



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



May 2025

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well. This Eastertide has been full of the Joy of the resurrection as we have worked together to be pilgrims of hope. Please see the following items for your attention.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 9th June – School opens for pupils
- Monday 9th June – Pentecost Liturgy 2:30pm
- Week commencing Monday 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check
- Week Commencing Monday 9th June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
- Friday 20th June – Sports Day
- Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th June – Y5 & 6 trip to Kingswood
- Tuesday 1st July 9:00am – Doncaster Rovers Trophy Tour
- Friday 4th July – The Catholic Cup Tournament
- Monday 7th July – Y1 Trip to Cleethorpes
- Wednesday 9th July – Whole School Transition Day
- Wednesday 16th July 4:30pm – 6.30pm – Y6 Prom
- Thursday 17th July 2:00pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 18th July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers Mass
- Tuesday 22nd July – School Finishes for the summer holidays at 1:30pm

Pope Leo XIV

This month, our school community was delighted by the announcement of Pope Leo XIV as the new leader of the Catholic Church. The children have been learning all about the process of Conclave and about our new Pope.



May the Month of Mary

Throughout May, we have been celebrating May the Month of Our Lady, Mary. The children have been praying the Hail Mary, learning how to use Rosary beads, learning about and taking inspiration from Mary's life.



Y4 Times Tables Check

Our Y4's will sit the Year 4 multiplication tables check in the week commencing the 9th of June.

This is a statutory national assessment which is say by Y4's across the country. Please support your child to prepare for the check by encouraging them to practice their times tables at home.

Effective times tables practice is little and often. We recommend one times tables check per day followed by 5minutes of TTRockstars. See links below:

- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

As an incentive for the pupils we a running a competition over half-term. Any pupil who practices on TTRockstars for 5 minutes or more on 10 or more separate days over the holidays will take part in a special extra playtime on the school field with Mr Hoyes on Monday 9th June. If you are unable to access these online learning platforms, please contact school directly. Keep an eye on Class Dojo over half-term where we will be celebrating the pupils' hard work.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

In the week commencing the 9th June our Y1 pupils will take their Y1 Phonics Screening Check, a statutory national assessment for all Y1 pupils.

Please support their preparation for this check by hearing your child read their phonics books regularly over the half-term.

Pentecost

Our whole school Pentecost liturgy will take place on Monday 9th June at 2:30pm. Parents/carers and parishoners are welcome to attend. Please reserve a place by contacting the school office.



Breakfast Club

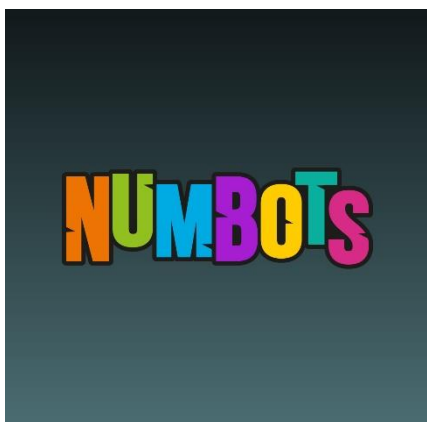
We run a school breakfast club from 7:30am every day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day. There is a range of breakfast options available including toast, cereal, waffles and fruit. At breakfast club the children are supervised by teachers and members of school staff and have the opportunity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



Sun Safety

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that you send your child to school with sun cream already applied and a hat. Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day in school.



Whole School Transition Day

On Wednesday 9th July, we will be holding a whole school transition day. Children will move to their new class for the day and meet their new teacher. We will send out further information nearer the time.

Year 6 students will receive information from their secondary school regarding their own transition days.

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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Class Dojo

Please continue to check class Dojo regularly for updates and messages from school.



Postcards this month...

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

Ayala Tamara Isla Maria

