



Newsletter

22nd July
2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy and exciting term, we'd like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

The past few weeks have been packed with fantastic whole-school events. Children took part in National Sports Week, Sports Day, and our colourful French Day — thank you for the brilliant costumes!

A big thank you to our PTA, who arranged for each child to receive a free book, provided refreshments at the Year 6 performance, and organised a fun-filled school disco last Friday. We also want to thank all parents for supporting our fundraising events — the money raised will be used to purchase Chromebooks, which will be in school ready for use in September.

Teachers have shared end-of-year reports, celebrating your child's effort and attainment, and highlighting areas for development next year. We also enjoyed several memorable class trips, including Year 2's visit to the Sealife Centre in Southend, Year 1's trip to Abberton Reservoir, and Year 6's immersive WWII workshop.

Pupils have spent time with their new teachers and classrooms, preparing for a smooth start in September.

This year we've also defederated, launched our new website, and arranged for a new boiler to be installed over the summer.

We say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who leave us with excellent SATs results and who put on a fantastic performance of *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies* last week. We wish them every success at their new schools.

We hope you all have a happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd September for another great year.

Warm wishes, Mrs C. Peear
Headteacher



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Catholic Life of the School



CAFOD

Just one world

We're thrilled to share that we've raised an incredible **£138.54** to support the vital work that CAFOD is doing around the world.



Leavers' Mass

On Wednesday 9th July, Father Jerold celebrated Leavers' Mass for our Year 6 pupils. We sang some of their favourite hymns including Eagles Wings and reflected on scripture from Matthew, chapter 22 in which Jesus reminds us to love God and love others. For our Year 6 leavers, this is a simple but powerful message to carry with you.

As you move to a new school, let love guide your actions—be kind, respectful, and caring. Success is important, but how you treat others will always matter most.

Pledge Day 2025



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

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	All children in Reception
Year 1	Grace Sach
Year 2	Isabella Page
Year 3	Amelia Russell, Lillian Brown, Charlie-Joe Jeakins and Josiah Idowu
Year 4	Jessica Greene
Year 5	Joshua Taylor
Year 6	Mimi D'Ancona

Reader of the Week

is awarded to

Henry Brown in Year 1
&
Ethan Tychus in Year 6



Pen Licences

Congratulations to:

Wren Bannon
Lola Basing
Ivy Marshall
Lottie Russell

who have gained their Pen Licences
this half term.



ATTENDANCE

Class	% Attendance
Reception	98.28
Year 5	95.45
Year 2	93.75
Year 1	93.33
Year 6	90.83
Year 4	89.06
Year 3	88.79
Whole School	92.63

The class with the BEST
attendance this year is...

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Year 1 ★
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

House Cup

Congratulations to
St. Teresa's House!



St. Teresa - 160
St. Mary - 143
St. Francis - 138
St. Anthony - 132





100%



ATTENDANCE AWARD

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

Finley Belham	Olivia Belham	Lillian Brown	Amari Chalkley	Fleur Clarke
Rex Clarke	Maggie Cook	Jacob Crooks	Mimi D'Ancona	Evan De Banks
Phoebe-Nova English	Betty Fenlon	Edie Fenlon	Alice Fullalove	Dylan Greene
Jessica Greene	Euan Guthrie	William Guthrie	Bonnie Hogan	Josiah Idowu
Moyin Idowu	Oakley Johnson	Fraser Kirkaldy	Luke Langer	Albert Ludwig
Oscar May	Zachary May	Elsie Mead	Mollie Moorcroft	Devon Nutt
Gabriel Olanisebe	Rachel Olanisebe	Santiago Orille Lopez-Imizcoz	Isabella Page	Lucas Parnham
Sopha Parnham	Ethan Peear	Seth Pettitt	Orla Phillips	Lily Pilgrim
Maisie Pilgrim	Skylar Qiu	Ruben Rayner	Freya Riva	Enzo Rose
Grace Sach	Autumn Sharman	Sebastian Shattock Da Costa	Archie Stanwyck	Arlia Stanwyck
Amelie Traynor	Sienna Traynor	Ethan Tychus	Grace Tychus	



These children have 100%
attendance this academic year.



Well done!





