

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

NEWSLETTER

May

Dear Parents,

This half term has whizzed by! I would like to particularly congratulate our Year 6 children who have recently completed their end of year SATs. See Page 10 for photo of the children in Early Years congratulating their Year 6 buddies, inviting them to a celebration afternoon!

Our Year 3 and 4 children have just returned from their residential trip to Lincolnshire in Bushey. The children had a wonderful time and behaved impeccably. The children experienced a range of adventurous and team building activities. (See pages 6-9 for photos).

In preparation for September, the children will shortly be having a series of weekly transition sessions in their new year groups. In addition, the whole school will be having a "Moving Up Day" on Thursday 10th July. On this day we will also be welcoming new pupils to our school and Year 6 will be visiting their Secondary Schools. A reminder that we have scheduled an Induction Meeting for new Nursery and Reception parents on 17th June 3:30 pm.

I wish you a very happy (and hopefully sunny!) half term and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 3rd June (please note that Monday 2nd June is an Inset Day).

Best wishes,

Mrs Keating

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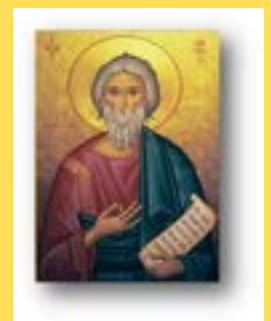
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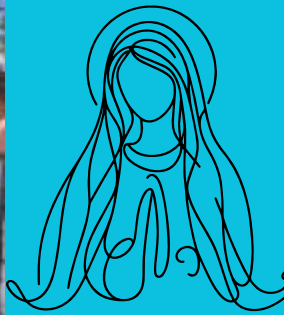
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Catholic Life of the School

May is the Month of Mary



May is the month we dedicate to Mary, our Mother. Early Years began the month with a beautiful prayer service and crowning of Mary in their newly refreshed prayer garden. The Chaplaincy Team have also led Rosary sessions with KS1 and Early Years, whilst Key Stage 2 have been learning and reflecting on the traditional prayer, 'Hail Holy Queen'.

Eastertide



Year 5/6 created this beautiful display as a response in one of their pupil led 'Celebrations of the Word.'

Eastertide, also known as the Easter season, is a period of celebration in the liturgical year that focuses on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days, culminating in Pentecost Sunday. This season is a time of joy, reflection, and celebration of new life. In Acts of Worship and in RE lessons, we have heard about the appearances Jesus made after his resurrection, and reflected on the hope this brings.



*Huge congratulations to
 Danny, Maryanna, Evelyn,
 Florence, Elliott N, Isla,
 Poppy, Vincenzo, Roman
 and Penny who all made
 their First Holy
 Communion last weekend.*



**What a special moment with Christ the Eucharist fill
 our First Holy Communion hearts with that joy**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Franciscan Values Awards

Congratulations to our Summer 1 winners:

Early Years/Key Stage 1:

Arabella, for lovely helping and tidying in the classroom.

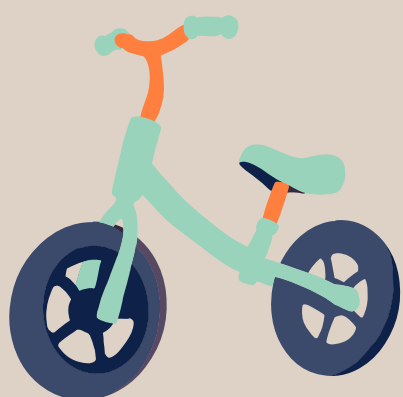
Key Stage 2:

Olivia, for being an excellent role model who consistently demonstrates our school and Trust values.



Congratulations!





RECEPTION AND YEAR 1: BALANCEABILITY

Children from Reception and Year 1 learnt invaluable balancing skills to prepare them for cycling and road safety. Thank you to the Sports Partnership for delivering these two sessions



Lincolnsfields Residential

A huge thank you to each member of staff (Mrs Overett, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Smith and Mrs Pettitt) for looking after our Year 3 and 4 on their residential trip to Lincolnsfield. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to enjoy some quality time with their friends and develop their independence in a fun environment.

