

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

#### Dates for Diary



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Break Up for Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** 2025 Children return to school

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Spring Term Parent's Evening

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

End of Spring Term (1.30pm)

Our Virtues this Half Term are grateful and generous. Grateful for their own gifts, for the gifts of other people, and for the blessings of each day, and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each Friday, we look forward to our Celebration Assemblies.

During our Celebration Assemblies our teachers share their Learners and Virtues Stars of the week.

It is wonderful to hear, each week, how the children have developed in their learning and lived out their individual mission as followers of Jesus.

We also get to hear about our Maths Superstars, Track My Read Champions and the Sports Report.

It is fantastic, each week, to gather as a whole school and spend time with our children, listening all about their achievements and successes.

We also have whole school Mass tomorrow, in school, led by Year 4.

Family and parishioners are welcome to attend.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Places available for Reception September 2025 and in other Year Groups. Visits to school are always welcomed and easy to arrange—please contact us to arrange your visit!

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**Attendance Superstars!** 

Congratulations to 3SO/AM who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
92%	92%	91%	84%	95%	96%	93%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
99%	95%	93%	92%	86%	91%	84%

### House Points

Well done to St Francis house who earned 539 house points!



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Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
George	Beniamin	Victoria	Wojtek	Nyla	Marie	Zach
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Archie	Gracie	Florence	Elsie	Martha	Harry S	Ava

Our Virtue Stars have been showing us how they are living out the virtues of being Intentional and Prophetic – Very Well Done!

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Louie	Sienna	Dinura	Kirsty	Zachary	Cesc	Hannah
3SO/AM George	4HB Gabby	4JH Penny	5LM Abbie	5SM Jenson	6BF Thomas	6AC Darcie

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#### **Emergency Closures**

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the County Council website page for school closures will be updated. Staffordshire School Closures

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

We now have 123 active pupils on Track My Read who have reached an amazing 36,785 minutes read so far - Well Done readers!

If you are having any problems with your log in details please let your child's class teacher know and we can rectify this for you.

#### Parish News - Multi Cultural Food Festival

The ever-popular Multi Cultural Food Festival is back! Please put 7:30pm Saturday 22nd February in your diaries. Sample delicious food from around the world and celebrate the many cultures that make up our parish. We need volunteers for setting up and/or tiding up. Is there anyone interested in providing a dish from their culture? Contact

terrymcelroy117@gmail.com or jen@heartoftamworth.org



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#### Sunday Gospel Reflection

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

In this Gospel this Sunday, Jesus calls some of his first disciples.

After stepping into their boat, Jesus tells them to 'put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' They do so, even though they have been fishing all night without success, and are amazed when they catch some many fish that their 'boats began to sink.' In response, the disciples 'left everything and followed' Jesus. In the case of the disciples, many of them did truly leave everything to follow Jesus. We are not likely to be called to such a level of sacrifice, but we do all have things in our lives which get in the way of us following Jesus and that we need to leave behind. This week, take a moment to pause and reflect – what do I need to leave so that I, like those fishermen on the side of the Sea of Galilee, can fully and completely follow Jesus?



#### Jubilee Prayer – Let Our Hearts Be Open

Lord our God,

in this Jubilee Year let our hearts be open. Inspire us now to offer help

and display grace to those who reach out to us.

Despite the injustices we witness and hear about

in our world today,

let our faith and compassion for others shine out.

In our pursuit to lend a hand to others, keep us standing tall and strong.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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PE Days					
Please see below for your child's 'PE Day.' Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day.					
	<b>Reception Coakley</b>	Thursday			
	Reception Keeling	Friday			
	Year One	Wednesday			
	Year Two	Wednesday			
	Year Three	Tuesday			
Physical Education	Year Four	Tuesday			
•	Year Five	Thursday			
	Year Six	Monday			

#### **Extra – Curricular Clubs**

Please see below for details of current extra- curricular clubs going on a school

#### Please note these are current clubs

Club	Day	
Athletics Team Year 3 and 4	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm	
Multi-Skills Year 3	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am	
Gymnastics Reception and Year 1	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm	
Multi-Skills Year 1	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am	
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm	
Netball Year 6	Friday 8.00am to 8.50am	
<b>Choir</b> Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm	
Athletics Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm	

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday – start of Lent		
March	Distribution of Ashes Service in school (Led by Staff)		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CAFOD Family Fast Day (Lent)		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)		
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)		
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May Mass in School – Led by Y5			
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)		
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)		
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6)		

Term Dates				
Autumn Term 2024:	Spring Term 2025:	Summer Term 2025:		
Term time:	Term time:	Term time:		
Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct	Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb	Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May		
Half Term:	Half Term:	Half Term:		
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May		
Term time:	Term time:	Term time:		
Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec	Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr	Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July		
Holiday:	Holiday:	Holiday:		
Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan	Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr	Tues 22rd July – Fri 29th Aug		
INSET Days: 02/09/2024, 04/11/2024, 24/02/2025, 23/06/2025, 21/07/2025				

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