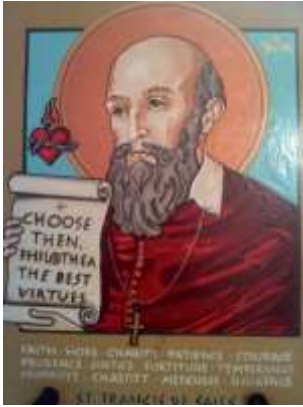


# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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St Francis de Sales – patron saint of writers

## School Mass

On Thursday, children from Years 2 to 6 went to Mass. We were praying especially for how we can help to be good witnesses to the Gospel.

It was the feast of St Francis de Sales. We found out that he was the eldest of five brothers and even though he came from a wealthy family and had great prospects of a career in law and politics, he chose to devote his life completely to God.

Year 3 helped to prepare the readings, it was their first opportunity to do this. The children were a credit, especially in their respectfulness in the presence of the blessed sacrament and their beautiful singing.

## Cycling safety training

Looking ahead to the fine weather, the Spring and the Summer, we are already planning our annual set of cycle training opportunities for the children in KS2. These are aimed at children who can ride a bike and ideally their own one. So, if you can't but want to learn, start soon!

During the February Half Term there are free cycling lessons in Burgess Park (you can even loan a bike) sign up soon

by phone:

0203 031 6730

or on line:

[www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group](http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group)

## Events and Dates for this term:

**Mass:** Ash Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar (Church)

**Chinese New Year Special Event:**

After school, in the hall, Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Class assemblies:**

**Y6** Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar    **Y5** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr

**Y4** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar    **Y3** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Y2** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Parents' Evening: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March**

## Benediction - today

The parish has Benediction on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. 5.30-6:30pm.

Time spent in prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Road Safety - What you can do

When you drop your child off and pick them up from school **use the pedestrian crossings.**

**If you drop your child by car and stop in Sumner Ave please don't - it is dangerous!**

## Pupils of Achievement

The Academic theme this week was 'Financial Education - knowing the value of money'. This is a thought for all of us at any age, how to know what we have, consider it's potential wisely and try not to squander it!

Y1 Alexander & Julia: Y2 Daniella & Mmesoma

Y3 Michelle & Gift: Y4 ZanBi & Precious, Y5 Mary & Janelle:

The Personal Attribute theme was 'Taking care of our belongings - being good stewards of the many gift we have been given'.

Kathy, Precious, Kai, Chialuzue & Marvelle.

The Handwriting Award went to:

Patrina, Kene, Lily, Britthany & Chi-chi

*Well Done Everyone*