



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

February 2026

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term. Please see the following items for your attention. This half-term, we prepare to journey through Lent towards are celebration of Easter, striving to grow closer to God each week.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd – Wed. 5th March – Y5 & Y6 trip to Kingswood

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 23rd March – Class Photos

Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th March – SEND Parent Conferences (Individual times will be issued)

Wednesday 1st April 3:20pm – School Finishes for the Easter

Ash Wednesday

On Monday 23rd March, Fr Darren came into school to distribute ashes to pupils and staff to mark the beginning of Lent. Thank you to those Y3 and Y4 pupils who helped to prepare and lead our liturgy.



Uniform

May we remind parents that Jewellery is not permitted at school. Children may wear stud ear rings but no hoops or ear rings which risk getting caught. Pupils are also permitted to wear a watch (no smart watches).

Furthermore, pupils are not permitted to wear over-elaborate hair accessories including bows and beads – all hair accessories must be practical and functional.

If your child attends school with missing or incorrect uniform, you will be sent a letter by your child's class teacher.

The Angelus

Throughout Lent, the children will be praying the Angelus every day at noon in their classes.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World book day, we will be holding a non-uniform day where children can choose to dress as a character from their favourite book. Also to celebrate world book day, we are running a competition called 'Shoe Box Stories'. The children are all encouraged to decorate a shoe box to illustrate their favourite book or story. We have already received some amazing entires. Please bring your finished boxes to school! Here are a few examples...



Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Sunday 29th March. During Holy Week we shall be celebrating special liturgies each day to mark this most special week of our liturgical year.

- **Monday 30th March 2:30pm** – Palm Sunday Liturgy
- **Tuesday 31st March 2:30pm** – Last Supper Liturgy
- **Wednesday 1st April 2:30pm** – The Stations of the Cross

Parents and Parishioners are welcome to join us for these liturgies. If you would like to attend, please reserve a space via the school office.

Maths at Home!

At St Francis, we subscribe to a number of online learning platforms so that your child can continue learning maths at home by completing online learning tasks set by and monitored by their class teacher. Those pupils who access these programs regularly at home make significantly accelerated progress in their learning and attainment. Your child's log in details can be found in their reading records. Each program can be accessed through a web browser or by downloading the app for free. It has been a joy to see so many children engaging with these programs at home this term engaging in hours of extra learning, keep up the good work everyone.

**NUMBOTS – Foundational
maths skills for Reception & Y1**



**Times Tables Rockstars –
Times tables practice for Y2-6**



**Mathletics – Advanced maths
practice for Y4-6**



Breakfast Club

We run a school breakfast club from 7:30am every day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day. There is a range of breakfast options available including toast, cereal, waffles and fruit. At breakfast club the children are supervised by teachers and members of school staff and have the opportunity to take part in a range of learning and fun activities with their friends. Breakfast club places do not need to be booked in advance, you can simply turn up anytime from 7:30am-8:20am at the entrance to the school hall.



Parent Coffee Morning - Monday 2nd March

We are hosting a parent coffee morning for all parents on Monday 2nd March from 9am. Parents are welcome to join to discuss any concerns and any questions they may have regarding their child. We have a specialist from the BOSS team with us on this day who will be able to offer advice to both parents and school. Feel free to attend for an informal chat. The morning will take place in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you all.



Class Dojo

For weekly updates about all that is going on in our school, please check Class Dojo regularly.



Postcards this month...

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received postcards for outstanding behaviour, attitudes and work:

Anna, Xavier O, Guirise, Brodie, Oscar

