



Newsletter

April
2025

Dear Parents,

Exciting News! We now have our own website www.stfrancismaldon.co.uk

We are currently building new content, so please bear with us. Key information is available for parents as well as our News Listings from this half term.

During the last six weeks we have celebrated the beginning of Lent, World Book Day, Science Week and National Skipping Day. Teams have taken part in friendly football matches and tournaments, pupils participated in cross country and enjoyed a tag rugby tournament. Classes have welcomed visitors for workshops and gone out of school on educational trips.

This week the children have enjoyed taking part in a wonderful, educational Easter egg hunt which was run by the PTA. We have had our Class Coin Challenge and the pupils in Year 5 performed a beautiful and moving retelling of The Passion.

If you haven't already done so, can I ask that you please take two minutes to complete our feedback / survey about our after school provision. (See emailed link)

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22nd April wearing their summer uniform, including blazers. A full [uniform list](#) is available on our new website for reference.

Wishing you all a glorious Easter holiday filled with peace, joy and chocolate!

May God bless you and your families.

Mrs C. Peear - Head Teacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Please click [here](#) to view.



Catering News

Summer Menu week 1

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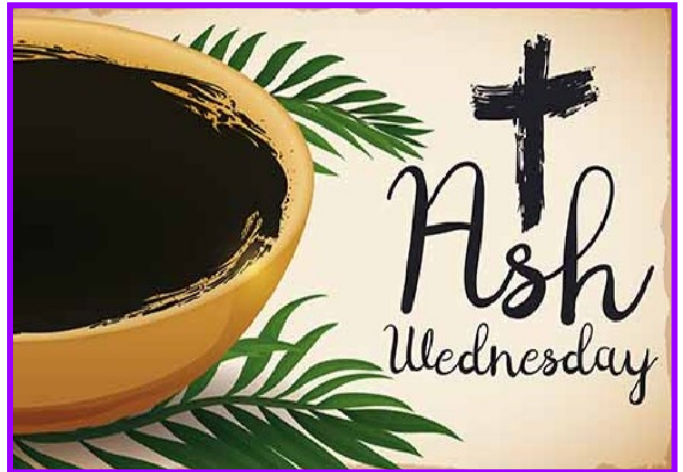


Catholic Life of the School



Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday 5th March, Deacon Quentin came into school to lead us in our Ash Wednesday service. We reflected on the Gospel reading from Matthew chapter 6 and were reminded that during Lent we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. The children and staff received a cross on their foreheads to signify their sins which Jesus died to take away.



CAFOD visitor

We were lucky to receive a visit from Mark who volunteers for CAFOD. He led a whole school assembly to explain to the children about the important work CAFOD does to bring hope and compassion to poor communities around the world. We were invited to help raise money for Chirpy Chickens as part of our Lenten Promise.



Mark also spent time with some of the classes talking to them about pilgrimages and reasons why people choose to go on them.

Lunchtime Prayer Club

*For where two or
three come together
in my name, there
am I with them.*

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

This half term, the Year 5 and 6 R.E. Ambassadors have been running a prayer club at lunch times. The KS1 club on a Tuesday proved so popular that we had to split the classes and add an extra day!

The leadership team have worked with the children to practice learning key prayers such as our School Prayer, Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory be. The short sessions gave opportunity for the children to recite prayers, listen to prayer and then take a mindful picture back to class with them to complete during quiet reading after lunch.





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Year 5 Passion

This week, our talented Year 5 students took to the stage to perform *The Passion* for the entire school, as well as a wonderful audience of parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Their dedication and hard work were truly evident, as they delivered their lines with confidence and sang beautifully to bring the Easter story to life. The children have spent weeks preparing for this special performance, learning their lines by heart and rehearsing tirelessly. Their commitment and enthusiasm shone through, making it a memorable and moving experience for everyone in attendance. A huge well done to all our Year 5 pupils - we are incredibly proud of you!

KS2 Reconciliation

On Wednesday 19th March we held a reconciliation service for the children in KS2. We spent time in quiet reflection thinking about the things we wanted to ask God's forgiveness for.



