

Dear Parents and Carers,

27th February 2026

I hope everyone had a restful half term.

Ash Wednesday last week marked the start of Lent - a time to prepare ourselves to remember Jesus' death on the Cross on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Year of St Francis: A Time of Reflection and Celebration

Pope Leo XIV has recently proclaimed a special "Year of St Francis" (Jubilee Year) to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint's death (1226–2026). The jubilee honours his legacy of peace, poverty and care for creation, and offers plenary indulgences for pilgrims who visit Franciscan churches. A range of related events, including the display of his relics, will also be held, encouraging the faithful to imitate the "Poor Man of Assisi" in a world marked by division and conflict.

The Year of St Francis will run from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027. Throughout the year, The St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust, together with all Trust schools, will organise a series of celebratory and reflective events, bringing together schools and communities across the Trust to honour his spirit and mission.

As a member of the Trust family, our school will actively take part in this special year. Through assemblies, classroom activities, liturgies and creative projects, children will have opportunities to learn more about the life, values and teachings of St Francis, and to reflect on how they can show kindness and care for others and the environment in their daily lives.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with our pupils and families over the coming year.

Finally a huge well done to Year 5 and 6 pupils who won overall Sports hall Athletics Competition - a fantastic achievement!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Keating
Executive Headteacher

GOLD BOOK

Reception - Ronan

Year 1 – Charlotte

Year 2 – Azaria

Year 3 – Philip

Year 4 – Krithika

Year 5 – Olivia

Year 6 – Klara

This can now be found on school website. [GOLD BOOK](#)

Earrings

Can all children be reminded that only stud earrings are to be worn at school.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Book Swap – please could we have any books in for the book swap by Wednesday. Any books suitable for Year 6 are always welcome!

Book Tasting – Please let the office know if you will be attending the book tasting session.

Trust Newsletter

The Trust Newsletter is now available on-line. Please use the link below to see the Spring 26 edition of the 'Messenger.'

[Trust e-newsletter](#)

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Collection from After School Clubs

As you will be aware we have had new gates installed at the end of the path to the right of the carpark. This is to further ensure the safety of all children, in the school, and parents/carers and siblings during after school club collections.

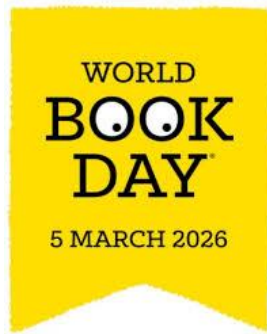
From Monday 23rd February the collection from After School Clubs will be:

Day	Club	Pickup
Monday	Netball	New gates
	Art Club	New gates
	Football	New gates
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Tuesday	Football	New gates
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Wednesday	Gymnastics	No change to existing arrangements (Hall)
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Thursday	Art Club	New gates
	Choir	New gates
	Cooking Club	New gates
	Karate	No change to existing arrangements (Hall)
	Foundations Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Friday	Foundations Sports	No change to existing arrangements

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National
Year of
Reading
2026

World Book day on **Thursday 5th March** is fast approaching us. Ours was such a success last year that we will be repeating many of the ways we celebrated! This year is also the National Year of Reading so even more reason to get stuck into books!

Costumes – we would like all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas as these are comfy clothes we all like to read in! They can also bring a (small) teddy if they wish.

Book tasting – We are inviting all parents of years 1-6 to stay after morning drop off and spend some time in your child's class 'tasting' books in our class Book Cafés! There will be a selection of age-appropriate books of all different genres and styles. Come in and try a few of these out and make a note of the titles and authors you both enjoyed reading together. You may be able to borrow them from school or find them in the library or book shop. We'd love as many parents as possible to attend but it would also be lovely if you could also sit with children in the class who may not have an adult. It will be 9:10-10am so there is plenty of time to go to each of your child's classes if you have more than one. Pyjamas are not necessary for adults! (unless you want to!) Reception have already arranged their 'Cookies and Bookies' session for parents for the afternoon.



Book Swap – We would like the children to bring a previously loved book to school that maybe they have grown out of or no longer read. These must be in good condition. During the day, they will all get the opportunity to choose a new book from these donations to take home. If you have more than one to donate, please do, although each child will still only take home one as there may be children who don't have any they are able to bring in. Please can books come in from Friday 27th February (not before) so we have them ready for 5th March?

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) – All children need a book they are currently reading and enjoying in school on this day. It does not have to be a book from the school reading scheme. Throughout the day, an alarm will go off when all children and adults will stop whatever they are doing and read for 5 minutes until the next alarm. There are always lots of groans when that second alarm goes off as they are enjoying their book!

There will be lots of other things going on throughout the week from teacher swaps to buddy book sharing and I'm sure your children will tell you all about them. Here is a link to World Book Day's family webpage for ideas of promoting reading at home. We look forward to seeing you on 5th March at the Book Cafés!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

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British Science Week

6th – 15th March

We will be taking part in the St Francis of Assisi Academy Trust, British Science Week Competition. The theme is:

Curiosity: What's your question?

Children should think about:

- What questions they have about science
- Whether they can answer or investigate these questions
- How they will present their question and findings (poster, spoken explanation, speech, PowerPoint, drawing or model)

The project is due in by **Friday 13th March**. Mrs Dowd will then choose a winner from EYFS, KS1, lower and upper Key Stage 2 and the trust to judge the following week.



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World Book Week - Max (Y2) and Olivia's Bookmarks



<https://www.warefosh.co.uk/bookmark>

FOSH Fundraising

PERSONALISED BOOKMARKS FOR WORLD BOOK WEEK!

ASSORTED COLOUR



Hosted by Max L Y2
and Olivia C Y3

All proceeds support
FOSH fundraising

**ONLY
£3**

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PENNY WARS

FUNDRAISER

Bring in your spare change and
fill up your **class jar!**



Just in case a class trophy
wasn't enough - the winning class
will win a trip to

INFLATACITY

on Monday 27th April!



Let the penny wars commence xx

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FOSH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

One of our sheds is in **BAD SHAPE!**



Items are getting **DAMP & DAMAGED.**

We have **NO SUITABLE STORAGE!**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Spare Building Materials



Wood or Boarding to fix the shed



Materials for Shelving



Companies willing to donate supplies



CAN YOU HELP?



Contact Your Year Rep



Email us: warefosh@gmail.com



Every little bit helps! **THANK YOU** FOR SUPPORTING **FOSH!**



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