Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

November 2026

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to Advent and your preparations for the Christmas period. The upcoming weeks are some of the busiest of our school year, please see the following items for your attention and check dates and times carefully.

Autumn Term - Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18th November Parents Evening (FS2, Y1, Y2, Y3)

Thursday 19th November (FS1, Y4, Y5, Y6)

Friday 27th November – Wreath making workshop for parents – 1-3pm

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 1-3 trip to the pantomime.

Thursday 3rd December – Feast of St Francis Xavier Mass – 2:00pm (In School)

Friday 4th December – Winter Fayre – 1pm

Monday 14th December – Nativity EYFS – 10am
Nativity KS1 – 2pm
Tuesday 15th December – Nativity Y3 & Y4 – 2pm

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Party Days (Children can wear Christmas party clothes)

Thursday 17th December - Y5 & Y6 Advent Carol Service – 2pm **at St Peters in Chains church.**

Friday 18th December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 18th December – Carols around the Crib – 10:00am

Friday 18th December – School closes at 1:15pm

Nine lessons & Nine Carols

On Thursday 17th December at 2:00pm, our Y5 & Y6 pupils will lead a special 'Nine lessons & Nine Carols' carol service at St Peter's focused upon the key events of the nativity story. We would like to invite all of school community to join us for the special celebration.



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day this year our school paused at 11:00am to remember those who gave their lives in the service of others. Our Chapliancy team led readings and prayers as the whole school assembled in the playground.





Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all of you who generously donated items for our school raffle, these have been made into hampers which can we won in our school raffle. All money raised will be used to purchase resources for the children. Tickets can be purchased on the school gate in a morning or at home time or via Parent Pay. Good luck!



The Feast of St Francis Xavier

On Tuesday 3rd December, Fr Uche will be coming into school to lead a special celebration Mass for the Feast day of St Francis Xavier. Mass will begin at 2:00pm, parents/carers and parishioners are welcome to attend.





NUMBOTS

Well done to all of those pupils in KS1 and Reception who have been using NUMBOTs at home. The teachers have already noticed the impact upon the children's learning in maths.

This online learning tool enables pupils to practice key mathematical fluency skills which are a crucial foundation for being a successful mathematician as they move through school.

You can access the website via the NUMBOTS website or by downloading the app. Your child's log in details are on their homework letter.

Harvest Festival – Food Bank Donations

We celebrated Harvest Festival at our school, taking time to reflect on the importance of kindness, generosity and helping others. Our wonderful children and families generously donated a variety of food items to support our local food bank. It was lovely to see our school community coming together to make a difference to those in need. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us share the true spirit of Harvest!



Times Tables Rockstars!

Well done to all of our pupils who have made amazing progress on their times tables this month through the use of Times Tables Rockstars.

Times Tables Rockstars is an online learning programme that we fund as a school which your child can access at home and at school. 5-10 minutes a day on this programme will rapidly accelerate your child's progress in maths. It is an expectation for Y3 and Y4 that this is completed weekly as part of their maths homework.
Your child's log in details are on their homework letter or can be obtained from your child's class teacher.

Scan the QR code for TT Rockstars on the app store!

Carols around the Crib

Our Carols around the Crib service will take place on the 19th December at 10:00am. We will be inviting parents, cares and Parishioners to join us on the day. There is a limited number of tickets available (20). Tickets are allocated on a first come, first serve basis - please reserve your place via the school office.



Spelling Shed!

All pupils from year 1 to year 6 have a spelling shed account. Spelling shed is an online learning program that provides individualised spelling practice that supports spelling, reading and vocabulary. The children should access this program at home as part of their weekly homework at home. Their log in details can be found on their homework letter or be obtained from your child's class teacher. 5 minutes a day will have a significant impact on your child's literacy skills.

When logging on please ensure your child accesses 'Mastery Zone' for their personal spelling program.

Log in here: https://auth.edshed.com/en-gb/login



Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on the 18th and the 19th of November. A Dojo message has been sent to all parents with available time slots to book your teacher meetings in the school hall with your child's class teacher.

Postcards this month…

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

Adrian, Eliazar, Theo, Emmanuella (Y6),