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Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday, 21st April 2025.

Pope Francis' death marks the start of 9 days of mourning across the world whereby Catholics remember him for all the good work he did for the World Church and people of all religions and backgrounds.

Pope Francis was a very special pope whose mission was to emphasise compassion and mercy, encouraging the Church to be more welcoming and less judgmental.

He focused on social justice, advocating for the poor, migrants, and environmental care and promoted interfaith dialogue and peace, working to build bridges between different religions and cultures.

As a Catholic community, please join me in praying for Pope Francis and that his incredible work is continued by the new elected pope in the coming weeks.

Pope Francis' funeral will take place on Saturday 26th April at 09:00.



We remember
Pope Francis
in our Prayers

Eternal rest
grant unto him,
O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon
him.
May he rest in
peace.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hawkes

Headteacher

