



TUESDAY NEWS

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20th February 2024



Catholic Life and Collective Worship

Last Wednesday, during the half term holidays, was Ash Wednesday which signifies the beginning of Lent. Throughout the 40 days and 40 nights of this important liturgical season, we reflect on the time Jesus spent in the desert, fasting, before he gave up his life for us. Yesterday, in worship, we explored Mark's Gospel of how Jesus was tempted in the desert.



Our theme this year throughout Lent is
We Walk With Christ to the Cross



Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday at 8:30am, we will visit two or three of the Stations of the Cross in the small hall. This is just 10 minutes before the start of the school day for children, parents and staff to come together with our Chaplains leading us in prayer and reflection as we prepare for Holy Week. It would be lovely to see you all there.

Our Mini Vinnies have been working hard to organise some weekly fundraising events to support the annual Good Shepherd Appeal in aid of Catholic Care, which Bishop Marcus asks us to support. The donations which Catholic Care receives through the Good Shepherd Appeal are vital to enabling the Charity to respond to the ever-increasing needs of our neighbours living in our own communities. Fundraising will take place each Friday as follows:



Friday 23rd February – Clothes Bank Sale after school – Pay as you feel

Friday 1st March: Name the Easter Bunny – £1 to enter

Friday 8th March – Spring Cafe after school – donations

Friday 15th March – Wacky hair day/wear purple to school day – £1

Friday 22nd March – Easter bonnet competition – £1 to enter



On Wednesday, 27th March (our last day of term), children in Y4 will lead a whole school full Stations of the Cross in the large hall. Our Children's Choir will lead the singing and everyone is invited to attend.

COMING UP SOON...

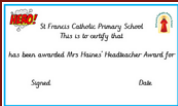
Monday 26th February, 3:30–4:15pm

Final First Reconciliation Preparation session in school.

Thursday 22nd February, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross in the small hall

Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God



CONGRATULATIONS to Aaryan in Y1 for receiving Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award for always being so happy to be in school! Aaryan always makes the right choices, sets a super example to everyone else and his manners are impeccable!



CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver in Y1 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award making a super effort with his reading and impressing us all in Guided Reading. He has been focussed and is trying his best in his phonics which has helped him grow more confident.



FS1: Eric

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week

FS2: Hooriyah

Y1: Elijah

Y2: Ellie

Y3: Esther

Y4: Colby

Y5: Ava

Y6: Tony



NOTICES

POSTPONEMENTS

Y1 Writing workshops were scheduled for Tuesday 27th February, these will now take place on Tuesday 12th March

Y5 Come Dine With Me was scheduled for next Wednesday 28th February, but we have had to postpone this. It will be rescheduled when Mrs Arjamand returns to school.

Polite Reminders

Breakfast Club Notice

Parents/Carers are reminded that bookings for the club **MUST** be made at least 24 hours in advance. It is not acceptable to turn up on the day with your child without a booking. This is because we must ensure that we have the correct ratio of staff to children every day. From next week, children without bookings will not be accepted.

After School Club Notice

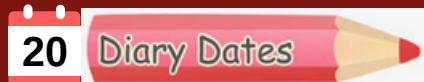
It is our policy that parents/carers will be charged £5 for a late collection after the 6pm finish time. If late collection occurs repeatedly, this will jeopardise your child's place at the club. If a booking has been made and is cancelled in under 24 hours, there will be a £2 fine applied. This is to cover staff and food provided.

Contracts with this policy included were sent home at the beginning of the school year. These will be emailed out again with consents to be made on Arbor. Any parent/carer not consenting by Friday 15th March may run the risk of having their child removed from the clubs.

Medical Appointments

Parents/carers taking their children out of school for routine medical appointments is getting more and more frequent, which is causing a lot of disruption to the children's learning. As per our Attendance Policy (found here: <https://www.stfrancisbradfordsch.uk/our-school/attendance>) we ask that routine medical appointments are made outside of school hours.

Similarly, please do not request to take your child/ren out of school for your own medical appointments. This will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will count towards the 3 day threshold for a penalty notice.



Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	27th February	3:30pm	Y4	Parent and Child Writing Workshops
Wednesday	28th February	11:30-12:30pm	Y5	Come Dine With Me
Wednesday	6th March	11:30-12:30pm	Y4	Come Dine With Me
Monday	18th March	3:30-5:30pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday	20th March	11:30-12:30pm	Y6	Come Dine With Me
Thursday	21st March	3:30-7:30pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday	27th March	N/A	All	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday	8th April	N/A	All	School reopens

Dance Club Opportunity

Dance
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Tuesdays
3.15pm-4.30pm

St Francis Catholic Primary
Myers Lane
Bradford
BD2 4ES

£3.00
Per Person Per Session

LET'S DANCE!
High Energy
Creative
Fun
Engaging

YEAR GROUPS
1-6

Orkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance

St Francis Catholic Primary School

To sign your child up please follow these steps:

1. Go to the YACAD website www.yacad.co.uk
2. The Academy
3. Dance
4. School Parent Portal

Or you can follow this link below:

<https://www.yacad.co.uk/school-dance-booking>

For all enquiries, please contact jess@yacad.org.

School Milk

Children turning 5 yrs old will no longer receive free school milk. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk please see the below link for details to order and pay. Please note that it takes at least a week for the order to come through to school.

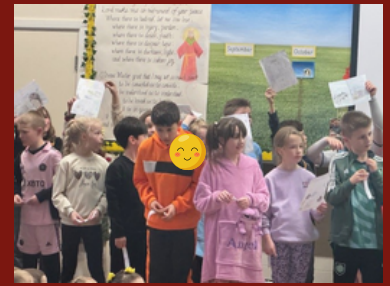
<https://www.stfrancisbradfordsch.uk/our-school/additional-letters>

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals they are entitled to free milk. Please ring the school office to order this.

BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL...

Children's Mental Health Week

What a fantastic week this was! The children engaged in some wonderful discussions and activities in class which they then showcased in an assembly for parents/carers on our last day of term. The Children's Choir and Staff Choir also performed songs on the theme of being strong and being proud to express yourself. We will continue to remember the 'our voices matter'.



Live Willow Planting

What an amazing day and experience we had a few weeks ago, when Mrs Burdin from @Artroomuk came and helped us plant our own live willow dome. The children absolutely loved it and can't wait to start using it!

