St Francis Newsletter
13th November 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

Annie the Donkey

On Monday 9th November, we were delighted to welcome a very special four-legged visitor to our school – a lovely donkey called Annie!

The visit links with Reception's RE learning about the Nativity story as the children will be exploring the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and the important role the donkey plays in the Christmas story.

The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the donkey, learning about how to care for these wonderful animals and gently stroking it. We loved seeing the children's excitement throughout the day.











Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence (16th - 20th November)



Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November.

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is **Break the Silence.** Throughout the week, we will be encouraging children to speak up, listen to one another and work together to prevent bullying.

As our children grow up in an increasingly connected world, bullying can take place in many different ways, including face-to-face, online, through group chats, social media and other digital platforms. Anti-Bullying Week aims to help children recognise bullying, feel confident to talk about their concerns and know where to go for support.

We want all pupils to understand that breaking the silence does not always require a big action. Small acts of kindness, speaking up when something is wrong, checking in on a friend or telling a trusted adult can make a significant difference.

By helping children develop the confidence to speak out and by ensuring they feel listened to and supported, we can continue to create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and included. Together, we can foster a culture of kindness, respect and belonging for all.

Reminder - PTA Diary Dates

Friday 27 November is our big deadline! Here's everything you need to know:

Jolly Jars Christmas Competition – Deadline Friday 27 November

Children are invited to decorate a jar and fill it with individually wrapped, NUT-FREE sweets. Get creative with paint, stickers, drawings or anything else you fancy!

Please hand completed jars into your child's class by Friday 27 November.

Participation is completely optional, and there's a prize for every class!

 Own Clothes Day – Friday 27 November

Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fayre stalls.

Each year group has been allocated a different donation:

* Reception: New or unwanted gift/toy for the lucky dip

* Year 1: Shop-bought cupcakes for the cake stall. NO NUTS please, and ensure the use-by/best-before date is beyond Friday 4 December.

* Year 2: Clean, good-condition soft toy for the teddy tombola

* Year 3: Red or green item for the Christmas hamper raffle

* Year 4: Bottles for the bottle tombola

* Year 5: New or unwanted gift/toy for the lucky dip

* Year 6: Bottles for the bottle tombola

 Christmas Raffle – Tickets due Friday 27 November

Raffle tickets will have been sent home with children on Friday 6 November! More books of tickets are available from the school office.

Please return your completed ticket stubs and payment by Friday 27 November. Can be handed into the office. All tickets must be returned, even if you're not buying them please!

We've got some fantastic prizes lined up, with more exciting announcements to come!

 Christmas Fayre – Friday 4 December

Thank you for supporting the Friends of St Francis PTA. Every donation, raffle ticket and contribution helps make these events possible!

Christmas Fayre



GIRLS FOOTBALL- CANCELLED

There will be no girls after school football club for the next 2 weeks

(Monday 16th & 23rd November) due to league fixtures.

Diary Dates



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November

Tues 24 - Alpaca Class Assembly at 9.05am - parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Fri 27 - Own Clothes Day in exchange for a donation for the Christmas Fayre stall

Fri 27 - Deadline for Jolly Jars Competition

Fri 27 - Christmas raffle tickets to be returned

December

Wed 4 - Open morning at 9.15am for 2027/28 intake (please call to make an appointment

Fri 4 - Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Attendance



This week's attendance winners are:

Ladybird: Showing up everyday with positive attitudes to learning.

Leopard: Fantastic attendance and showing wonderful consistency in class very single day.

Star of the Week



Ladybird: Cody Izzard

Bumblebee: Olivia Daniel Cirera

Koala: Adam Czwertlik

Wallaby: Ayra Rajeswaran

Penguin: Angeles Latouche

Seal: Iris Watson

Meerkat: Joshua Popa-Zirnash

Zebra: Matilda Nowak

Armadillo: Jarren Besa-Bicol

Raccoon: Ezra Fevrier

Leopard: Praise Benjamin

Panda: Helena Zagaja

Toucan: Eszter Olszowy-Sipos

Alpaca: Sebastian Mrowiec

Reader and Writer of the Week



Ladybird: Olivia Cox

Bumblebee: Raphael Verdier

Koala: Daphne Doidge

Wallaby: Travis Massin

Penguin: Rory Quinn

Seal: Adonis Dower

Meerkat: Chukwu Chibuike

Zebra: Leah Lucas

Armadillo: Max Pearson

Raccoon: Tienna Hazel-Harrison

Leopard: Jeevika Arora

Panda: Haider Khan & Arianna Kardilis Manfredi

Toucan: Tiana Narsimoutou

Alpaca: Matilda Richards

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Date

Assistant 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.