



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Class One – Bracknell Foodbank Collection

Class One would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated items for the Foodbank. The generosity of our St Francis School community was very much appreciated by the foodbank – please see their message below.



"I wanted to express our heartfelt thanks to you and the school for organising the food collection for the foodbank. What a wonderful surprise your email was yesterday, and I'm delighted to let you know that your donation weighed in at 132.45kg. That's incredible. Please know how grateful we are that you thought of us, especially during such uncertain times. Donations have been very low over the past few weeks, so your support truly makes a meaningful difference.

Please do pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Wishing you a lovely Easter break."

Well done Class One children and staff!

School Rebuilding Programme

We had a meeting this morning (Thursday 26th March) with the Department of Education and Galliford Try, and they informed us that they will be starting on site on Monday 30th March. The first step is to put up hoarding around the area that they will start to work on, so when you return after Easter our Church car park will be reduced by about a third. This will obviously impact on parking. With staff parking there will be very few spaces left.

To help reduce this impact on parking and reduce traffic congestion we will be introducing a drop and go system in the mornings, our school morning drop off will be extended by 10 minutes so will be 8:30 to 8:50 and we strongly encourage you to drop your child and go, without parking.

The end of school day pick up is trickier, as you will have to park to collect your child. However, we will extend our end of day by 10 minutes, so children can be picked up from 15:10 to 15:30.

We will review how this is working after our first week back and see if further changes need to be made.

We strongly encourage those of you that can walk to school to please do so and stress again that our neighbours are incredibly supportive of our school so please show them the respect and kindness they deserve and do not park in their drives or on yellow lines that endanger all our community.

A community newsletter from Galliford Try with more information on works that are planned for our Summer Term is attached.

Our next meeting with Department of Education is on Thursday 16th April, so hopefully we will have more information to share with you afterwards.

It's so exciting to finally have them on site – let the adventure begin!



Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

The EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade was a huge success with some amazing and inventive designs.



The children had an amazing and *egg*citing time completing the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 25th March.

Thank you once again to the PTA for organising this lovely event that has become a firm favourite with all our children.



Ascot Racecourse Schools Art Competition 2026 – we need your vote!

We are delighted to announce that once again our children have done extremely well with 15 of our pupil's artwork being short-listed in this year's Royal Ascot Schools Art Competition.

There were 1,680 entries from across 34 schools so to make the short-list is a huge achievement. Well done to all of you!

Now we need your help to vote and make some winners!! Please ask your family, friends, and neighbours to vote.

Each artist wins a prize and the School wins £1,000 and this can be from each category. So please get voting!!

All short-listed entries can be viewed here. [ROYAL ASCOT SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION | Ascot Racecourse](#)

If you can please vote in all categories, our shortlisted entrants are detailed below:

In the 4- 6-year-old category: Picture 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 or 16

In the 7 - 9-year-old category: Picture 1, 6, 10, 12, 17, 20 or 23

In the 10 - 11-year-old category: Picture 13

Voting is now live and will close at midnight on Friday, 10th April 2026. Please note that only one vote per email address will be counted.



