



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

March 2025

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well. This half-term has been a very successful one with the children continuing to make excellent progress in their learning and a wide range of highlights including: Ash Wednesday, World Book and day and some wonderful trips. Please see the following items for your attention.

Dates for the Diary

- Teacher Training Days – Thursday 03rd April and Friday 04th April (School is Closed)
- Half Term – 07th April – 11th April (School is Closed)
- Monday 14th April School reopens
- Friday 18th April – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday 25th April – Year 5 children begin swimming lessons.
- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday 12th May – SATS week begins for Year 6
- Monday 26th May – School closes for Half term.

Ash Wednesday

Thank you Father Darren for joining us in school to distribute ashes to pupils and staff to mark the beginning of Lent.



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.



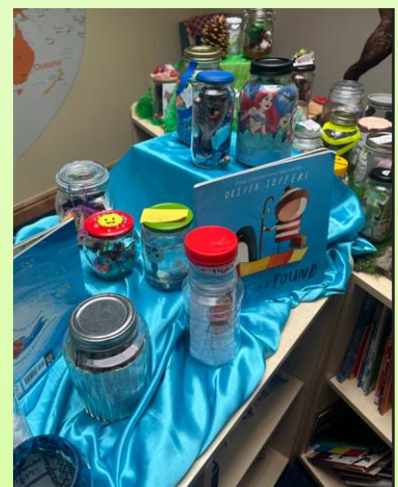
Playtime Activities at St Francis Xavier

It is lovely to see so many children enjoying our new activity spaces around school during their break times.



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 17, 2025

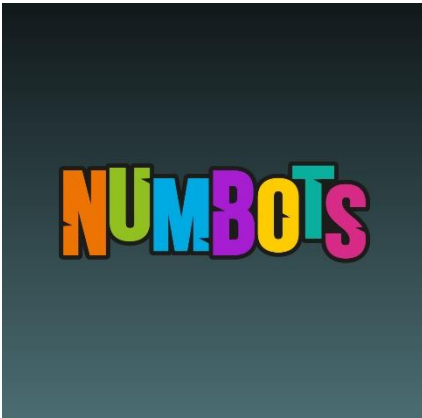
A big well done to every child who created their own story jar for World Book Day, we were so impressed by some of the excellent creations ! We hope you all enjoyed celebrating your love of reading.



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.



Class Dojo

We are going to be trialling a new exciting communication system called Class Dojo to share information with parents. Please download the Class Dojo app and look out for further information over the coming weeks.



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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Postcards this month...

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

Dianna Joshua Avaya Borislav

