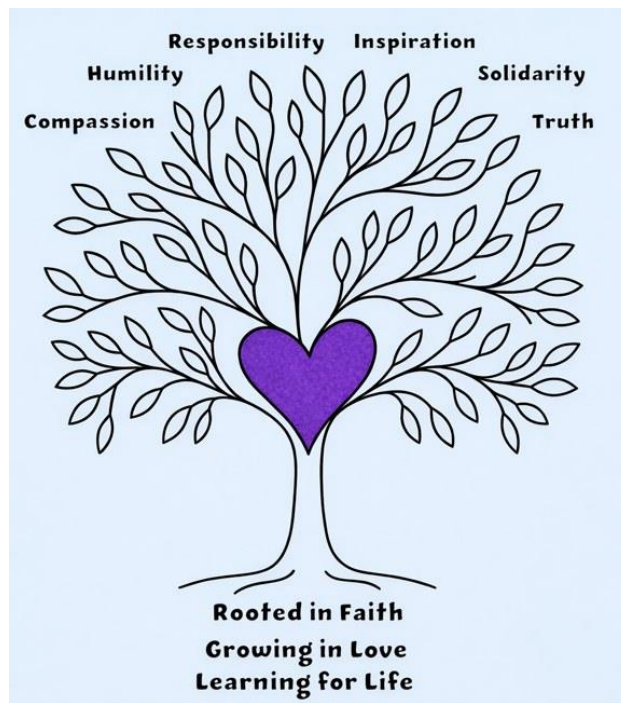


St Francis Newsletter

16th October 2026



Compassion ~ We love and care

Humility ~ We put others first

Responsibility ~ We do what is right

Inspiration ~ We think big and shine bright

Solidarity ~ We stand together

School value focus: RESPONSIBILITY

In this week's Catholic Social Teaching focussed assembly, the children explored the value of **Responsibility** and what it means to "do what is right", even when no one is watching. They reflected on how responsibility involves taking ownership of our actions, caring for others, and looking after God's creation. Through Scripture, pupils learned that God has entrusted each of us with gifts and talents and asks us to use them wisely to help others and make a positive difference in the world.

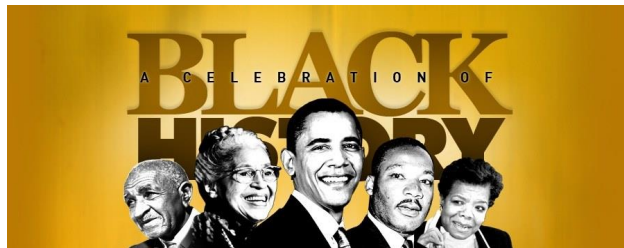
The children reflected on the words from Scripture:

"Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:14–30)

They also learned about Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'*, which reminds us that we all have a responsibility to care for our common home and make choices that protect the environment and support those in need. The assembly encouraged pupils to think about the small actions they can take each day, such as telling the truth, completing their work, helping others, and caring for their school environment.



Black History Month





This month, children across the school were inspired by exciting workshops led by **Katerpillar Creatives** as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Through music, storytelling, movement and interactive activities, pupils explored the achievements, cultures and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and today. The sessions were engaging, energetic and thought-provoking, encouraging children to celebrate diversity and reflect on the importance of inclusion and respect.

One child said, "I learned so many new things and it was really fun. My favourite part was finding out about people who changed the world and believing that we can make a difference too!"

Friends of St Francis - School Disco

SCHOOL DISCO

★ Thursday 22nd October ★

★ **EYFS & KEY STAGE 1** ★
Includes Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
2.00pm – 3.00pm
£3 per person
Includes a drink and a snack

★ **KEY STAGE 2** ★
Includes Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
3.15pm – 4.30pm
£2 per person
Hot dogs and a tuck shop available to purchase food and toys if you wish. Maximum £5 per child.

