



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

January 2026

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, it has been an excellent start to 2026 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 13th February** - School finishes for half-term
- Friday 13th February** – Pyjama day for FS1 and FS2
- Monday 23rd February** - School resumes for pupils
- Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March** – Y5 and Y6 Residential
- Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- Monday 23rd March** – Class photos
- Tuesday 14th April** – Swimming lessons begin for Year 5

Feast of the Epiphany

On Monday 6th January, we gathered as a school to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Thank you to who joined us for this special celebration.



Uniform

May we remind parents that rucksacks are not permitted in school due to limited space in school cloakrooms. Please send your child's belongings to school in a draw string bag. School draw string bags are available from the office for £3.50 or you may use a draw string bag of your choice.

Furthermore, children must wear school shoes to school not black trainers.

From Galilee to Jerusalem

In RE this half-term our topic is 'From Galilee to Jerusalem. We will explore Jesus' public ministry, learning how his teachings, miracles, and relationships revealed God's love and challenged people to live differently. Our topic traces his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. The topic helps pupils understand why Jesus is central to Catholic faith and how his message continues to inspire believers today.

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
& Y2**

The logo for NUMBOTS, featuring the word 'NUMBOTS' in a colorful, blocky font with each letter in a different color (N: orange, U: green, M: blue, B: purple, O: yellow, T: red, S: pink).

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

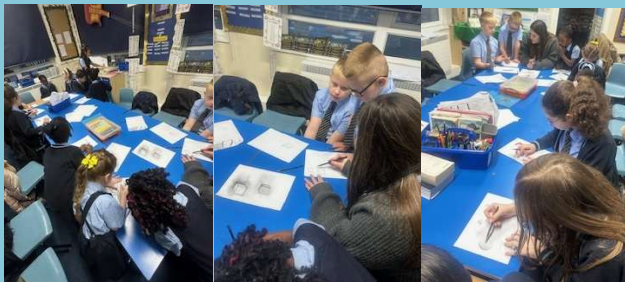
The logo for Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS), featuring the letters 'TTRS' in a stylized, colorful font with a white outline, set against a purple background.

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

The logo for Mathletics, featuring the word 'Mathletics' in a blue, sans-serif font, set against a white, torn-paper-like shape on a blue background.

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 dance, sports, computing, art, choir and much more. For information on upcoming after school clubs please contact the school office.



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. Please bring your finished boxes to school on Monday 23rd February after half term. We cannot wait to see your creative efforts! Here are a few examples...



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:

Alfie D, Anais, Charlie, Michelle E

