Celebrating Achievement, Community, and Compassion

In House Assemblies on Tuesday, we were pleased to present a large number of certificates recognising pupils' Merits and Headmaster's Commendations. These occasions provide an important opportunity to acknowledge effort, perseverance and the positive learning habits pupils demonstrate day by day across the school.

Alongside these celebrations, pupils across the four Houses explored a number of thoughtful and important themes, including compassion, resilience and gratitude. Through stories, scientific ideas and familiar characters — including Winnie the Pooh — pupils were encouraged to notice and appreciate small, everyday moments, and to express gratitude through kindness, patience and consideration for others. Practical suggestions for developing simple daily gratitude habits were also shared, inviting pupils to reflect positively at the end of each day.

In one House assembly, the story of the Jamaican bobsleigh team, provided a further focus for reflection. Pupils considered the importance of perseverance, teamwork and courage, and were encouraged to support one another, believe in their own abilities and approach challenges with determination and resilience.

In another assembly, pupils learned more about the Arthur Rank Hospice, which will be one of our chosen charities this year. We are proud to continue supporting the hospice in special recognition of the exceptional care and support it has provided to several St Faith's families in recent years. Pupils learned how hospices offer specialist care to people who are seriously ill, providing comfort, dignity and support – both within hospice settings and in people's homes. They also gained an understanding of the scale of funding required to run such services, and the vital role communities play in sustaining and supporting this work.

Through discussion and reflection, across all the assemblies, pupils developed a deeper understanding of compassion, remembrance and community responsibility, reinforcing why fundraising events such as Chaucer Choose-Day can make a genuine difference.


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Chaucer Choose?Day – Thursday 5th March

Fundraising for the Arthur Rank Hospice will take place on **Chaucer Choose?Day, Thursday 5th March**. On this day, the whole school community will be invited to come to school in home clothes or a World Book Day costume in return for a £2 donation.

Following a very generous donation from the SFPA, we are also delighted to be able to support a second charity this year. Pupils have been invited to nominate charities of their choice and will spend Tutor Time over the coming weeks researching and discussing these options. Each Tutor group will vote for a preferred charity, followed by a House vote to determine our final selection. The pupils are already enjoying taking responsibility for this process and engaging thoughtfully with causes that matter to them.

The Importance of House Life

Talking about House activity provides a timely opportunity to reflect on the central role the House system plays at St Faith's. It sits at the heart of school life, shaping far more than teams or colours. The House structure fosters a strong sense of community across year groups, encouraging friendships and connections that might not otherwise form within the classroom alone.

Belonging to a House gives pupils a shared identity and a sense of collective purpose. Whether cheering one another on during Last House Standing or giving their all on Sports Day, pupils experience both healthy competition and the satisfaction of contributing to something larger than themselves. In this way, the House system does not simply organise school life, it genuinely enriches it.

'Bright Monday' in Pre Prep

Mrs Clarke writes,
"On Monday, Pre Prep enjoyed Bright Monday — a wellbeing day designed to spread joy, encourage self-expression and support positive mental health in a fun, age-appropriate way. Children came to school wearing bright, colourful clothes, creating a cheerful atmosphere throughout the day.

Pupils enjoyed a range of wellbeing activities. Years 1 and 2 took a gentle walk around the local area, while Preschool and Reception explored the school grounds, learning about the benefits of fresh air, exercise and spending time outdoors together. All children took part in yoga, music and creative activities, helping them to relax, move and express their feelings.

To finish the day, families were invited to join Mrs Walker for a short mindful breathing session. We all enjoyed sharing this special and uplifting day with the children, and it provided a bright and positive start to the week!"

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Year 2 Blast Off into Space!

Mrs Clarke writes,
"Year 2 had an out-of-this-world experience on Tuesday when a planetarium took over Ashburton Hall. The excitement was clear from the moment the children stepped inside the giant star dome.

During the 360-degree show presented by Andy Green from StarDome, pupils were surrounded by stars, planets and galaxies, creating the sensation of travelling through space without leaving the hall. The experience brought their learning vividly to life and helped deepen their understanding of the universe in an engaging and memorable way."

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STEM Careers Display

Mrs Pritchard writes,
"Our STEM Prefects have recently coordinated and installed a highly engaging new careers display in the Ashburton Hall corridor, just outside Lab 1. The display highlights a wide range of possible career pathways linked to STEM subjects, with a strong focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, as well as sustainability, reflecting key school priorities for the year. We are very grateful to the pupils for their leadership and initiative."


Janice Lao
Artificial Intelligence
Vera Silva
Cybersecurity
Sonya Hassan-Carey
Sonia Lo
Dr. Fei-Fei Li
100 JOBS IN SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING AND MATHS
Vanessa Galvez
Dr. Lisa White
Tara Houska
Bubble Engineering
WHAT WILL MOUSES LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?
3D Printing
Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – 23rd to 25th January

Mrs Scott writes,
"The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch takes place from 23–25 January, and we would love as many families as possible to take part. Alongside the traditional RSPB recording sheets (in the sidebar), families are encouraged to download the free Merlin App, which identifies birds by recognising their songs. This is a wonderful way to explore nature together and develop awareness of our local wildlife."

Fun with Maths

Mrs Davidson writes,
"In the 'Fun with Maths' after-school activity this week, pupils were particularly engaged with the games 'Genius Square' and 'Rush Hour'. Both games really challenge pupils to think logically, plan ahead and persevere through trial and error, helping to build confidence and flexibility in problem-solving."



Looking ahead

Today, the Year 8 Art and Music Group are visiting the Castle Fine Art Gallery and on Sunday our U11 and U13 Gymnastics teams will travel to Chelmsford Gymnastics Club to compete in the BSGA 'Milano Team Trio' Regional Round. We wish them the best of luck.

And Finally…

This has been a week where our values of Kindness, Community and Excellence have been visible in so many aspects of school life, and across all age groups. Whether you are inspired to play Genius Square, do some birdwatching or stargazing, or you are simply spending time

together, I wish you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

With all best wishes,



Crispin Hyde-Dunn