2025 Leavers



Goodbye & Good Luck



Fabio Barbosa	Olivia Belham	Enzo Rose
Jacob Berry	Xanthe Brinkley	Archie Stanwyck
Molly Clark	Saoirse Claydon-Cressey	Tommie-Shai Tilney
Mimi D'Ancona	Wyatt Dines	Oscar Ross
James Draycott	Dilara Dzhahit	Alfie Taylor
Eleanor Farmiloe	Harley Gallagher	Ethan Tychus
William Guthrie	Alexis Hampton	Ben Robinson
Jake Ilagan	Jaiden Ketley	Harrysson Rogers
Esther Mayhew	Isobel Moore	Maggie Cook
Darius Mudrac	Skylar Qiu	Jamilah Kargbo

**Congratulations to all of our wonderful Year 6 Leavers'.
We wish them all the very best for the future.**



Well done to the following children for their special recognition:

Marvellous Mathematician - Darius Mudrac
Avid Reader - Alfie Taylor
Art/ Crafts- Jake Ilagan & Skylar Qiu
Performing Arts - Isobel Moore & Enzo Rose
Endeavour - Saoirse Claydon-Cressy
Overall improvement - William Guthrie
St Francis Cup - Ellie Farmiloe

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Class News



Reception

Reception children recently enjoyed a wonderful picnic at the school field - and brought along their favourite teddy bear as their guest!



Year 1

Year 1 recently spent the day at Abberton Reservoir investigating seasonal changes and local plant and wildlife!
What a fantastic day they had!



Year 2

This half term, our class has been diving into the exciting topic of 'Beside the Sea' and what a fantastic journey it has been!
We have been learning all about seaside locations - where they are, what they look like, and how they have changed over time.



Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Romans and their way of life. They especially enjoyed their visit to Colchester Castle, where they explored Roman military formations and discovered more about Roman history through real-life artefacts.



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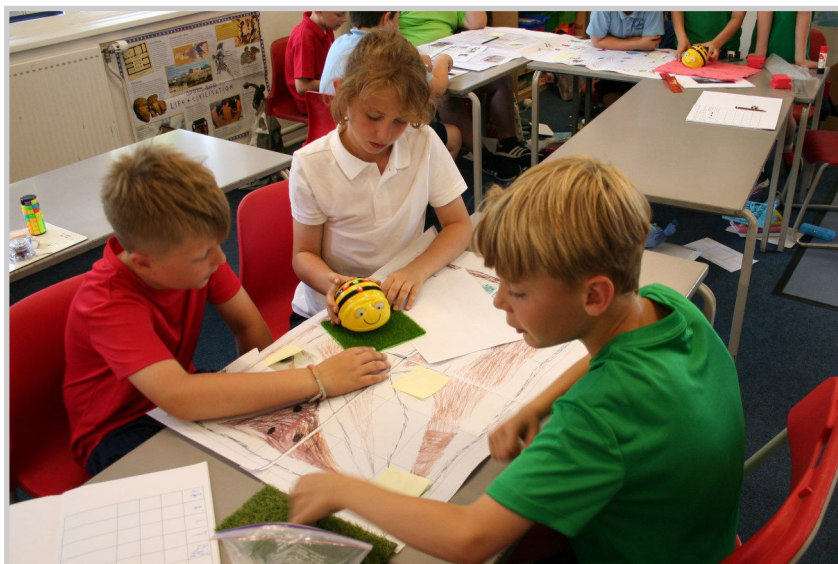


Class News



Year 4

Year 4 children braved the blustery weather to enjoy an exciting walk around Maldon as part of their Local History topic. With curiosity and enthusiasm, they explored key landmarks and investigated the rich heritage of our local town.



Year 5

Year 5 have been combining their history and computing skills in an exciting project inspired by their Ancient Greece topic. Using their knowledge of gods, heroes, and mythical creatures, pupils designed their very own adventure games - each one filled with imaginative storylines and challenges set in the world of Ancient Greek mythology.

Year 6

Our Year 6 students recently took part in an exciting World War Two Day workshop, immersing themselves in history and learning about this important period.



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



Around the School



French Day 2025

Great fun was had by
all at our annual
French Day!

Click the photograph
to find out more!



Kwik Cricket



On Friday 4th July we entered two
teams into the Kwik Cricket
tournament hosted at Drapers Farm by
Maldon Cricket Club.
Congratulations to the Year 6 team
who won in their group.

Leavers' Assembly



On Tuesday 22nd July we said 'goodbye' to our
Year 6 at their very special Leavers' Assembly
watched by their proud parents and teachers.

Congratulations to the children who won
special awards, including Ellie Farmiloe, who
received this year's St. Francis Cup.

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Coming Soon...



