



St. Francis Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter 10



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## 'I am a sign of God's Love.'

### **Catholic Life / Collective Worship / RE**

*This term we have celebrated Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and also The Precious Blood of Jesus which brought forth the Sacraments.*

Our Year 6 pupils have received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Stephen, the third sacrament of initiation, which seals in the Holy Spirit and anoints the recipient as priest, prophet and king.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have made their First Holy Communion, following on from their Reconciliation. They are now able to receive the Eucharist as the disciples did at the Last Supper.

In all that we do, we remember that every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away. God gives this freely to all human beings. Through the Sacraments and our Catholic Social Teaching our children grow, confident to face their futures in the knowledge they are loved.

*Bless us as we leave this place where you have been present amongst us*

*Bless all those who have given their time to us*

*Bless all those who work and study here*

*May we go forth from here, confident in ourselves and willing to serve others.*



**WOW!** How busy can one school be?! We really weren't sure where to start so decided to go from the most recent and work backwards!

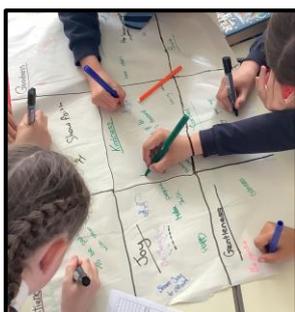
# Hooray for Year 6!

In the words of Take That,

*'We've come so far, and we reach so high,  
And we've looked each day and night in the eye  
And we're still so young and we hope for more!'*

Year 6 have not stopped this term! They have been on the Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle, made their Confirmation or supported their peers to do so, visited their secondary schools, had Leavers Mass taken part in sports day and had SATS!!

Highlights below





Years 6, 4 and 3 have all made Sacraments this year. Year 6 made their confirmation and years 4 and 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then went on to celebrate their First Holy Communion.

All the children showed great reverence and were an absolute credit to their school and their families. Well done to you all.



Staff have also be very busy. Mr Turner and Mrs Wright completed their Channel swim, all 22 miles and raised a fantastic amount for Acorns. We are very proud and grateful for their efforts. This currently stands at £728 but it's not too late to donate! If you would like to boost them towards their £1000 goal please go to - [Gofund.me/6a3b546b](https://www.gofundme.com/6a3b546b)

They then followed this up with a hectic trip to Alton Castle with Year 6!

**Sports day** took place in phases this year. The children coped admirably in the heat and everyone had great fun.





**Nursery** has been a scary place to be lately! Miss P and Mrs M are very brave! They had great fun making a pirate ship and telescopes. Did they find any treasure?



**Year 5 and 6** had the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability course. They learnt all about staying safe and keeping their bikes well maintained. Congratulations everyone!



Our catering providers, AIP, brought a smoothie bike to school. All the children enjoyed have a go at peddling to make the fruit into a smoothie.



**The St Francis Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** were marvellous! There was music, dancing and red, white and blue everywhere!



## Reminders:

School gates open at 8:45am. Children must be in by 8:55am when the gates close.

Children must be collected on time: Early Years – Year 2 3:00pm Year 3-6 3:05pm

Please check the website for Uniform details. Cycling shorts are not allowed for PE. PE shorts should be blue.

If your child is absent from school please let the office know ASAP by calling 01922 682583 or emailing [postbox@st-francis-p.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@st-francis-p.walsall.sch.uk)

Lunches need to be ordered by 8:45am via SFU. School do not have the ability to order or cancel lunches via SFU <https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>

All medication needed must be returned to school in September, clearly labelled, along with a medication consent form

Earrings should be removed or covered with a plaster on PE days. This must be done at home.

*Thank you to our very generous parent who bought 300 tip tops to help keep the children cool. Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes Summer Holidays at <u>1:20/1:25/1:30pm</u></b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>School closed to pupils. INSET day</b>
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School closed to pupils. INSET day</b>
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School closed to pupils. INSET day</b>
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils Years 1-6 <u>8:45am</u></b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School reopens to Nursery and Reception</b>



## Classes September 2022/2023

Nursery	Mrs Keeling
Reception	Miss Peters
Year 1	Mrs Howell
Year 2	Miss Shovlin
Year 3	Miss Chesterton
Year 4	Miss Rowley
Year 5	Mr Garratt
Year 6	Mr Turner and Mrs Wright

The summer term is always busy, both in school and in the liturgical calendar. This term, as well as the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, we have also celebrated Pentecost when God gave the Holy Spirit, the Feast of the Holy Trinity when we celebrate God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Feast of Corpus Christi where we honour the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All of these celebrations, along with the Bible stories studied show the children how to live, 'AS A SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE' which leads to them making the choice to, 'BE KIND'. We are very proud when we see constant examples of this from our children and especially when visitors to the school, or those who come into contact with our children, pass comment on their behaviour and the example they set. We can all learn from them, and show all those we come into contact with that like the children of St Francis we too choose to BE KIND and BE A SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE. If you asked yourself, do you always think how your actions effect other, what would your answer be?

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and other family members and friends who have supported St Francis this year, to ensure the children get the very best education and experiences we can provide.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to express our thanks to every member of staff for working tirelessly to ensure the very best for every child at St Francis, socially, academically and safely. We are very lucky to have such a fabulous team around us who constantly work to provide their very best, quite often without being paid and giving up their own family time, to give the children of St Francis their all. Thank you all so very much

As we set off for 'Big' school, new schools, new classes, next phases, holidays, summer clubs and extra time with those we love please stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Richards*  
Headteacher

