



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has gone by in a whirlwind and we are halfway through the school year! I hope that yesterday afternoon, you were impressed with the quality of learning your child has achieved this year so far; thank you for the super turnout to our open afternoon. We really value our strong home, school links and it is always lovely to welcome you all into school once more to celebrate in your child's achievements.

Curriculum Newsletters

To find out more about your child's learning this half term, please take time to look through their year group curriculum newsletter. Here you will also see what the next topic of learning will be for your child. As you hopefully know by now, all our curriculum information can be found on our school website, including the more detailed half termly plans.

Finally, thank you for all the support for Miss Sleeman and myself this half term, your words of kindness and encouragement are very much appreciated and valued. We all wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all on the return to school on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes

Rachel Marsh

Acting Headteacher



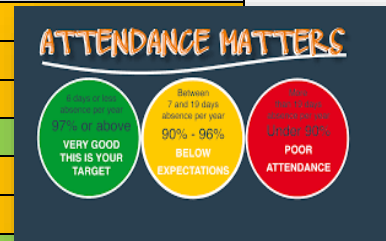
Our Core Christian Value:

This half term we have been considering the value of 'Thankfulness' and this week we turned to the phrase 'Count your blessings', Amelia and Logan in

Year 6 helped to show what this meant by this through a miniplay: the message was to be grateful for the good things in your life and not to dwell on things that makes us unhappy.



Year Group	This week's attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	98%



Relationships and Sex Education Talk



Miss Sutton will be holding an RSE information talk for parents of pupils in years **4,5 & 6** in the new build on Monday **20th February at 2:30-3:15pm**. If you are not able to attend this meeting, there is information about this subject and the talk available to view [here](#) from the website.

Gardening Club

Mrs Evans will be starting gardening club after school on a Thursday, starting on 23rd February. The club is open to years 3,4,5 & 6 and there are spaces left. If your child would like to join this club, please let the office know.



Swimming for class N (Elephants)

After the half term break, class N will be starting their swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning. They will be leaving promptly at 9am on these days, so ensure children are here on time. The first lesson will be Tuesday 21st February. If you have yet to make any payments for swimming, this can be done via parentmail and going to the shop icon on your app.

We have had yet more reports of inconsiderate parking. Please be mindful of where you are parking and whether you are blocking someone's driveway.



Year 6 BF Adventure Trip



As a pre-SATs team building treat, we have arranged for our year 6 children to visit BF Adventure. The trip will be split over 2 visits, **class M (Giraffes) will visit on Wednesday 15th March and class N (Elephants) will visit on Thursday 23rd February.**

Full information and details have been sent home with children today.

The cost of the trip to BF Adventure is free, but we are asking parents for contribution of £8.00 per child to cover the cost of the transport, which is to be paid online using your parentmail details under shop in the app. If you need a copy of the letter, it can be viewed from the website [here](#), or we do have copies in the office.

Wrap around and school lunches

Wrap around and lunch bookings are now open for after the half term break and up until the end of March.

If you have any money owing for wrap around and school lunches, we would appreciate if the balances could be paid as soon as possible. Thank you.



World Book Day

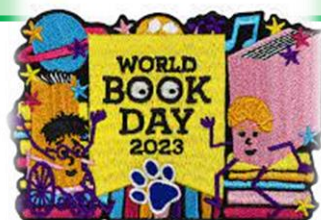
World Book Day is quickly approaching, and this is on **Thursday the 2nd March**.

Please note that we have decided this year that children **do not** need to come to school dressed up on this day.

This year we will be holding a competition to celebrate 'Reading for Pleasure'. Yesterday, every child came home with a paper plate ready to decorate in the theme of their all-time favourite book. You can be as imaginative as you like as long as your entry is completely on your plate. Entries can begin to return to school from **Monday 20th February** right up until **Wednesday 1st March**. Please write your name and class on the back of your plate as well as the reason for the book choice. The reason behind choosing this book should be written in correctly structured sentences using the first person and include words to persuade the reader that their choice is the best book ever! There will be prizes for the most aesthetically pleasing plate along with prizes for the most persuasive piece of writing for choosing that book.

Also, during the week of World Book Day on **Tuesday 28th February** and **Wednesday 1st March** we are inviting parents/relatives into school from **8.40–9.00am** to sit and read with their child/children within the classroom environment.

On **Wednesday 1st March** Miss Spargo will be running a parent Read, Write, Inc (our phonics scheme) workshop for any parent who would like to learn more about RWI or has any questions regarding their child learning to read. This will be in the hall from **2.30pm**



Year 1 Trip to Feadon Farm

A letter will come home today with year 1 children regarding a trip to Feadon Farm on Wednesday 8th March.

If your child will want a school packed lunch on this day, please ensure you complete the attached form on the letter and hand back when we return on Monday 20th February.

Payment for the trip will appear on your parentmail login from Friday 10th February



School Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring children are looking smart and wearing the correct uniform. If you are refreshing any uniform this half term please ensure they do have the correct uniform as stated in the uniform policy.

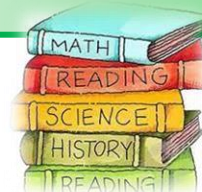
Thank you



Curriculum Newsletters

Our website has been updated with this half term's curriculum newsletters.

To take a look at these and to see an overview of what the children will be learning during the second half of the spring term, head to the curriculum news page on our website, or by clicking [here](#)



BOOK NOW!