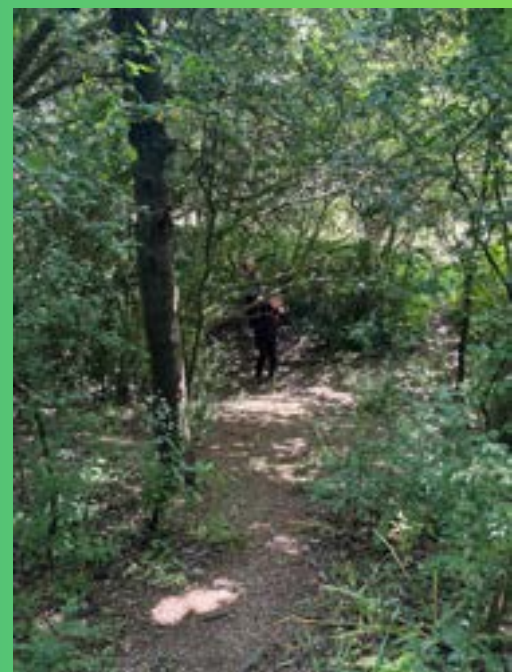
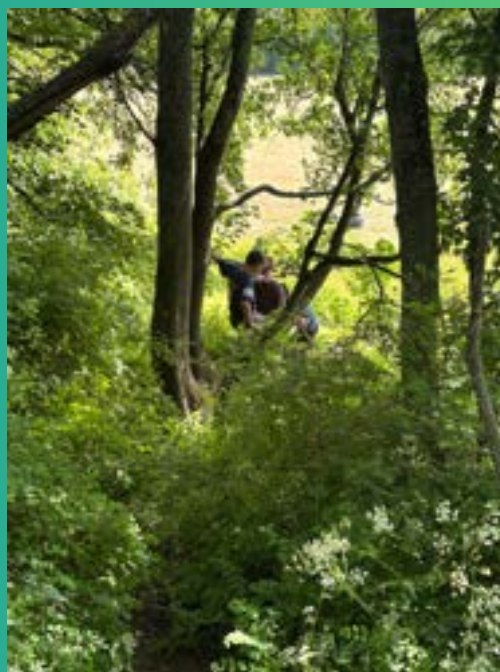






Year 5/6 Forest Fun

Year 5/6 enjoyed a morning in the Forest as a well-earned treat following their SATs/end of year assessments.



We are incredibly proud of how hard Year 6 worked during SATs week. They were delighted to receive their leavers hoodies once the tests were completed! We look forward to celebrating our leavers with an assortment of planned events after half term.



Year 6

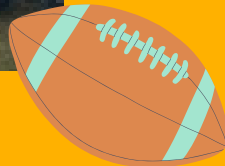
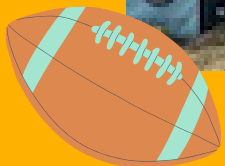


Our Year 6 have been wonderful buddies to the Early Years children this year, so in return, they planned them a party to mark the end of SATs week. A fantastic afternoon was had by all!



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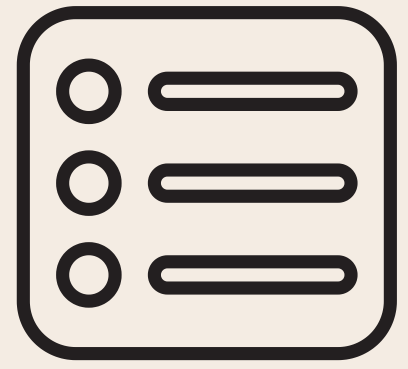
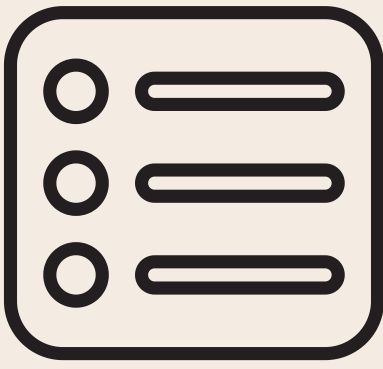
Congratulations to our ten children from Year 6 (pictured above) for their fantastic Tag Rugby results! They played five games, winning four and drawing one!. They displayed great defence, strong communication skills and excellent teamwork.

Great fun had by all!



Summer Sports Events

THERE ARE MANY SPORTS EVENTS BEING HELD AFTER HALF TERM, INCLUDING OUR ANNUAL SPORTS DAY. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR LETTERS AND INVITATIONS, AND REFER TO THE DIARY DATES LIST FOR UPCOMING DATES.



- Remember to check the Weekly Diary Dates flyer every Friday for events and clubs taking place the following week.
- We have lots of exciting activities planned in June and July, please check the Diary Dates for upcoming events.
- As we approach the end of the academic year, we have several events planned to make some wonderful memories for our Year 6 children. These include the Leavers' Disco and Colour Run, the Leavers' Mass and Awards Assembly. Please check our Diary Dates!
- Please remind your child to have their full PE kit in school every day

Please consider joining our PTA!

You are vital to the success of the school!

You don't have to attend every meeting (you don't have to attend any meeting). There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from helping at an event, gathering raffle prizes or coordinating a coffee morning.

The next exciting event is the PTA "YES DAY!" taking place on Thursday 5th June, to take part please remit payment via the School Shop on Arbor



A PARKING REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS!

Please park courteously and with consideration when dropping off and collecting your child. Please do not cause visibility problems for other drivers when you park (typical problem areas include the bottom of the car park ramp, the bus bay outside the school, opposite the school, along residents' driveway). This is for everyone's safety!