- 2 Term begins 8: 50 am
Reception children: 8:50am - 12pm
- 3 Reception children: 8:50am - 12pm
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- 5 Reception children: 8:50am - 12pm
- 6 Reception children: 8:50am - 12pm
- 8 Reception children: 8:50am - 1:15pm
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- 9 Swimming for selected pupils in Yr 5 and Yr 6 1pm
- 10 Reception children: 8:50am - 1:15pm
- 11 Reception children: 8:50am - 1:15pm
- 12 Reception children: 8:50am - 1:15pm
- 16 Swimming for selected pupils in Yr 5 and Yr 6 1pm



Look out for St Francis Catholic School in your Maldon, Burnham or Danbury store!

TESCO

**We're a blue token charity
- please vote for us!**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mrs Bell and Mrs Podlinska look forward to welcoming your child to our **After School Club** in September.

Option 1: 3:10-4:30pm £4.50

Option 2: 3:10-5pm £6.00

Option 3: 3:10-6pm £10.00

Please book via the School Office and pay in advance.

PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that the school gate opens at 8:30am and all children should arrive at school before the bell at 8:50am when registration begins.

Your children should be collected promptly: KS1 3:15pm and KS2 3:25pm.

From September children not collected by 3:30pm will be taken to the after school club and parents charged accordingly.



Please see the following links to our Facebook and Instagram accounts:

[St. Francis Facebook](#)

[St. Francis Instagram](#)





OUR JOURNEY

JAN-JUL 25

We are absolutely thrilled to share the success of our fundraising efforts so far! Thanks to your support, we've collectively **raised £5,656!** (*Please note: this figure excludes GiftAid payments, which we are still awaiting.) See the next page for when and how these funds have been raised.

We loved seeing so many of you at our events! This year's calendar was packed with fun and fantastic initiatives for everyone:

- January: **Music bingo** – a night of musical fun and competitive spirit!
- February: Our ever-popular **after-school tuck shop** – a sweet treat for everyone!
- March: An egg-cellent **Easter trail** and a bustling **pre-loved uniform sale**.
- May: We honored history with our **VE Day cake sale**, and during Mental Health Week, our **sow a seed** event saw children beautifully decorate plant pots, complete with soil and seeds, to gift to someone special. Plus, another popular **after-school tuck shop**.
- June: We had a roaring good time with our **name the bear competition**, where our new Reception class bear was proudly named Barry, thanks to Lola, who chose a fantastic David Walliams book! We also powered through our hugely successful **sponsored bike ride**, celebrated "**A Royal Day Out**" **summer fete**; braving the blistering heat to make it a memorable success! Held a **pre-loved uniform sale** specifically for our new reception class families.
- July: The **Year 6 shows refreshments** was a delicious hit, and our **free book fair** was a true triumph – not only did every child receive free books, our school library also received a fantastic haul of brand new books! We rounded off the term with our lively **summer disco**.

A HUGE Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers!

None of this incredible success would be possible without the tireless dedication of our fantastic volunteers. A massive thank you to every single person who gave their time, energy, and enthusiasm this year. Your commitment truly makes a difference!

We're proud to announce that **£1,773 of the funds raised has already been invested** directly into enhancing our school's resources and learning environment. See the next page on what so far!

What's Next?!

We're currently in exciting discussions about purchasing Chromebooks. We're eagerly awaiting the outcome of the **Tesco blue coin scheme** – will we get £500 or £1,500?! Every coin dropped into the pot will add to our Chromebook fund, so keep on topping the boxes up in Tesco Maldon or Tesco Express (Danbury or Burnham-on-Crouch).

Looking ahead to the 2025/2026 academic year, we've got some fantastic events in the pipeline, including the introduction of a 100 Club and some wonderful Christmas surprises for the children!

Thank you once again for your incredible generosity and dedication. We look forward to another successful year of fundraising and making a real difference for our school!

✨ Our PTA Journey ✨ — January to July 2025 —

**£5,656
RAISED!**

**January
£908**

Music Bingo £708
Costco donation
£200



**February
£185**

Tuck shop £163
Easy Fundraising
£22



**March
£118**

Asda Cash for
Schools £118
Easter Trail
Pre-loved uniform
sales



**May
£477**

VE Day Cake Sale
£193
Sow a Seed £143*
Tuck shop £73
Easy Fundraising
£45
MyNameTags £23



**June
£2,690**

Name the bear
competition
Sponsored Bike Ride
£1,363*
A Royal Day Out
£1,327
Pre-loved uniform
sale & welcome
2025/26 Reception
Class parents



**July
£1,156**

Free Book Fair and
Books for school
Y6 Production
Refreshments £279
Summer Disco £877



Pre-loved uniform throughout the year - £366

*additional funds from GiftAid still to be received to add to these amounts!

£1,773

Spent so far this year on Chromebook licenses, science equipment,
playground equipment, classroom resources, rapid reader subscription
and water for sports day