Our thanks to Father Jerold for coming into school that day to perform the sacrament of confession with our older pupils.

Class Coin Challenge

Thank you to all the children who supported our Class Coin Challenge by bringing in silver and gold coins on Tuesday.

We raised a total of just over £300 and will be able to purchase seven Chirpy Chickens, through CAFOD, one from each class.

Year Group	Average raised per child
Reception	£1.57
Year 1	£0.95
Year 2	£0.31
Year 3	£1.05
Year 4	£4.47
Year 5	£1.88
Year 6	£1.59



CONGRATULATIONS to Year 4 who not only raised the most money but also had the longest line of coins in the playground !

Wednesday Word [click here for links to 'The Wednesday Word Gospel'](#)



Please continue to pray for all those in our school community in need of our prayers.

Click [HERE](#) for the Ten:Ten 'Prayers for Home' newsletter





Congratulations !



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children

Reception	Elijah Mackenzie-Parks
Year 1	Amelia Mountford
Year 2	Allen Yu
Year 3	Cody Swift
Year 4	Amelie Traynor
Year 5	All Year 5 - Passion performance
Year 6	All Year 6 - Hilltop participants



ATTENDANCE

Class	% Attendance
Year 5	99.09
Year 1	98.33
Year 6	95.67
Reception	94.83
Year 2	94.00
Year 3	93.21
Year 4	89.69
Whole School	94.78

PUNCTUALITY

The class with the best punctuality each week will be awarded the 'Punctuality Pup'.

This week's winners are:



Reader of the Week

is awarded to

Rueben Richardson in Reception



Pen Licences



Congratulations to:



Tommie-Shai Tilney

who have gained their Pen Licences this half term.



House Cup

Congratulations to

St. Teresa House!



St. Teresa - 155

St. Mary - 150

St. Francis - 142

St. Anthony - 136





100%



ATTENDANCE AWARD

A huge congratulations to the following pupils who have had
100% attendance this term:



Rosie Meehan
Maisie Pilgrim
Lyra Riva
Sienna Shiels
Vinicius Viero
Mary Burton
Kian-Myles English
Toby Greene
Albert Ludwig
Vionna Macaraya
Lenny Pummell
Ruben Rayner
Kelton Riley
Grace Sach
Saoirse Williamson
Edie Arter
Esmail Cooch
Alice Fullalove
Matilda Lee
Arthur May
Hallie Meehan
Santiago Orille Lopez-Imizcoz
Lily Pilgrim
Autumn Sharman
Grace Tychus
Lillian Brown
Eliza Kingsford
Louella Rose
Emma Tisi
Evie Farmiloe



Euan Guthrie
Oscar May
Elsie Mead
Teddy Taylor
Amelie Traynor
Jessica Budd
Logan Claydon-Cressey
Dylan Greene
Elsie May
Devon Nutt
Ethan Ppear
Ollie Pilgrim
Lottie Russell
Erone Topacio
Fabio Barbosa
Molly Clark
Saoirse Claydon-Cressey
Wyatt Dines
Ellie Farmiloe
William Guthrie
Jamilah Kargbo
Jaiden Ketley
Isobel Moore
Daruís Mudrac
Ethan Tychus



These children have 100% attendance
this academic year, so far! Well done!



Well done!





Class News



Reception

Reception class have been learning all about growing plants! The children enjoyed planting their own seeds and are looking forward to seeing how they grow and change over time.



Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been very busy learning all about height and length and enjoyed measuring things around the classroom!



Year 2

In R.E. this half term, Year 2 have been learning about *forgiveness* by looking at Jesus' ministry and His Crucifixion.



Year 3

Last half term as part of their investigations of the Ancient Egyptians, Year 3 attempted to Mummify tomatoes... find out if they succeeded! The class also took a trip to Hyde Hall to investigate plants and seeds.



* Please CLICK on the photographs and open the hyperlinks to find out more! *



Class News



Year 4

Year 4 had great fun taking part in their very own 'Great Bread Bake Off!' and in Science Week!



