ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Class Three – Chertsey Museum Visit

Class 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from Chertsey Museum where they took part in a Stone Age Workshop. The children stepped back in time and learnt lots about what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and even the Iron Age. During the visit, they explored lots of fascinating artefacts, including a sabre-toothed tiger tooth, a woolly rhinoceros tooth found in Surrey and a variety of Stone Age tools.

The children were amazed to discover how these objects help us to understand how people lived, hunted and survived thousands of years ago. They also had the opportunity to dress up in Stone Age clothes and took part in a range of hands-on-activities including weaving, looming, and sketching.

It was a fun-filled afternoon which really brought our history topic to life. Everyone showed great curiosity and asked lot of thoughtful questions.

Safeguarding

Just a gentle reminder to enter the KS2 cabins via the Class Three and Four ramp and exit via the Class Five and Six ramp. No adults other than St Francis staff should be in our Key Stage Two Locker area.

Phones must be put away when on site collecting your children, if you have to take a call please do so in the car park before you collect your child.

Our school safeguarding team consist of Mr Maxfield as our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Miccoli, Miss Lane, Miss Swan and Mrs Ringshaw are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. You can contact any of the team with a safeguarding/child protection concern.

All details on how to share your concerns are on our website, under Safeguarding or simply just pop into the office and we will get a member of the team to chat to you.

During school holidays, safeguarding remains a top priority, and we continue to monitor our children's welfare closely. If you have an urgent safeguarding concern or need to report a child protection matter while the school is closed, please contact our dedicated emergency team immediately at support@stfrancisprimary.org

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This email address is monitored regularly throughout the holiday period by our designated safeguarding leads to ensure that any critical issues are addressed promptly and effectively. For all life-threatening emergencies, please continue to contact the emergency services directly.

Remember, Remember, the Mass in November

A November Invitation - Come to Mass

On the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the holy men and women who have gone before us and now share in the joy of God's presence. Some Saints are famous, but many lived ordinary lives marked by extraordinary love: caring for family, welcoming strangers, serving those in need, and remaining faithful through hardship. Their stories remind us that holiness is not far away - it can grow in each of us, through the small acts of love we offer every day. The Saints also remind us that faith is not meant to be lived alone. We belong to a great community of believers, joined in prayer across generations.

As we enter November, a month when we especially remember those who have died, we can give thanks for the people whose faith and kindness have shaped our live - and look for ways to share that same welcome with others. One simple way to do this is to invite someone to join you at Mass. Think of a friend or family member who may not have been to church in a while, someone who has been curious about coming, or a neighbour who might appreciate being welcomed. A gentle, personal invitation can make all the difference: 'Would you like to come to Mass with me this Sunday? We can sit together.' There's no need to have all the right words or answers. Simply offering to go together can help someone feel more comfortable and remind them that they are welcome.

Inspired by the Saints, let's reach out with kindness, make room in the pew, and share the hope and companionship we find in our parish community. This November, a small invitation may be the beginning of someone's return - or a new journey of faith.

Fr David Hopgood

A Huge Thank You and Welcome to Our St Francis PTA Team

As we step into the final half of our Autumn Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on how vital our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to the St Francis Catholic Primary Community. The PTA plays a crucial role in our school, raising funds and organizing events that directly enable us to offer more enrichment opportunities for our children. From special school events and playground equipment to memorable community experiences, none of this would be possible without the dedication of this group and your continued generosity.

To make all of this happen, it takes a massive amount of time and energy behind the scenes. I want to extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing PTA members who have given so much of their time to support our school. Thank you to:
Treasurer: Mariaangela Vertuccio
General Members: Rachael Clarke, Simona Chiorescu, Ashleigh Fiala, Susie Barrett, and Sofina Dewan

Your hard work has made a lasting impact on our children's school experience, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you have achieved.

At the same time, we are thrilled to introduce and welcome our new St Francis PTA committee:
Chair: Hayley Curry
Treasurer: Laura McDonagh
Secretary: Jenna Dunstall
Pre-loved Uniform Coordinators: Danielle Simpson & Aisling Caddy
General Members: Andrea Irving, Maria McKilligan, Lucy Opanagu, Sheri Johnston, and Erin Cryan

Please continue to support our St Francis PTA in any way you can—whether by attending upcoming events, volunteering your time, or donating to our initiatives. Every bit of support helps us enrich the school lives of all our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and please join us in welcoming our new team.

