



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Good News

It has been confirmed that we are going to be a rebuild. Please see message below from the Department of Education. This is wonderful news for our school community, and we are excited to work with the Department of Education (DfE) to develop plans for our new school.

Following the identification of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in some areas of the main building at St Francis Catholic Primary School, surveys were undertaken to determine the extent of the RAAC and inform the most appropriate way forward.

The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that St Francis Catholic Primary School is to be rebuilt through its School Rebuilding Programme. This DfE programme carries out major rebuilding and refurbishment projects in schools and colleges in England, with buildings prioritised according to their condition.

About the school rebuilding programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The DfE is working closely with the school and trust to develop plans for their new facilities, and it is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted next year for the rebuild of the school. In the meantime, the DfE has provided high quality temporary classrooms and a hall, including new computers and interactive screens, on the school field to ensure the school can continue to deliver high standards of teaching and learning to children in the local area both now and whilst the rebuild is underway.





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Playground Equipment

Thank you to St Francis PTA for the wonderful lunchtime play equipment. The children have been making great use of it already.



St Francis of Assisi Church First Holy Communion

Registration is open for children in Year 3 and above to join St Francis of Assisi Parish Church First Holy Communion Programme which runs from January 2025 to May 2025. Closing date for applications is 27th October 2024. Forms are available from the church, by emailing the Parish Office and from the website.

To run the First Holy Communion Programme, they need volunteers willing to be DBS checked. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer.





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Historical Royal Palaces

Class Two had a Zoom Session with Historical Royal Palaces. Nadia was the host and she introduced them to the King's launderer, called John. They helped him travel through time to find a new way of washing a stain out of the King's shirt.

On their journey, they learnt about Historical homes. One of those homes was Hampton Court, where Henry VIII used to live, linking to their history topic of The Tudors. Class Two had so much fun and learnt so much about Historical homes and how they compare and contrast to our homes today.





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Chertsey Museum

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon workshop in school with Chertsey Museum, learning about the lives of Ancient Romans. Each child had the opportunity to undertake a variety of activities including handling and sketching artefacts, looking at a Roman soldier's uniform, writing in Latin, making a small purse and building a temple.



Reception (EYFS) Parents Tissues and Tears Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th October, 8:40 to 09:45 our Reception Parents are invited into our school hall to have a coffee morning. This is a social event so that you can build relationships with the other parents in your child class. There are no presentations or speeches from school staff, it is just time and space for you to meet and mix with other Reception parents.

Ten Ten Resources

The Collective Worship Parent Portal supports family prayer and worship at home, through seasonal featured Ten Ten Collective Worship resources. You will be able to view the monthly Parent Newsletters which bring Ten Ten's media rich worship resources experienced by children at school, into your homes, thus providing opportunities for enhancing family prayer times.





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Access to the above can be accessed via the following link:

Parent Portal link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: st-francis-sl5

Password: animals-care

Mini Frankies

We are delighted to announce that we now have 3 wonderful Mini Frankies as part of our school chaplaincy team. Zoe, Franda, and Wilma will support all our Liturgical events in school such as Celebration of the Word and our school Masses. We are looking forward to working with them as we put our faith into action as we help our community.





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STEPS

The STEPS (Sorry, Thank You, Excuse me, Please and Smile) Award is given for wonderful manners shown around school to both staff, peers, and visitors. Please see below a picture of our children who received their awards recently.



Parent Consultation Evenings

Autumn Term Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October from 16:00 to 19:00 in our School Hall. Your child's classroom will have your child's books out on their desk for you to view.

Absences Add Up

We want all children to attend and enjoy school. 98% means outstanding attendance. Good attendance is 96%, which is the minimum we would expect. Missing two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.





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Attendance	%
Reception Class	95.8
Class 1	96.0
Class 2	96.3
Class 3	97.5
Class 4	96.4
Class 5	96.7
Class 6	97.8
School Average	96.6

Attend today, achieve tomorrow. Be part of our 98 Club.
Join the 98 Cl

Reflection

Loving Father,
Help us to follow Jesus' call to love as He loves
And to forgive as He forgives
So that the world will know that we are God's children
Amen

See you all on Monday,

Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team

Community News:

- **Windsor Great Park** – Become a wildlife detective – see attached poster for more information.





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October	
Tuesday 22 nd	Parent Consultations 16:00-19:00
Thursday 24 th	Parent Consultations 16:00-19:00
	School Photographs – Individual 09:00
Friday 25 th	Tissues and Tears Coffee Morning - EYFS Parents
	Bring & Buy Book Sale at 15:20
	School closes at 15:20
Monday 28 th to Friday 1 st	Half-Term
November	
Wednesday 6 th	RWInc Parents Evening 18:30
Wednesday 6 th	Flu Vaccinations Whole school
Thursday 13 th	Curriculum Evening 18:30 -19:30 - Maths
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
Friday 15 th	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 19 th	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (9:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 20 th	Road Safety Yr4 (09:30) & Yr3 (10:45)
December	
Sunday 1 st	Start of Advent
Friday 6 th	Whole School Mass -Class 5 Leading - TBC
Tuesday 10 th	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (9:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 11 th	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 th	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 18:00
Tuesday 17 th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 18 th	Panto
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Lunch and Santa Visit
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 13:30 finish
January 2025	
Monday 6 th	INSET
Tuesday 7 th	School Opens for all children 08:40

