



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

January 2025

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, it has been an excellent start to 2025 here at St Francis with the children continuing to take excellent strides in their learning. Please see the following items below for your attention.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 14th February 3:20pm - School finishes for half-term

Monday 24th February - School resumes for pupils

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 18th March – Y4/5 Trip to Austerfield

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.

Feast of the Epiphany

On Monday 6th January, we gathered as a school to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Thank you to all parents, carers and parishioners who joined us.



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 5th March at 9:30am Fr Darren will be coming into school to distribute ashes to pupils and staff to mark the beginning of Lent. Parents, carers and Parishioners are welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday service and to receive their ashes.



Breakfast Club

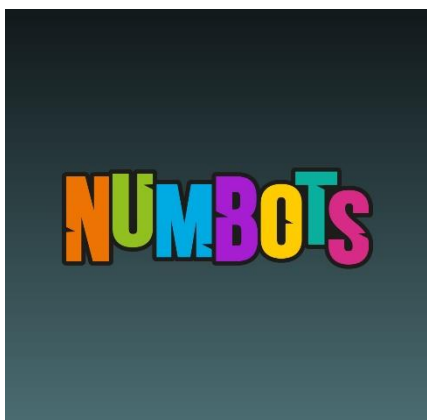
We run a school breakfast club from 7:30am every day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day. There is a range of breakfast options available including toast, cereal, waffles and fruit. At breakfast club the children are supervised by teachers and members of school staff and have the opportunity 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.



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. For further information, speak to your child's class teacher. It has been a joy to see so many of our pupils engaging in hours of extra learning at home so far this term – 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**



After School Clubs

It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in a range of after school clubs so far this year including drama, dance, code breaking, coding, art, choir and much more. For information on upcoming after school clubs please contact the school office.



School Facebook & Instagram Page

For weekly updates about all that is going on in our school, please follow our school's Facebook and Instagram page at:



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World Book Day – Thursday 6th 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 'A Story in a Jar'. Children can use a jar and fill it or decorate it to show a favourite book or story. Please bring your finished jars to school on Monday 24th February after half term. Here are a few examples...



Postcards this month...

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

Anna, Xavier O, Guirise, Brodie, Oskar