St Francis Annual PTA Christmas Tree Sale.

It's that time of year again! The hugely popular Christmas Tree Sale is back! Orders need to be placed by midnight on Thursday 19th November. Trees will be available to collect on Friday 27th November.
Please find the link here https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschoolpta/

Fruit Snack only

We really need your help with this one: please make sure that any snacks brought in for first break are strictly fresh or dried fruit only. It is incredibly important for our children's day; packing fruit instead of crisps or sugary bars prevents those mid-morning energy crashes and keeps them bright, focused, and ready to learn.

NHS Better Health: "Setting healthy snack habits early in life builds a foundation for long-term health. Choosing fruit or veg for morning breaks helps children work towards their 5 A Day and keeps their energy levels stable throughout the morning."

The School Food Standards: "Offering fruit or vegetables instead of sugary snacks at break time ensures children get the vitamins and minerals they need for a productive school day."
Department for Education Guidance: "Restricting mid-morning snacks to fruit and vegetables not only aligns with national nutritional guidelines but also creates a supportive environment where healthy choices are the norm for everyone.
Thanks for your support with this.

First Holy Communion

Applications are now warmly invited for 2027 First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme at St Francis of Assisi Church.
This special journey of faith is open to all children in Year 3 and above, marking a beautiful milestone in their Catholic life as they prepare to receive the Blessed Sacrament. The programme will run from January through June, with our joyful First Holy Communion celebrations taking place in May.
If you would like your child to take this next step in their sacramental journey, please visit our parish website - https://catholicwindsorandascot.org/
Under the 'Sacraments' tab, scroll down to the *Application for St Francis* form. Once completed, please return it to the Parish Office.
To help them to prepare materials and welcome every family fully, please ensure your application is submitted before the closing date in December. We look forward to walking alongside your family during this holy and blessed time.

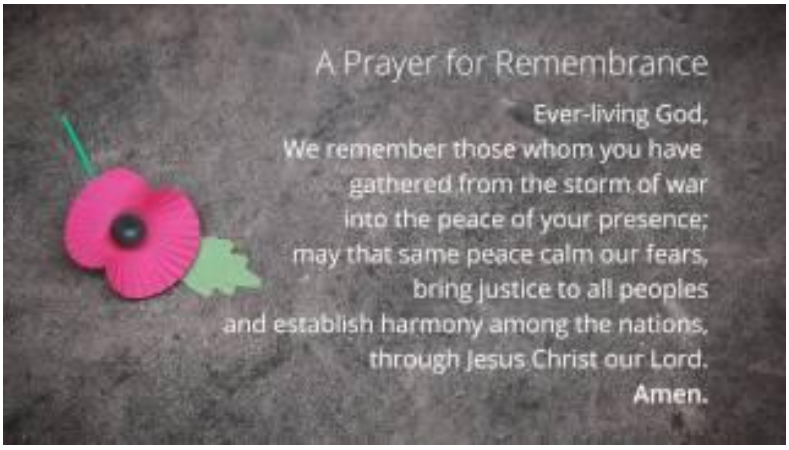
STEPS

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. Betty, Patrick, Rose, Zach S, Fausto, Max H, Arthur S and Arthur W have all been recently awarded their STEPS badge.

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



God bless, see you all on Monday, have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Miccoli and the St Francis Team

St Francis Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2026	
November	
Thursday 12th	Ascot Grange 15:00-16:30
Monday 16th	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day
Friday 20th	Last orders for Christmas Trees by 12 noon
Wednesday 25th	Open Morning 09:30 -11:00
Friday 27th	Parents Tour of School 15:00
Friday 27th	Christmas Trees Delivered
Monday 30th	Flu Immunisation Back-Up Day
December	
Tuesday 1st	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 14:00
Wednesday 2nd	Nativity Performance 14:00
Thursday 3rd	Nativity Performance 18:00
Tuesday 8th	Immaculate Conception Mass – 10:00 Class 4
Tuesday 8th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal 14:00
Wednesday 9th	Open Morning 09:30 -11:00
Thursday 10th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Thursday 17th	Panto for EYFS, KS1 & KS2
Friday 18th	Christmas Holidays – School Closes at 13:30
January 2025	
Monday 4th	INSET - School closed
Tuesday 5th	**School Opens for all children 08:40**

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