Year 5

Year 5 spent a whole day as Ancient Greeks investigating different aspects of daily life and the legacies that the Ancient Greeks left behind that still influence our lives today.



Year 6

Year 6 have had great fun this term finding out about Ancient Mayan culture in their History lessons and especially enjoyed making their Maya-style hot chocolate drinks!



* Please CLICK on the photographs and open the hyperlinks to find out more! *



Science Week



Science Week - March 2025

As part of our whole-school theme 'Adaptation and Change' each class participated in some very exciting activities to investigate different aspects of this topic! Look at all the things the children got up to!



Year 6 - Investigating capillary action



Year 2 - Exploring Sustainable Farming



Year 5 - Investigating friction



Year 5 - Investigating water resistance



Year 4 - Investigating acids and alkalis



Year 4 - Investigating acids and alkalis



Year 5 - Investigating air resistance

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Sports



Year 5 and 6 Football Matches

On Monday March 3rd our Year 5 football team took part in a match versus All Saints School. Our Year 5/6 team also took part in a tournament on Thursday 3rd April - find out how they all got on!



Cross Country

On Wednesday 19th March pupils from Years 3-6 took part in an inter-schools Cross Country competition. Find out how they got on!



Tag-rugby

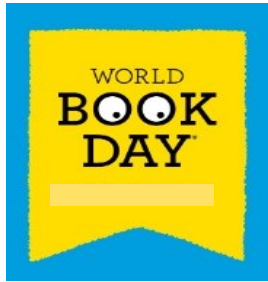
On Friday 28th March our Tag-rugby teams travelled to Draper's Farm to play against other local schools in two tournaments.



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World Book Day



7th
March
2025



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National Skipping Day



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Around the School



Multi Schools Council (MSC) visit

On Friday 14 March St Francis were delighted to host the Multi-Schools Council meeting for Maldon.



The Life Exhibition

On Tuesday 26th March the Churches Together in Maldon team, led by Andy Mugford, visited St Francis to deliver engaging and interactive stories about Jesus at 'The Life Exhibition'.



Please support our school by clicking [HERE](#) to sign up and shop.



Coming Soon...



- 4 Year 6 Return from Hilltop
End of Term

22 Summer Term starts

- 30 Reception Parent lunch 12:00pm



- 1 KS2 Independent Learning 9:00 am - 9:30 am

- 2 Year 2 Class Assembly 9:10 am

5 Bank Holiday Monday

- 6 Year 1 Parent Lunch 12:00 pm

- 9 Year 5 Pedestrian Road Safety Workshop
9:45 am - 12:15 pm

12 Key Stage 2 SATS

13 Key Stage 2 SATS

14 Key Stage 2 SATS

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- 15 Parent meeting to discuss Year 6
Production—3:30 pm

- 20 Parent Forum 9:00 am - 10:00 am

- 21 Reception Trip - Call of The Wild

- 22 KS1 Independent Learning 9:00 am - 9:20
am

- 23 Year 1 Class Assembly 9:10 am

Bank Holiday Monday

- 26 Half Term Holiday Tuesday 27th - Friday
30th May



Back to school

- 2 Class Photographs

Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Year 6 - Dance

- 3 Year 4 Walk around Maldon and
Promenade park

- 5 Year 2 Parent Lunch 12:00 pm

- 6 Year 5 Walk around Maldon

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics re-sits

Year 6 - Dance

- 10 Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

Year 2 Trip to Sealife Centre

- 12 Year 3 Parent Lunch 12:00 pm

- 13 Reception Class Assembly 9:10 am

16 Year 6 - Dance

- 17 Year 1 trip to Abberton Reservoir

18 Reception - Teddy Bear Picnic

19 Year 4 Parent Lunch 12:00 pm

23 Year 6 - Dance

25 Sports Day (*Reserve day - 2nd July*)

27 Year 6 World War II Workshop

30 Year 6 - Dance



HAPPY
Easter
HE IS RISEN



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[St. Francis Instagram](#)

