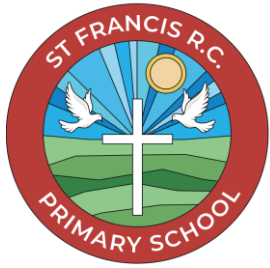


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Wednesday 1st April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful Spring term we have had this year. The children have been working so hard this term and are always a shining example of love daily – THANK YOU. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, kindness and encouragement; strong links between school and home are invaluable and we are very grateful to have such a supportive school community.

Easter and Holy Week Events

We have enjoyed a reflective Holy Week this week as we approach Easter weekend. On Monday, Year 3 presented their Palm Sunday assembly, on Tuesday Year 4 presented their re-enactment of The Last Supper and today Year 5 beautifully shared The Stations of the Cross. Last Friday Years 3 - 6 enjoyed our Lenten End of Term Mass, over in church with Father Kevin.

Thank you for supporting our Purple Lenten Prayer bags, the prayers the children have written at home are simply beautiful. I hope you found this a lovely time to spend together.

Easter Raffle

Thank you so much for your generosity towards donating eggs and buying tickets to support our Easter Raffle. An amazing amount of £186.80 has been raised and this money will be sent to CAFOD.

We are still collecting the St Joseph's Penny boxes and will let you know how much those raised after the Easter holidays. Please continue to return these to school, no matter how much is in them.



Parish Services

I would like to thank Father Kevin and Minna for the endless support they give us all at St Francis, we are such a richer school community because of them.

Mass and Service times for Easter are:

Maundy Thursday: The Lord's Supper 7pm at Sacred Heart

Good Friday: 10am Walk of Witness at **St Francis**

Good Friday: 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart

Easter Saturday: 7:00pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday: 10:30am Mass and Choir at Sacred Heart

Please see the parish newsletter for further detail and services.

Weekly Newsletter

Please take a moment to read our weekly newsletter. It is emailed to all parents and carers every Friday, and a copy is also shared on our Instagram page. You can also find it on our school website under School Information: [Newsletters](#)
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The newsletter is spread across two pages. On the second page, you'll find all the key dates for the term, including assemblies, Wednesday Word (Stay and Pray) sessions, and class Masses. We warmly invite you and your families to join us for all of these special events.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is always a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with you and for you to spend valuable time with the teachers, hearing about the progress your children are making. Thank you for taking the time to complete the Parent Survey. As always, we are committed to ensuring that everything we do is of the highest standard, and we truly value your feedback.

Congratulations

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our school community. First, we would like to congratulate Miss Smith, our reception teacher, who will soon be getting married and returning to us as Mrs Mansell. We wish her a day filled with love, laughter, and joyful celebration.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Ross, who welcomed her baby boy, Lucas Ross Scholes, last week. As you can see, he is a beautiful baby who will no doubt bring so much happiness. We cannot wait to meet him!



Attendance and Punctuality

To promote excellent attendance and punctuality, each child who has 100% attendance each week and is in school on time, will receive a raffle ticket. The raffle is drawn on the last day of term for three £10 voucher prizes.

The lucky winners this term are in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5.

Staff

I cannot end the term without saying a huge thank you to ALL St Francis staff who have worked tirelessly this term to provide the very best for all our children. I hope they get to have a lovely time with their family and friends and some much-needed rest.

School closes at **1:30pm** on Wednesday 1st April and we reopen on **Monday 13th April at 8:40am**.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a holy and peaceful Easter and I very much look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

Kind regards

Mrs A. O'Dwyer

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