



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

September 2025

As we settle into the rhythm of a new school year, we are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings and the steady presence of God in all we do. It has been a joy to see our students returning with bright smiles, ready to learn, grow and achieve excellence together in God's love. Please see the following items for your attention.

Autumn Term - Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30th September – Y4 Meet the Teacher Meeting

Thursday 23rd October – Times Tables Rockstars Day!

Friday 24th October – School **closed** for INSET day.

Wednesday 5th November – Individual school photos

Friday 28th November – Wreath making workshop for parents – 1-3pm

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

Wednesday 3rd December – Feast of St Francis Xavier Mass

Friday 5th December – Winter Fayre – 1pm

Tuesday 9th December – Parents Evening 1-4pm FS1, FS2, Y2 & Y6

Tuesday 10th December – Parents Evening 1-4pm Y5, Y1, Y3 & Y4

Monday 15th December – Nativity EYFS – 10am
Nativity KS1 – 2pm

Tuesday 16th December – Nativity Y3 & Y4 – 2pm

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

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Party Day

Friday 19^h December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December – Carols around the Crib

Friday 19th December – School closes at 2pm.

October Month of the Holy Rosary

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a special prayer in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a time to reflect on the life of Jesus through Mary's eyes and grow in faith through prayer and meditation. Throughout October the children will learn about the Rosary, pray the Rosary reflect upon the example of Mary and learn Marian music and prayers.

Non Uniform Day! – 2nd October 2025

On Thursday 2nd October we shall be hosting a non-uniform and special dinner day in order to celebrate that we are all made unique in the image and likeness of God. Dinner will be our Chicken Goujon dinner with lots of prizes available to be won for any children who has dinner on this day.

For the non-uniform day, we ask that children bring a bottle or item for the Winter fayre hampers to help raise money for school funds. Raffle tickets will be sold later in the year for the hampers.

Items we ask children to bring on non-uniform day include, biscuits, chocolates, sweets, alcohol bottles, or Christmas gift themed items.



Welcome Mass

Thank you to Fr Darren for leading a wonderful welcome Mass to start our school year. Thank you to all the children who contributed to the Mass preparation.



CAFOD

Thank you to CAFOD for coming into Y1 and Y5 to teach the children about Catholic Social teaching.



Celebration Assemblies

Each week on a Friday we gather together as a school to celebrate our pupils' achievements over the course of the week and to present certificates and awards. This year, we shall be inviting parents/carers to attend a celebration assembly if their child has been nominated for a certificate or award. You will be notified a week in advance in of the assembly if your child is receiving an award.

Please remember that your child will need to bring their correct PE kit on a Monday and leave in school until Friday. This will ensure they participate in every PE lesson.

They should also bring their reading book to school every day for staff to change them or listen to your child read.

Staff

We are delighted to have welcomed Miss Davis (FS1) and Mr Campbell (Y6) to the St Francis teaching team this academic year. Please join us in welcoming them to our school community.

Class Fundraisers for trips.

Each Class will be organising an exciting fund raising event throughout the school year to help raise money towards their school trips. We are grateful for any support from parents towards each event. School trips are becoming increasingly more expensive however, we feel they are an important part of each child's school experience and learning. Thank you in advance.

TTRockstars Day – Thursday 23rd October

It's time to dust off your leather jackets, grab your air guitars, and get ready to turn up the volume on your maths – because TT Rocks tars Day is coming to St Francis on Thursday 23rd October.

To celebrate all the fantastic progress our pupils have made in learning their times tables, we're inviting everyone to come to school dressed as a rock star for the day.

Throughout the day, children will take part in fun and fast-paced TT Rockstars activities, including times tables battles, speed challenges, and class competitions. It is a brilliant way to boost confidence and participation with multiplication.

Year 6 applications for secondary school

It is already that time of year where our year six children can apply for their places at Secondary School.

Please see the link below with details of how to apply and also details of open days and events each secondary school is holding. If you need any support with applications, please contact the school office.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-admissions>

The deadline for applications in the 31st October 2025.

Harvest Festival Project

Isaiah 58:10

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness..."

This Autumn, we will be collecting and donating items to St John's Church and Multibank, Balby who support families in our local community.

We shall be collecting, dried food tinned food and toiletries. Donations can be given to the school office or your child's class teacher.

Breakfast Club

Children are welcome to join us for breakfast club from 7.30am every morning in the school hall. We have a number of different breakfast options available, including toast, waffles, pancakes and a range of cereal. There are also a number of fun activities and learning activities for children to take part in. Parents do not need to book and can just turn up on the day.

The price is £2.50 per child (50p for the third child and thereafter)

Attendance

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and crucial for your child's progress and attainment. Any holidays booked during term time will not be authorised and parents/carers will be fined for taking your child out of school. Fines for parents taking holidays during term time can be up to £2,500.

Postcards this month...
Anastasia, Eva, Avaya, Kennedy