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PTA EVENTS
Please click the link or scan the QR code to book:

<https://pta.events/october26disco>

SCAN ME

Please make sure you have your tickets by **Friday 16th October**

🍌 Final call for disco tickets! If you haven't got yours yet, there's still time— ticket sales close at the end of day Monday. The children always love this event and have such a fantastic time. Make sure they're on the list for a fun night with friends.

[Click here to book disco tickets](https://pta.events/october26disco)

Sports News

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of football at K2, competing against several local schools. The team achieved two wins, two draws and two losses, showing great determination and resilience throughout the tournament. Every player contributed to some excellent performances, demonstrating strong teamwork, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude. The children represented the school brilliantly, supporting one another and working hard in every match. Well done to the whole team for their effort.



Lost Property

Lost Property will be displayed outside the school office in the afternoon on Wednesday 21st October and in the morning on Thursday 22nd October .

Diary Dates



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October

Tues 20 - Seal Class Assembly at 9.05 - parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Wed 21 - Year 2 Stay and Read Sessions for parents 8.40am -8.55am

Wed 21 - Flu Vaccinations

Wed 21 - Lost property displayed outside the school office before school

Thurs 22 - Lost property displayed outside the school office after school

Thurs 22 - PTA School Disco -

Years Reception, Year 1 & 2 - 2pm-3pm

Years 3,4,5 & 6 - 3.15pm-4.30pm

26-30- HALF TERM

Is your child starting school next year?

**St Francis of Assisi
Catholic Primary School**

**Is your child starting
school in September 2027?**

Come and discover what makes
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School
such a special place to learn, grow and thrive!

— ♥ —

Join us for a friendly school tour with our Headteacher
and see our happy, welcoming school in action.

School Tour Dates

- 🕒 9:15am
- ✅ 7th October
- ✅ 4th November
- ✅ 2nd December

To book your place,
please contact the
School Office on

01293 521009.

We can't wait to meet you
and your family and show you
all that our wonderful school
has to offer!

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Attendance



This week's attendance winners are:

Toucan class – for excellent resilience, attendance and a positive attitude to learning.

Koala class – highest attendance and zero lates – well done! You've been in school everyday and always on time.

Star of the Week



Koala: Austin Bateup

Wallaby: Reign Marabella

Penguin: Skailah Leonce

Seal: Leo Mulligan

Meerkat: Maham Khan

Zebra: Olivia Pereira

Armadillo: Rita Abu-Ghazaleh

Raccoon: Ryan Pereira

Leopard: James Sofidiya

Panda: Kanye Chibuike

Toucan: Nadia Skudra

Alpaca: Lexie Maybank

Reader and Writer of the Week



Koala: Lotti Erdei

Wallaby: Amayah Panezo-Saltos

Penguin: Shruti Raval

Seal: Joshua Ugwu

Meerkat: Jenson Pocock

Zebra: Reilly Stephens

Armadillo: Shaun Edwin

Raccoon: Toby Brimelow

Leopard: Aaliya Shakir Ali & Dani Malkowska-Dias

Panda: Oscar Perol

Toucan: Akif Shakir Ali

Alpaca: Nathaniel Itty Nijin

Final thoughts

As we settle into the heart of autumn, we are seeing all the beauty and unpredictability that the season brings. The mornings are becoming cooler, the leaves are changing colour, and the weather can be very changeable from one day to the next. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a waterproof coat or jacket so that they are comfortable and ready for outdoor learning and play, whatever the weather.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Winton

Headteacher 🍁🍁



Child Protection and Safeguarding

At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, we are committed to promoting the welfare of all our pupils, ensuring they feel safe and can place their trust and confidence in any adult that is working in, volunteering for or visiting the school.

The Designated Safeguarding Leaders at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School are Mrs Winton, Miss Strudwick, Miss Date and Mrs Jones.

If you have concerns about a child you can also call Integrated Front Door (IFD) on 01403 229900 or out of hours on 0330 222 6664.



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