

Head Teacher / Principal: Mrs J Downes

May is the Month of Mary

This month we celebrate that May is the month of Mary and we will honour her by offering her flowers. Father will lead with a blessing on Thursday 13th May with Y3 only. It is also the feast day of the Ascension on Thursday, so it will be celebrated in prayer also.

Please send your son/daughter in with flowers by Wednesday if you can. Though you cannot attend, we will be adorning Mary's statue with flowers in the Prayer Garden and taking photographs to share with you.

You may want to sing this hymn at home together...

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in Prayer,
Take this day, make it yours,
And fill Me with your love.
Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.
All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, mother of mine,
Present them to my Lord.
Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.
As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace.
Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu. [2]

**NUT ALLERGIES!**

**We have a number of children in both EYFS and main school.
Please make sure that you do not send nuts with your child to school.**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This week, we are leading children in looking at improving their experiences outside to take care of themselves and their wellbeing. Please talk to them about positive times they are having outside as well as in their learning.

FIT 4 SCHOOLS

By now you will have had your letter regarding afterschool clubs. They will run from 3.15-4.15pm from week beginning 26th April until week beginning 5th July 2021:

Club	Days	Who is it for?
 Dance	Mondays	Years 3 and 4
 BOXERCISE	Tuesdays	Years 5 and 6
 Multiskills Sports	Fridays	Years 1 and 2

There will be a **charge of £4.00** to take part in the clubs and they **run for 10 weeks**. If you are interested, please go to School Comms and book a place, you will need to make a payment on the school gateway.

Please make sure that they have an EXTRA bottle of water with them to have during the session. If they do bring a snack, please send a piece of fruit or other healthy snack to have AFTER the session.

Attendance for last week

Well done to everyone who is well enough to come to school. We know these are difficult times, but everyone is doing really well. Any class with 99-100% can have 2 house points.

Y3	YR	Y1	Y5	Y6	Y2	Y4
91%	93%	96%	97%	98%	99%	100%

Punctuality – Well done everyone!

Well done to EVERYONE! There have been **no late marks anywhere in school last week AFTER THE REGISTER CLOSED**. There are however, some children arriving via the front entrance after the majority of children have started the day. This is valuable learning time. Please ensure that you arrive as close to the set times as possible.

Year of the Word: St Joseph

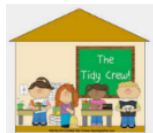
Thank you to those who contributed, we raised £82. New resources for each class have been purchased and have begun to be used. We are working hard with the children at break and lunchtimes. We have found that since returning after Covid lockdown, children are struggling to get on well at playtimes. We are focusing on planning for happy and safe playtimes where we:

Use kind words

Show loving actions

Share

Please talk about this with your child. A lot of learning time has been taken up with dealing with members of our school who have failed to do what we expect. There are not many, but making sure that our children feel safe and happy everywhere is always our first priority. I know that you will support us in this.



Who are the Tidy Crew?

Well done to **Year 1** for last week. Not only are they taking care of their classroom, but also the outside too.

THIS TERM'S LEARNING and HOMEWORK

Please look out for the update with the termly overviews for your year group. They will be on this page. <http://www.st-francisxavier.sandwell.sch.uk/page/detail/what-is-the-curriculum-at-st-francis-xavier->



Our Parish Links: Father Joseph is very much looking forward to coming along to bless Mary's statue. He has also commented on how well the Confirmation and Holy Communion preparation is going. Thank you for all that you do to support the school and parish in your commitment to your child's spiritual development.


Our Latest Superstars!


Stars and Writers of the Wee

Year group	Name	Reason
N	<i>Star: Nathan</i>	For settling in to full time nursery
	<i>Leonardo</i>	For settling in and coming to school with no tears
R	<i>Star: Kenora</i>	For always trying her best and being a great role model.
	<i>PJ</i>	For always trying his best and working hard.
1	<i>Writer: Diana</i>	For lovely neat presentation in all her books
	<i>Star: Jessica</i>	For being a great role model to her peers.
	<i>Autumn</i>	For 100% effort in all lessons.
2	<i>Writer: Dylan</i>	For really making an excellent effort with joins in all of his writing.
	<i>Star: Eashan</i>	For being a kind friend when someone was upset.
	<i>Ben</i>	For showing a caring attitude towards others and trying to be helpful.
3	<i>Writer: Natalia</i>	For a fantastic wishing story
	<i>Star: Sheeraz</i>	For more independent maths
	<i>Guelia</i>	For being a kind friend
4	<i>Writer: Jacob</i>	For writing an excellent persuasive newspaper advertisement including rhetorical questions.
	<i>Star: Chinaza</i>	For always being focussed on her learning in the classroom and willing to use her knowledge to help others with their work.
	<i>Jayden</i>	For showing brilliant courage to stand up in front of his peers to read his newspaper advertisement aloud with expression.
5	<i>Writer: Neve</i>	For super writing.
	<i>Star: Lana</i>	For being kind.
	<i>Ollie</i>	For being the best he can be at all times.
6	<i>Writer: Iona</i>	For fantastic story writing using a range of conjunctions.
	<i>Star: Winner</i>	For always producing such reflective work in RE lessons.
	<i>Wiktor</i>	For showing fantastic resilience in Maths when measuring angles.