



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



October 2025

October has been a busy and exciting month at school, as we celebrated October the Month of Mary and the Holy Rosary, explored the stars in a visiting planetarium, stepped back in time with history workshops and Y1 enjoyed an exciting local walk. We wish all our families a restful and safe half term! Please see the following items for your attention.

Autumn Term - Dates for the Diary

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.

Month of the Holy Rosary

In school, we honoured October as the Month of the Holy Rosary by praying the Rosary each day and coming together for special whole-school celebrations of the Word. We have been reflecting on Mary as an example of our virtues of faith, piety and inclusion.



Harvest Festival

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...”

Thank you to all of our families for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival Project. All donations will be given to the St John’s multi-bank in Balby.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations towards our Christmas Hampers. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1.00 per strip for a chance to win one of these festive hampers. The draw will take place at the end of the Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance on 16th December, with Mr Hoyes announcing the winners on Class Dojo and ParentMail. Good luck to everyone! All money raised will go towards school funds.



SFX Turner Prize' Art Competition – Years 1-6

Get ready to unleash your creativity with our 'SFX Turner Prize' Art Competition!

Your masterpiece could be a painting, a drawing, a photograph, a sculpture, something in textiles, or even a piece of multimedia art — the choice is yours!

The deadline is Friday the 7th November 2025.

A panel of art-loving judges — Mr. Hoyes, Miss Morris, Miss. Hodby, and Miss Wells — will be choosing the winning entries.

The winning artwork will be framed and proudly displayed in school, complete with your name on a special placard as the official SFX Turner Prize Winner!

There will also be fantastic prizes for 2nd and 3rd place — plus the grand art prize for our overall winners!

School Kitchen

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with you — thanks to your generous support and commitment to helping raise money for our school funds, we have now been able to have a kitchen built on-site at school!

This is a huge milestone for our school community. Up until now, school dinners had to be transported in, but with our new kitchen, we will soon be able to prepare fresh, nutritious meals right here on the premises. This change will not only improve the quality and variety of meals we can offer, but also allow for greater flexibility and efficiency in our food service.

We are truly grateful to every one of you who contributed — whether through donations, helping at events, or simply spreading the word. This achievement is a direct result of your dedication and support, and it will have a lasting impact on our children's daily experience at school.



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)

Parents Evening

Parents evening slots will be available after half term. Each parent can book one slot via the class dojo app.

Appointments will take place in the school hall.

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.

Winter Fair

Our annual Winter Fair will begin at 1pm on Friday 5th December.
Gates will open at 1pm for parents to collect their children from the playground.

We have a number of exciting games, stalls, refreshments, tombola and Santa's Grotto.

Times Tables Rockstars Day!

On Thursday 23rd October we shall be hosting our Times Tables Rockstar Day!

Times Tables Rockstars is a **free** online learning program to support children's times tables and mental arithmetic knowledge.

On this day the children will be invited to attend school dressed as rockstars and we will be hosting parent meetings at 2:45pm in the school hall to explain how to use this fantastic tool to support your child's attainment in maths.

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



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 is the 31st October 2025.

Postcards this month...

Avnoor, Marleigh, Isla, Tommy C

The Head of School has recognised your hard work and dedication to your learning. Well done — your effort is truly paying off, and we're very proud of you! Keep it up!

