



Newsletter

October
2025

Dear Parents,

It's been a wonderfully busy start to the school year, and it was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. These meetings are always a valuable opportunity to talk with your child's teacher and hear how they have settled into their new class.

Some of our pupils have already enjoyed exciting learning beyond the classroom—Year 6 took part in a local walk around Maldon, visiting the Moot Hall and All Saints Church to learn about the history of these important buildings, while Year 2 had a fantastic day at Danbury Country Park den building and learning about habitats.

We are delighted to introduce our new Pupil Leadership Team, including Rex, our Head Boy, and Wren, our Head Girl. You can find out more about our elected School and Eco Council members, as well as our dedicated teams of librarians, sports leaders, and I.T. helpers by clicking [here](#).

On Friday 3rd October, we celebrated our school's Feast Day with a special Mass led by Father Jerold for our KS2 pupils. Our R.E. Ambassadors led the worship beautifully with readings and prayers, and the children sang with great joy—especially during the hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"—inspired by the prayer of St Francis.

I have been so impressed by the effort children have shown in their homework this half term, particularly the creative presentations on Rivers, models of the Earth, and impressive Anglo-Saxon shields!

A reminder that when we return, children should be in their winter uniform—details can be found [here](#). We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**. Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term!

Mrs. C. Peear - Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

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Catering News

Winter Menu Week 1

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Catholic Life of the School



Centenary Celebrations

Last term, as part of their 100th anniversary celebrations, The Assumption of Our Lady held a competition for St Francis pupils to design bookmarks to celebrate this special milestone in their history.

Well done to everyone who took part. The winning designs have been made into bookmarks which will be distributed to parishioners in November.

Congratulations to the winners:

Cian Phillips

Molly Tisi

Phoebe-Nova English

Eliza Kingsford

Joseph Crooks

Freddie Bennett



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





Catholic Life of the School



Month of the Holy Rosary

The children have spent time learning the prayers of the Rosary and discovering the beauty of its mysteries. Many have enjoyed creating their own Rosaries, and our R.E. Ambassadors have wonderfully led the Rosary Club throughout the month, bringing our school community together in prayer.



R.E. Ambassadors

This term, we were delighted to receive many enthusiastic applications from our Year 5 and 6 pupils to become R.E. Ambassadors, working with Mrs McLeod to help lead R.E. across the school. Our new ambassadors are supporting teachers with classroom displays, reading scripture during liturgies, encouraging prayer throughout the school, and leading children in the Rosary.

Thank you to Jessica who designed a beautiful new prayer board which children can use in our sensory garden.



Harvest Collection

Thank you for donations to the Maldon Food Pantry, our harvest charity.

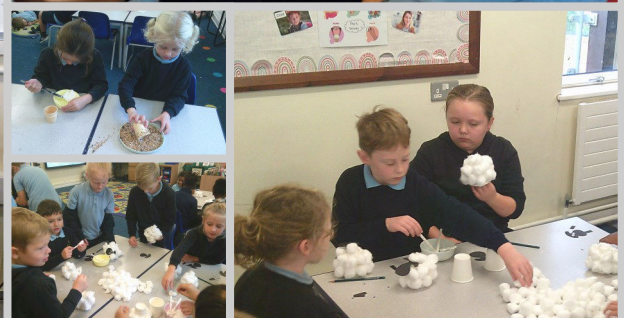
Your offerings were blessed by Father Jerold during our Feast day mass on Friday 3rd October and have now been collected and taken for distribution.





Catholic Life of the School

St Francis Feast Day





Congratulations!



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children

Reception	Mayson Vata
Year 1	Maisie Pilgrim
Year 2	Harrison Cozens
Year 3	Ronan Qiu
Year 4	Lillian Brown
Year 5	Fraser Kirkaldy
Year 6	Joshua Taylor



ATTENDANCE

Class	% Attendance
Year 3	98.28
Year 6	97.73
Year 1	96.67
Year 2	92.67
Year 4	92.00
Year 5	91.88
Reception	91.38
Whole School	94.17

PUNCTUALITY

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

This week's winners are:



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Reception ★
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Reader of the Week

is awarded to

Millsy Russell in Year 4
&
Zachary May in Year 2



Hot Chocolate Friday

It was my pleasure to share a hot chocolate recently with the following pupils:



Alara Dzhahit

Caden Lockwood

Ethan Pearar

Isabella Bamford

Jessica Greene

Olivier Tarchala

Ruben Rayner

They were nominated by their teachers for consistently going 'above and beyond' what is expected in school. Well done!

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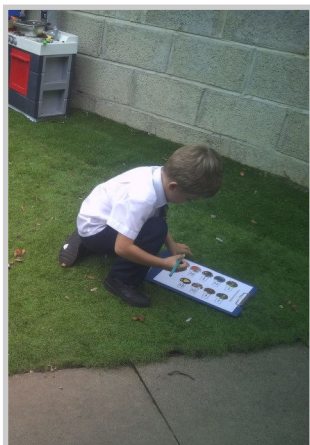


Class News



Reception

Children in Reception have had a great time exploring our school grounds and taking part in art activities to investigate the signs of autumn.



