bukola

Koala: Sebastian Follette

Wallaby: Skailah Leonce

Penguin: Zahra Sobowale

Seal: Chukwu Chibuike

Meerkat: Dominykas Maikstenas

Zebra: Jake Knight

Armadillo: Maja Samborska

Raccoon: Arianna Kardilis Manfredi

Leopard: Frank Dawson

Panda: Alex Luncanu

Toucan: Sophie Baker

Alpaca: Aurane Adolphe

Reader and Writer of the Week



Ladybird: Emily Ochan

Bumblebee: Isabelle Bray

Koala: Habiba Khan

Wallaby: Eliana Dino

Penguin: Isabella Bray

Seal: Cathalyn Dinkle

Meerkat: Lorenzo Pereira

Zebra: Jakub Sykora

Armadillo: Athena Carter

Raccoon: Adriano Pinto Sambouang

Leopard: Alice Lane

Panda: Gia Joseph

Toucan: Archie Wall

Alpaca: Akenya De Silva

Remember we are a nut-free school



Final thoughts



I wish you all a very happy and restful half term break. The weather looks like it will be a scorcher so I may have to get the paddling pool out!

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