

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



APRIL

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the summer term, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

The news of Pope Francis' death on Easter Monday has deeply touched our Catholic Global Community. The children have created their own special prayers for Pope Francis within this Newsletter.

Despite this solemn news, we are looking forward to the term ahead, with the start of some glorious sunny weather! Please make sure your children are dressed in their summer uniforms and are prepared for any hot days with their sun hats on, sun cream applied and water bottles filled! This will be a very busy term, with some exciting school trips planned and sporting events.

We are amidst the celebrations of Eastertide and during the Holy month of May, we celebrate Mary and children will be invited to bring in a rosary to join our Friday Prayer Group.

Thank you for your continued support, as always, please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Best wishes,

Mrs Keating
Executive Headteacher

**Risen Christ, when darkness
overwhelms us,
may your dawn beckon.**

**When fear paralyses us,
may your touch release us.**

**When grief torments us,
may your peace enfold us.**

**When memories haunt us,
may your presence heal us.**

**When justice fails us , may
your anger ignite us.**

**When apathy stagnates us,
may your challenge renew us.**

**When courage leaves us,
may your spirit inspire us.**

**When despair grips us ,
may your hope restore us.**

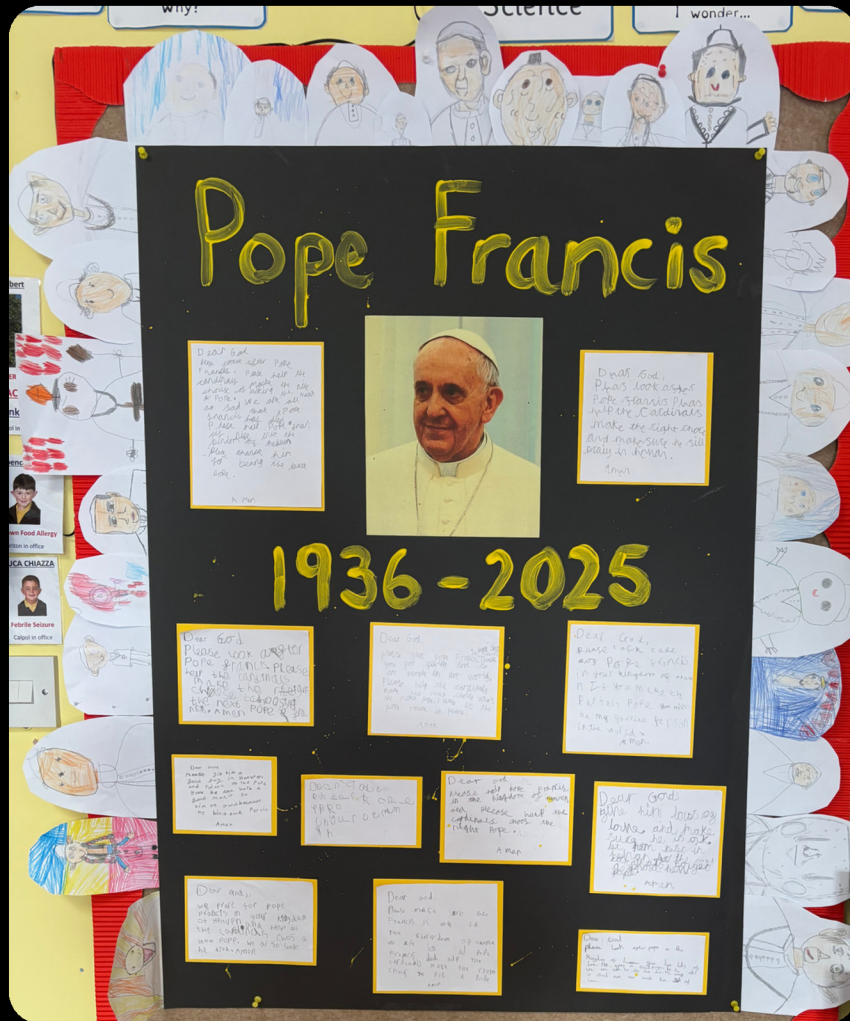
**And when death threatens us ,
may your resurrection light
lead us.**

Amen.