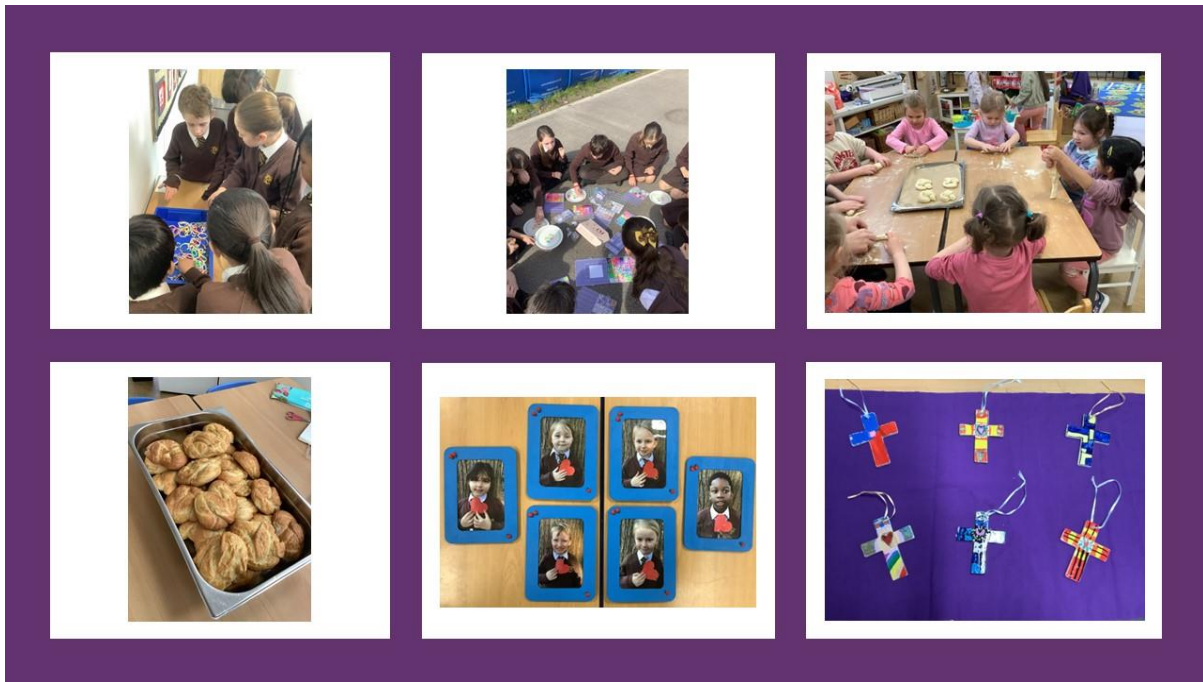
Lenten Enterprises

Again, we put our Catholic faith into action during Lent, with all our classes organising a fabulous array of events to raise money for our school charity TEABAG and for our school so that we can also support those in need within our own school community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event raising an amazing amount of money for both the school and TEABAG.

We are all extremely grateful.

DATE	Project	Amount Raised
Reception	Pretzel Project	£86.20
Class One	Photo Frames	£156.00
Class Two	Bookmarks	£186.50
Class Three	Prayer Stones	£52.50
Class Four	Mother's Day Breakfast	£151.55
Class Five	St Francis Friendship Bracelets	£169.80
Class Six	Class 6 Enterprise Stalls	£666.42
	TOTAL	£1468.97



Girls Football Event

On Tuesday, a squad of eleven Year 5 and 6 girls proudly represented the school at the Charters Football Tournament, competing against several local schools.

The team delivered an excellent performance throughout the group stage, winning one match, drawing two, and narrowly losing one earning the team a place in the third/fourth place playoff. In the playoff match, the girls put in a fantastic display, securing a convincing 3–0 victory. Arabella led the scoring with two excellent goals, while Grace added a third to seal the win.

All the players showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and skill throughout the tournament. Most importantly, they had a wonderful time and were a real credit to the school.

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.



Playtime Equipment

Please can we remind you to leave the school premises promptly after drop-off and pick-up. All parents and children should have left our site by 15:30.

Children are not allowed to play with any of the school playtime equipment either before or after school.

Concert for the Children of Gaza

St Edward's Catholic Church in Windsor are holding a choral event for the children of Gaza on 18th April 2026 at 7:30pm. Please see the attached flyer to book your ticket.



Ascot Racecourse Bake-Off

After winning the heats held here at St Francis, our winning team attended the Ascot Bake Off Final which took place on Wednesday 18th March at Ascot Racecourse.

The theme this year was 'honey' and our winning team came up with a twist on an Eton Mess which they transformed into a traybake flavoured with honey; including homemade honeycomb and meringues! It was delicious!

After facing fierce competition with 7 other schools where only two awards are presented; Ivy, Jenna and Maeve came runners up!

They each received a finalist certificate, a beautiful baking book and tickets to attend the Ascot family Raceday in June! Huge Congratulations to the girls!



After School Enrichment Clubs

Please find attached the Timetable and letter for Summer Term 2026. Booking will open at 19:00 on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

TenTen

TenTen resources are used by us to enrich our Catholic faith and mission statement in our school. They are particularly useful for our Celebration of the Word and Collective Worship assemblies.

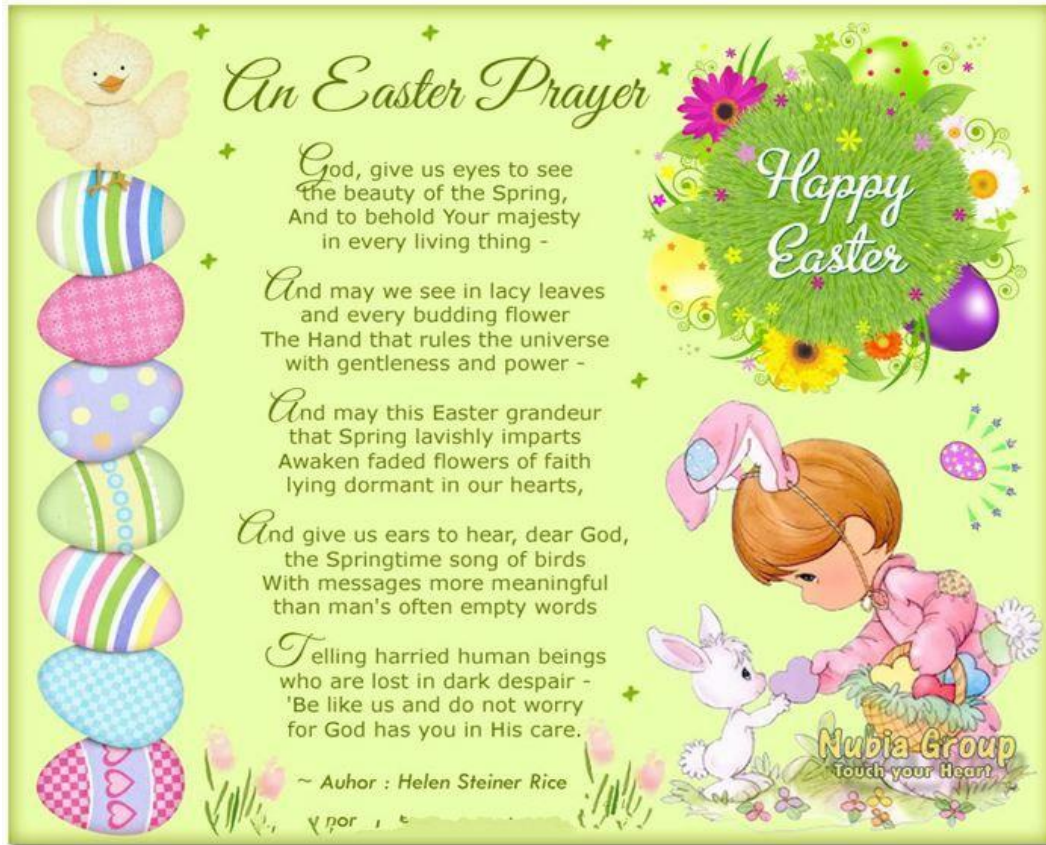
The parent newsletter is a lovely way of sharing this with you.

