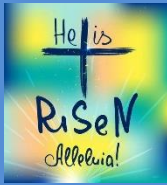




Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



April 2025

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well. As we continue through Eastertide, our focus is upon spreading the joy and hope of the resurrection. We have many exciting events to look forward to this term alongside statutory assessments for Y1 (Phonics), Y4 (Times Tables) and Y6 (Year 6 SATs), please see the following items for your attention.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday 12th May – SATS week begins for Year 6
- Wednesday 14th May 2:45pm – Y1 Phonics Parents Meeting
- Tuesday 20th May 2:45pm – Y4 Times Tables Check Parents' Meeting
- Thursday 22nd May 2:45pm – Y5 & Y6 Kingswood Parents' Meeting
- Monday 26th May – School closes for Half term.
- Monday 9th June – School opens for pupils
- Week commencing Monday 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check
- Week Commencing Monday 9th June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
- Tuesday 10th June – Year 2 Trip – Sandall Beat Woods
- Friday 20th June Sports Day
- Monday 07th July – Year 1 Trip - Cleethorpes
- Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 Trip - Crucial Crew

Pope Francis

It is with a heavy heart that our school community mourns the passing of Pope Francis. The children have been praying for Pope Francis, learning about his life and reflecting upon how they can take inspiration from his Papacy.



Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 SATS take place in the week commencing the 12th May. All year 6 children MUST be in school every day this week.

These are statutory exams that all Y6 pupils in the country must take. Please ensure that your child arrives in school promptly every day this week, goes to bed early the night before each exam, eats breakfast before school and brings a full water bottle with them.

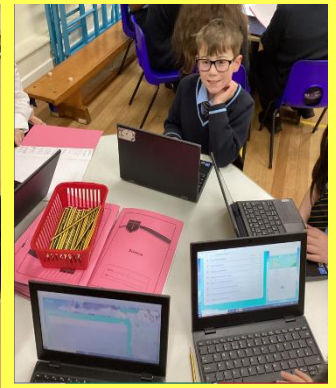
Holy Week

During Holy week we gathered as a school community to follow the final events of Jesus' life and to journey with him to the foot of the cross and through to his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Thank you to each of our KS2 classes and Chaplaincy Team who took responsibility for leading a different liturgy throughout the week.



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.



Transition Day

As a number of our Year 6 pupils will be attending transition days at their secondary schools, we will be holding our whole school transition day on Wednesday 9th July, children will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teacher.

For all Year 6 parents, you will shortly receive information from your child's secondary school with further information regarding their transition days.

Uniform

May we remind parents that Jewellery is not permitted at school. Children may wear stud ear rings but no hoops or ear rings which risk getting caught. Pupils are also permitted to wear a watch (no smart watches). Furthermore, pupils are not permitted to wear over-elaborate hair accessories including bows and beads – all hair accessories must be practical and functional.

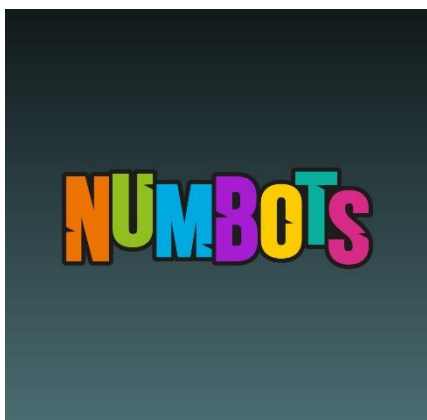
Please ensure that your child is wearing school shoes not black trainers.

If your child attends school with missing or incorrect uniform, you will be sent a letter by your child's class teacher.

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**



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 drama, dance, code breaking, coding, art, choir and much more. For information on upcoming after school clubs please contact the school office.



School Facebook Page

For weekly updates about all that is going on in our school, please follow our school's Facebook 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:

Nawwal Patrycja Ronnie Lexi