Remembering Pope Francis

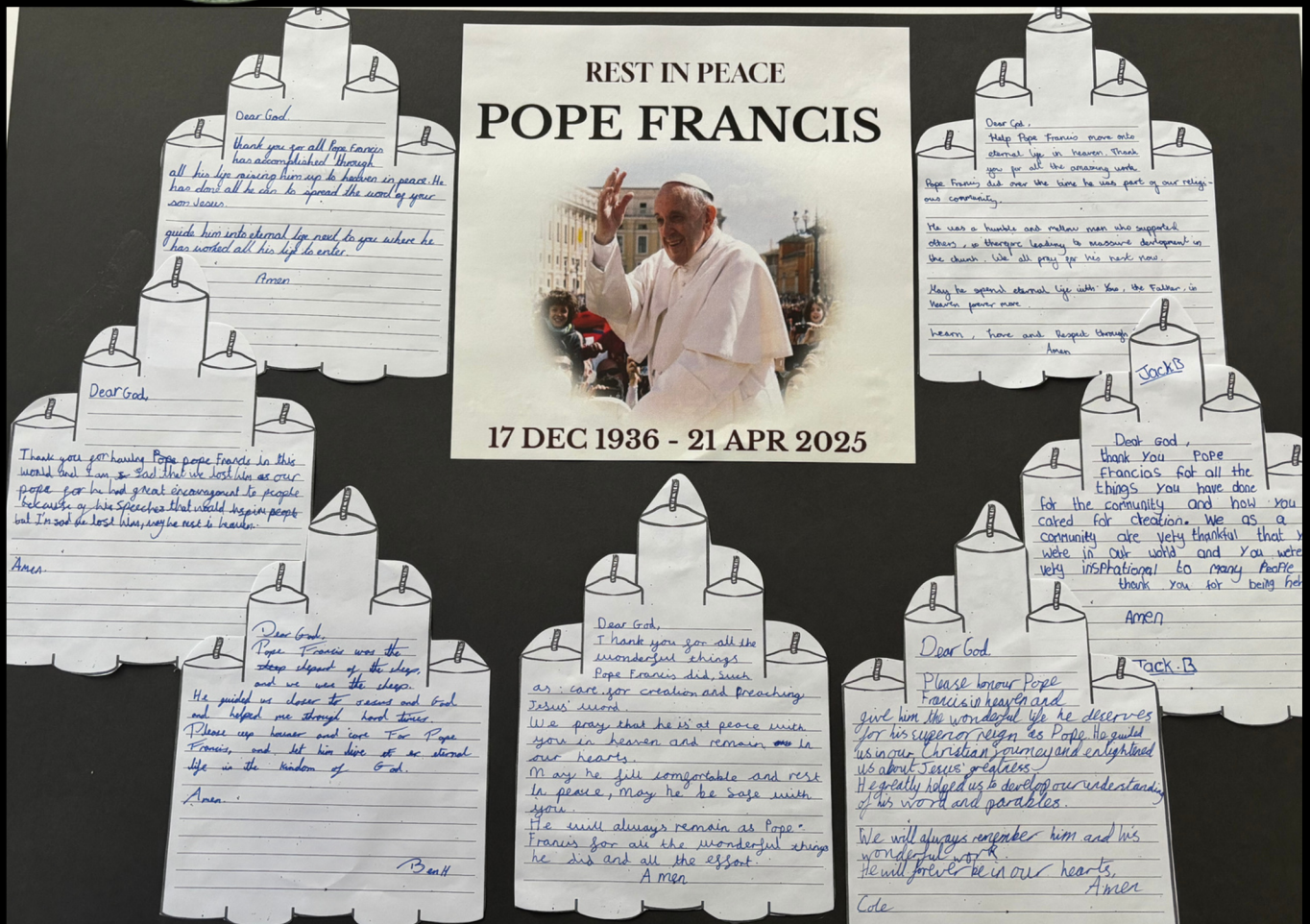
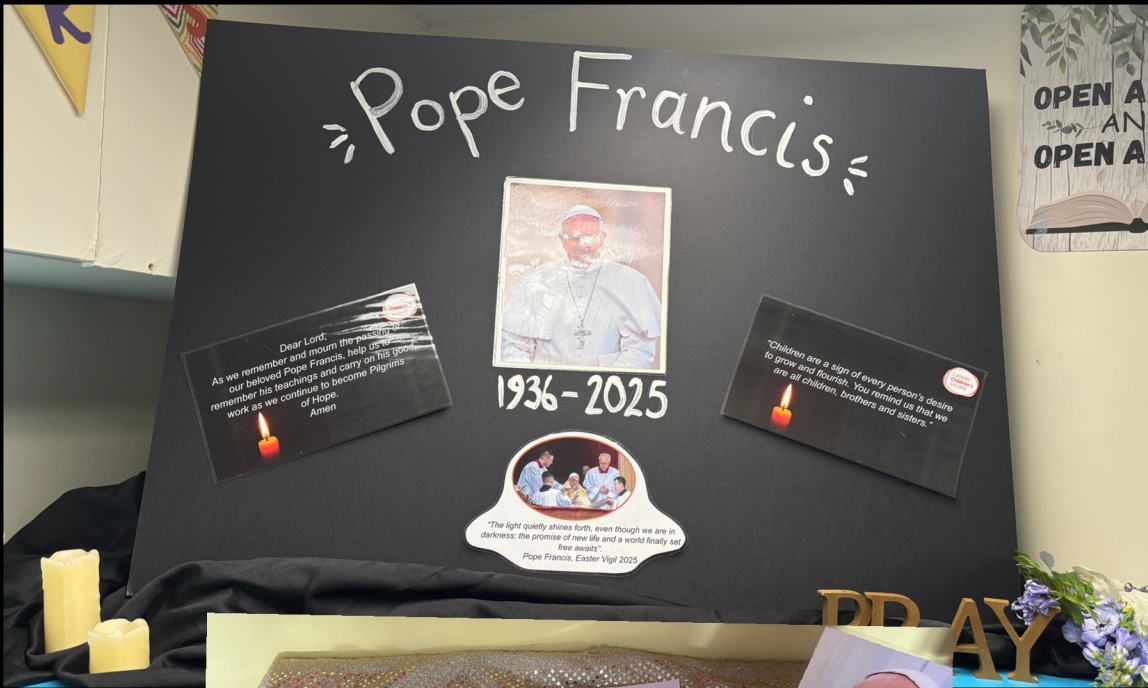
Following the death of Pope Francis, we have spent time remembering his incredible contributions and praying for his eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Fr John also marked his passing in our beginning of term Mass.



POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

Eternal rest grant upon him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.





Prayers for Pope Francis



Dear God,
Please look after Pope Francis. Please help the
Cardinals make the right choice choosing the next
Pope.
Amen



Dear God,
Pope Francis was the shepherd of the
sheep, and we were the sheep. He
guided us closer to Jesus and helped me
through hard times. Please keep, honour
and care for Pope Francis, and let him
have eternal life in the Kingdom of
Heaven.
Amen



Dear God,
Please honour Pope Francis in heaven and give him the wonderful
life he deserves for his superior reign as Pope. He guided us in our
Christian journey and enlightened us about the greatness of Jesus.
He helped us to develop our understanding of His word and his
parables.
We will always remember him and his wonderful work. He will
forever be in our hearts.
Amen



Notices and Reminders



Thursday 1st May @ 2:45: Early Years Prayer Service, including May Procession and Crowning of Mary

Friday 9th May @2:45: Y1/2 Prayer Service

Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May: Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 14th -Friday 16th May: Y3/4 Lincolnsfield Residential

Friday 23rd May: Rainbow Day (wear rainbow colours)

Friday 23rd May: Sports Celebration Assembly