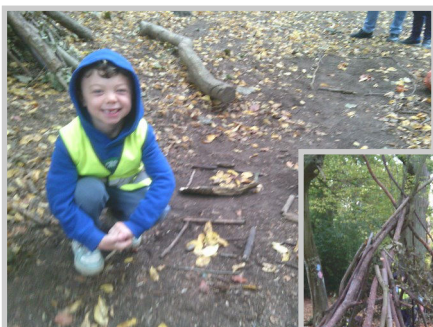
Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been busy learning all about animals, mammals and our senses!



Year 2

Year 2 have been making the most of the sunny weather visiting Danbury Country Park and exploring the school grounds as part of their 'Animals and Living Things' topic.



Year 3

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed working collaboratively to produce a beautiful mural as part of our celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



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

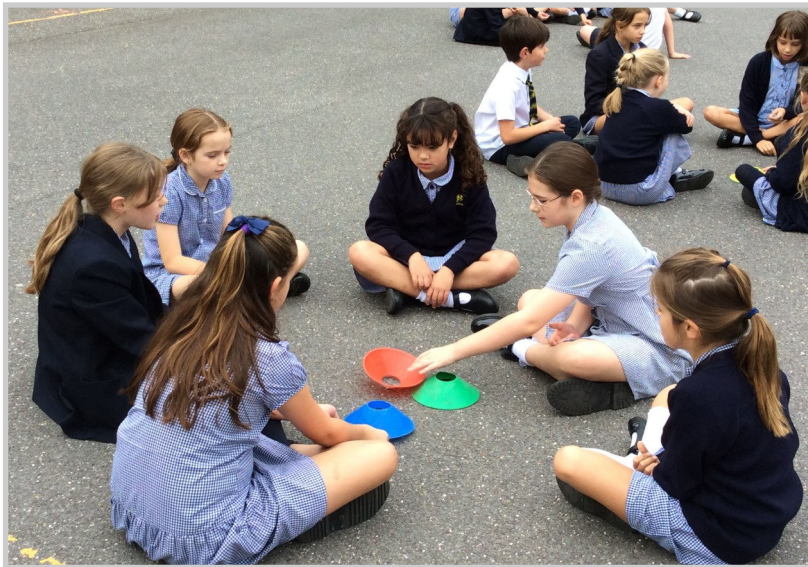


Class News



Year 4

After reading the Creation story in The Bible, Year 4 spent time reflecting on the beauty and wonder of the natural world around them and were inspired to create their own paintings.



Year 5

Year 5 recently participated in a Play Leader Training workshop, where they explored the key skills needed to become effective play leaders! See how they got on!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy start to their final year with a trip into Maldon to begin learning all about the fascinating history of our town and Play Leader training!



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



Out and About



Year 6 recently took part in a TALKING TRASH workshop. Click the photographs to find out what it was all about...



Sports



Girls' Tag Rugby Tournament



A big congratulations to the girls who participated in the recent Tag Rugby Tournament at Maldon Rugby Club! Well done on your efforts and teamwork!

Boys' Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 boys who represented our school at the recent football tournament, organised by the Maldon Schools Sports Partnership, held at Beacon Hill Rovers.

Well done boys!



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Coming Soon...



Half Term Holiday

Monday 20th October - Friday 31 October



3 Back to school

4 Parent Lunch - Year 2 @ 12noon

9 Head boy and girl attending Maldon Town Remembrance Service

10 School Photographs - individual and siblings

11 Remembrance Assembly - whole school

11 Parent Lunch - Year 1 @ 12 noon

12 Year 4 Trip to Museum of Power

12 Parent Forum - 9am

12 Independent Learning KS2 9am - 9:20am

13 Reception Trip to Maldon Library
9am - 11 am

14 Non-uniform Day

14 PTA school Disco

18 Dodgeball Tournament @ Wentworth School
Selected Years 5 & 6 pupils
4pm - 5:15pm

19 NHS Flu Vaccinations

- 26 Independent Learning KS1
2:45pm - 3:10pm Storytime
- 27 Parent Lunch - Reception @ 12noon
- 27 PTA Christmas jumper/clothing sale 3pm
- 30 First Sunday of Advent — Hope



5 Christmas Film Night @ 5pm

7 Second Sunday of Advent — Peace

10 Christmas Dinner Day — children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform today

14 Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

15 Year 2 perform the Nativity to Reception and Years 1 - 4

17 Year 2 perform the Nativity to Parents and Year 5 & 6

17 Years 3, 4 and Choir singing Christmas Carols with readings in church @ 2pm

End of Term

19 Reception/KS1 finish at 1:50pm
KS2 finish at 2pm



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

[St. Francis Facebook](#)

[St. Francis Instagram](#)



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for
Your Support!

Thank you for helping the PTA create a wonderful, natural learning environment for every child at St Francis! 🌳📖

PTA socials, click for links:



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WINTER DISCO

Friday 14th November

KS1 3:15-4:30PM

KS2 4:45-6:00PM

Tickets to be sold after half term