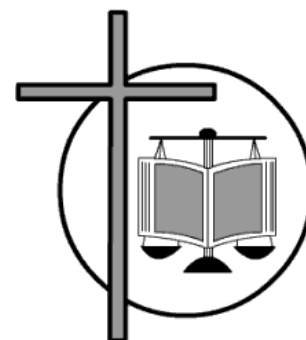


ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

"We walk, learn, love and smile together with Jesus"

Newsletter 22nd March 2024



"Attend today and achieve tomorrow."

	19-Feb	26-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	18/03/2024
Spring 2					
Reception	94.4	93.3	93.6	93.9	95
Year 1	98	95.2	96.3	97	96.6
Year 2	96	95.4	96.8	96.1	96.8
Total	97	95.3	96.55	96.55	96.7
Rolling %	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.75	95.8

!!! Well done to Laurel 98.8%, Holly and Aspen 98.5%, Hazel, Cedar and Oak 98% !!!

The Easter Initiative is still ongoing!! Remember, for every week your child achieves 100%, their name will be entered in to the prize draw which will be held on **Thursday 28th March (our last day of term)**.

Easter Activities

There will be Easter activities happening every day next week including Easter egg hunts, Easter crafting, Easter bingo and on Wednesday 27th March we will be having our Easter Bonnet parade. The children will do a lap of the school wearing their bonnets. We are unable to invite parents/carers but there will be pictures on Seesaw and the year group pages of the website.

Parents/carers are invited to join us in Church on Thursday 28th March 9.30am for our Easter Assembly and singing celebration.

FSM Vouchers

FSM vouchers (£30) have now been emailed to all parents/carers of registered children.

School Meals

We are on week 6 of our Spring 2 menu. <https://www.stfrancisdesalesinfants.org.uk/parents/lunchtime>

If you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch we do ask that it is healthy and does not contain fizzy drinks, chocolates or sweets.

We are a nut free school, as we have children and staff with allergies and some of these are severe. Please make sure that your child does not bring any nut-based items.

Website Focus:

This week, please take a look at the Safeguarding section of our website. Our school is committed to safeguarding children and promoting children's welfare and there are many ways that we ensure our school is a safe space for everyone.

<https://stfrancisdesales.schooljotter2.com/key-information/safeguarding-1>

Easter HAF Clubs

Mr M&M will be running a HAF club at school over the Easter holidays – you will be contacted if you are successful in obtaining a place. Liverpool City Council have also sent information through to school about other HAF clubs that will be running during the holidays. Please see below for details:

*The Easter HAF programme starts on the 2nd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **Easter Egg hunts, Easter parties, bubble football, nerf wars, mindfulness, swimming, football, music, dance, cycling, gymnastics, theatre tech, cooking, discos, podcasting, arts and crafts, drama, basketball, trips out and nature walks!** A meal will be provided for every child attending. **From Monday 11th March** you can find out where your nearest scheme by clicking on this link <https://merseyplay.com/easter-haf-holiday-activities-food/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the Easter HAF activities link.*

When the parent/carer has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss their needs with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

- *If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>*
- *You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.*
- *If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>*
- *If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>*

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Easter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Melia

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bonnet parade (no parents)

Thursday 28th March 9.30am – Easter Assembly and singing celebration in church (parents/carers welcome)

Thursday 28th March - School closes for the Easter break at usual times

Monday 8th April- Start of Summer Term 1

Please note, that I gave incorrect dates last week. The correct dates for the classes are:

- **Laurel and Maple are Wednesday 10th April**
- **Ash and Willow are Thursday 11th April**

Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.