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ROADSHOWS

MID CORNWALL 2023

FALMOUTH SPORTS HUB

Football - Monday 13th
Girls Only Football - Tuesday 14th
February Football Special - Friday 17th

HELSTON AFC

Football - Monday 13th

TRETHERRAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Football - Tuesday 14th

THRETHERRAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Football - Thursday 16th

CARN BREA LEISURE CENTRE

Football - Wednesday 15th

PENATR SCHOOL

Football - Wednesday 15th

PENRICE ACADEMY

Football - Thursday 16th

PENZANCE

February Football Special - Friday 17th



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To thank you for your continued support, we're bringing back our discounted Friends of the Sanctuary Membership for 2023!

£14.50 per adult and £11.50 per child for 12 months entry!

(Only available to residents with TR, PL and EX postcodes. Proof of address will be required. Available until 28th February 2023)

SEAL PUP MANIA!

Dive into an ocean of fun this February half term!

Stories with Seals

Join Lily the Seal in our underwater viewing area for a special daily reading of 'Stardust' - a story all about a pup caught in hard times!

Weigh the Pup competition

Take part in our new competition to guess the weight of the pup in our hospital! Donate £1 and the closest winner will land a special prize.

Conservation Club (13th - 15th Feb, £12opp)

Discover a whole new world when you learn about our marine residents, seal pup rescue, conservation and more with this 3-day club. To book, call 01526 221561.



£60 FOR 3 DAYS OR £25 A DAY

FEB HALF TERM SUPERCAMPS

Come and take part in our Edventure holiday provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM: TUE 14TH - THUR 16TH
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FEATURING A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- DODGEBALL, DEN BUILDING, GYM,
- PAPER PLANE FLYING, ARTS & CRAFTS,
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FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE COURSES & HOW TO BOOK:
WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK
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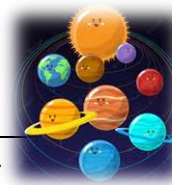
SWIM WILD ACADEMY FEB HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS FOR KIDS 5+



PENDENNIS LODGE, FALMOUTH
13TH-17TH FEB

[HTTPS://SWIMWILDCORNWALL.CO.UK/BOOK-NOW/](https://swimwildcornwall.co.uk/book-now/)

Curriculum News Week beginning 20th February 2023



Reception	We will be learning facts about the different planets.
Year 1	Our next challenge topic is 'How does our garden grow?'
Year 2	As geographers we will looking at weather for our new topic.
Year 3	'How can I be the best me?' is what we will be focusing on.
Year 4	As historians, we will be learning about the Mayan Civilisation.
Year 5	As explorers, our new learning challenge will be 'How does everything grown and change?'
Year 6	Our new topic will be 'What does a healthy lifestyle look like?'



Golden Awards



- Class A Beatrix & Nia
- Class B Kiani & Luca
- Class C Lowen & Zilal
- Class D Jowan & Sophie
- Class E Ettie & Reggie
- Class F George & Zachary
- Class G Joe & Orla
- Class H Alex & Nora
- Class I Burleigh & Jakub
- Class J Freya S & Logan
- Class K All of class K
- Class L All of class L
- Class M Leo & Olivia
- Class N Spencer & Sophie

We are honest

We listen

We work hard

We look everyone & everything

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful



What's on at St Francis

February

- 3rd – Class E (Frogs) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 7th – Last swimming session for class M (Giraffes)
- 9th – Y4 Tregonigie Woods visit in the morning
- 9th – Current parents open afternoon for years 1-6 2-3pm
- 10th – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13th – 17th – HALF TERM
- 20th – Return to school
- 20th – RSE talk for Y4,5 & 6 parents
- 21st – Class N (Elephants) swimming lessons begin
- 23rd – Class N (Elephants) BF Adventure trip
- 27th – Reception and year 6 health checks
- 28th – Reading with family 8:40am-9am

March

- 1st – Reading with family 8:40am-9am
- 1st – RWI talk with parents 2:30pm
- 2nd – World Book Day
- 8th – Year 1 Feadon Farm Trip
- Week beginning 13th – Year 6 Mock SATS week
- 13th – 17th – Reception year parent consultation week
- 15th – Class M (Giraffes) BF Adventure trip
- 17th – Red Nose Day
- 20th – 31st – Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event
- 20th -24th – Reception year parent consultation week
- 23rd and 24th – Class Photos
- 27th – 31st – Years 1-6 parent evening week
- 30th – Year 5 Trip (details to follow)
- 31st – Break up for Easter Holidays



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Key Dates 2022/2023

- Monday 5th September 2022 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 6th September 2022 – New school year begins
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022 – HALF TERM
- Friday 16th December 2022 – Break up for Christmas Holidays
- Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023 – Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Return to school
- Friday 10th February 2023 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023 – HALF TERM
- Friday 31st March 2023 – Break up for Easter Holidays
- Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023 – Easter Holidays
- Monday 17th April 2023 – Return to school
- Wednesday 26th- Friday 28th April 2023 - Y5 Barton Hall Residential
- Monday 1st May 2023 – Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for Kings Jubilee
- Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023 – Y6 SATS week
- Tuesday 23rd May – Friday 26th May 2023 – Y6 Bristol Residential
- Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023 – HALF TERM
- Monday 5th June 2023 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 21st July 2023 – Break up for Summer Holidays
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2023 – INSET Days – SCHOOL CLOSED



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*St Francis School where every person matters, every person helps,
every person succeeds*