Please find below a link to the TenTen newsletter below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



Reflection



Have a wonderful Easter break.
See you all on Tuesday 14th April
Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team

Attachments:

- Summer Term After School Enrichment Clubs' Timetable
- Summer Term After School Enrichment Clubs' letter
- Galliford Try Community Newsletter March 2026
- New Lunch Menu until October half-term
- Taplow Choirs – Voci Chamber Choir Event 18.04.2026 at St Edward's Church, Windsor
- Ascot United Football Camp flyer

**St Francis Catholic Primary School
Summer Term 2026**

April	
Monday 13th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th	Return to school for all 08:40
Friday 17 th	Bag2School Collection
Monday 20 th	St Francis World Book Day
Monday 20 th	Wonka PTA Event 15:00
Wednesday 22 nd	International Earth Day
Wednesday 22 nd	West End Drama Workshop – KS2
Thursday 23 rd	St George’s Day – School Mass
Thursday 30 th	Ascot Grange – 15:10-16:30
May	
Friday 1 st	Crowning of Mary
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th	Class Four to Wellington Park
Sunday 10 th	First Holy Communion 12:00-13:00
Monday 11 th	SATS - SPaG
Tuesday 12 th	SATS - Reading
Wednesday 13 th	SATS – Maths 1 and 2
Thursday 14 th	SATS -Maths 3
Friday 15 th	Class Six BBQ
Friday 15 th	EYFS to Rushall Farm
Saturday 16 th	First Holy Communion 11:30-12:30
Monday 18 th	Class Two to Legoland
Monday 18 th	Poet Visit
Tuesday 19 th	Ascot Grange – 15:10-16:30
Thursday 21 st	Census Day
Thursday 21 st	Class Five Junior Music Festival Rehearsal
Friday 22 nd	Remembrance and Celebration School Mass
Wednesday 27 th	Church Leadership Meeting - Ascot
Monday 25th to Friday 29th	Half-Term
June	
Monday 1st	CPD Training for all staff
Tuesday 2 nd	Return to school for all 08:40
Tuesday 2 nd	Science Week
Tuesday 2 nd	Multiplication Times Check starts -Class Four
Wednesday 3 rd	St Geoge’s Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 th	Science Fair
Friday 5 th	Class Six to Bletchley Park
Sunday 7 th	St Francis Parish Party
Monday 8 th	Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 9 th	Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 9 th	Ascot Grange – 15:10-16:30
Wednesday 10 th	Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 11 th	Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 11 th	Class Photos
Friday 12 th	Phonics Screening Check



Friday 12 th	Multiplication Times Check finishes -Class Four
Sunday 14 th	St Edward's Parish Party
Monday 15 th	Drama Workshop -EYFS and KS1
Monday 15 th	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal -Class Five
Thursday 18 th	Class One to Painshill Park
Thursday 18 th	Junior Music Festival – Class Five
Tuesday 23 rd	Whole School Football World Cup Event
Wednesday 24 th	Whole School Football World Cup Event
Friday 26 th	Sports Day
Monday 29 th	Start of Inspire Week – Health Professionals
Tuesday 30 th	Class 5 Sports Day at St George's School
Tuesday 30 th	RE Twilight -KS1 16:00
July	
Wednesday 1 st	Charters Transition Day – Class 6
Wednesday 1 st	Class Three - Lego Egyptian Workshop
Friday 3 rd	Open Parish Meeting – school presenting
Sunday 5 th	St Francis Summer Fair
Monday 6 th	Class 6 Play Rehearsals at St Mary's – All day
Tuesday 7 th	Class 6 Dress Performance -18:00
Friday 10 th	Reserve Sport's Day
Friday 10 th	Memories through Art Day
Tuesday 14 th	Moving up Morning 09:30 to 12:00
Wednesday 15 th	EYFS September 2026 Parent's Evening
Thursday 16 th	Leaver's Mass 10:00
Friday 17 th	Last day of term (13:30 finish)

