



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

14th February 2025

Our Value this half term is Trust

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

These children are our **Values Champions** for the first half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of **Trust**. Congratulations to all of you.

Reception: Jamie; **Y1:** Ramona; **Y2:** Etienn; **Y3:** Buddy & Isaac; **Y4:** Pyper; **Y5:** Ollie; **Y6:** Lara.

Whole School Attendance and Lateness We thought you might be interested to know that our *whole school attendance this year is 94.6%* compared to the national average attendance of 94.5%. We understand that absence due to illness cannot be helped and appreciate your help making sure that children are here if at all possible.

We are finding an increasing number of children are arriving late to school; the poster on the following page shows that this has a significant impact on their learning. If a child arrives after the registers have closed in the morning, government guidance requires us to register them as absent for the morning session.



Safety Online Simplified 25

Do you know what DOOMSCROLLING is?

Internet Matters have published a useful article for parents and carers focussing on **doomscrolling**. This term refers to the habit of continuously scrolling through negative news online, which can significantly impact both mental and physical health. The article provides valuable insights for parents on how to recognise if their child is doomscrolling and offers practical tips to help prevent this behaviour. Understanding and addressing doomscrolling is crucial in promoting a healthier online experience for our children. [You can read the full guide HERE](#)

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Teamwork**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Zuriel & Romeo; **Y1:** Summer, DJ & Arya; **Y2:** Delia, Daisy & Lydia-Mae; **Y3:** All of Year 3; **Y4:** Pyper; **Y5:** Alexander & Habel; **Y6:** Jack.

After half term we will be focusing on **Perseverance**.

Sporting Achievements

Our **Y6 Netball team** played at home vs St Margarets last Friday. It was a tough match against an experienced (and tall!) team but our team showed resilience and played well together. Well done to you all.

The **Girls' Football Team** played away against Camps Hill yesterday. It was only their second match playing together and although they did not win on this occasion, they played really well and are getting better as a team all the time. Well done to you all.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this term for each House is:

St Francis:	1946
St Andrew:	1751
St Clare:	1744
St Catherine:	1714

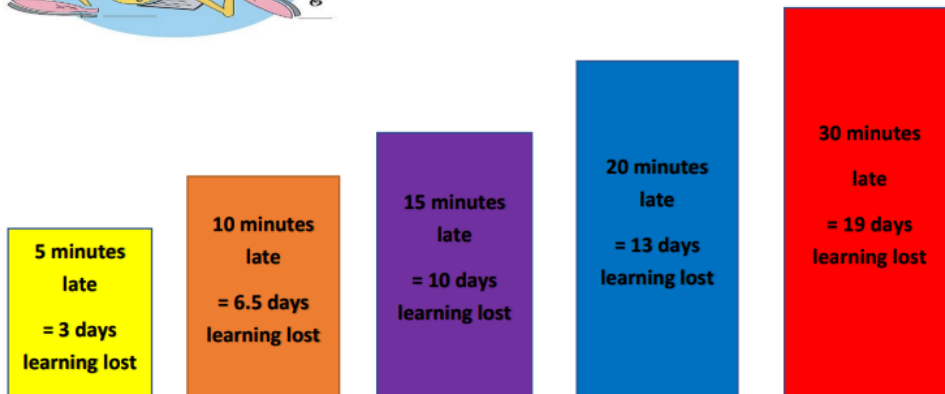
Have a lovely half term! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes later each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



ISL Statutory Attendance and Participation Team

Diary Dates

- **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February** – Half Term
- **Tuesday 25th February** – Year 4 Swimming lessons begin (please see e-mail for further details)
- **Wednesday 26th February** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 27th February** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Friday 4th April** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Tuesday 22nd April** – Back to School
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday; school closed
- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 2nd June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Thursday 10th July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm