# St Francis Newsletter
# 20th November 2026




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***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: Truth

This week in Gospel assembly, we explored our final school value, **Truth: We Live by God's Word**. The children began by taking part in a fun "Fact or Fiction?" quiz, which helped them think about how we know whether something is true. This led to a discussion about where we find truth in our lives and how God reveals truth through His Word and through Jesus.

Together, we considered what truth means in our daily lives. The children suggested that truth is about being honest, trustworthy, doing the right thing even when it is difficult, following God's teachings, and making sure that our actions match our words. We reflected on the idea that truth is not simply something we say, but a way we choose to live.

We then listened to the Gospel reading of **The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)**. During our discussions, the children thought carefully about why the wise builder chose to build on rock and what the rock represents in our own lives. They recognised that the rock symbolises Jesus and His teachings, and that building our lives on a strong foundation means listening to God's Word and putting it into action every day.

The children shared examples of how they can build on this strong foundation by telling the truth, showing kindness, forgiving others, including those who may feel lonely, and helping people in need. These acts help us to live as Jesus taught us and strengthen our character and relationships with others.



## Online Safety Reminder

It has come to our attention that a number of children have been talking about *Grand Theft Auto (GTA)* in school. GTA is a video game that contains violent, criminal and adult content and carries a **PEGI 18** age rating. This means it is intended only for adults aged 18 and over.

No child attending St Francis is old enough to play this game legally or appropriately. We would therefore ask parents and carers to ensure that children are not accessing GTA, either directly or by watching others play.

If adults in the home choose to play age-restricted games, it is important that children are not exposed to the content, as it may be upsetting and can influence discussions, language and play at school.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe both online and offline

## Nativity Productions

**Early Years (Reception Year)** - Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th December at 9.15am

**KS1 (Years 1 & 2)** - Tuesday 8th December at 9.15am & Wednesday 9th December at 2.00pm

Programmes will be available to purchase on Monday 23rd November via ParentPay priced at £2



## PTA Reminder – Everything due Friday 27 November!

Next Friday is our big Christmas Fayre deadline. Please remember:

 **Jolly Jars** for the competition – Decorated and filled with individually wrapped, nut-free sweets. (Optional) - see ParentMail dated 9th November for details

 **Own Clothes Day** – Wear your own clothes and bring your year-group donation:

**Reception & Year 5:** New/unwanted gift or toy

**Year 1:** Shop-bought cupcakes, NO NUTS, dated beyond 4 December

**Year 2:** Clean, good-condition soft toy

**Year 3:** Red or green hamper item

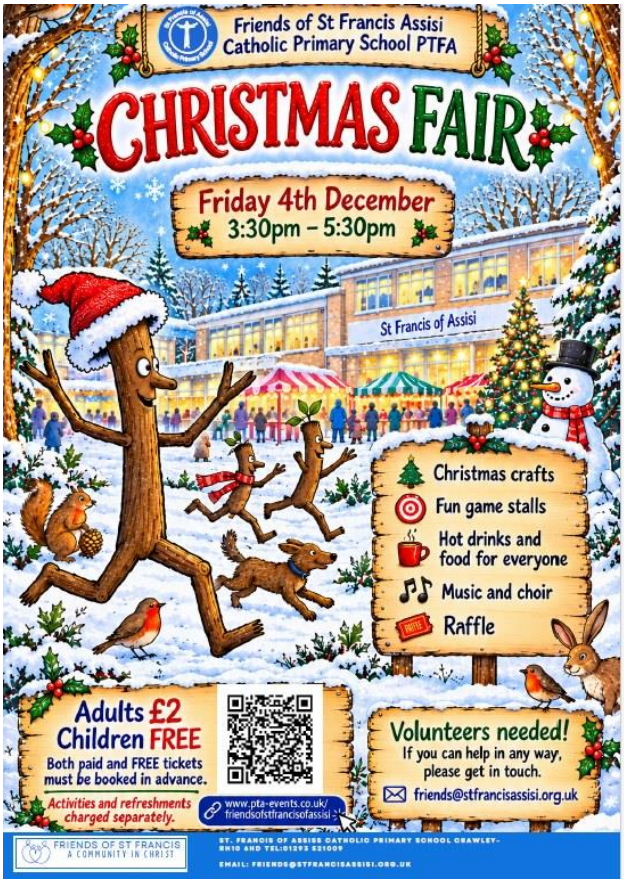
**Year 4 & Year 6:** Bottles

More details on ParentMail from 17th November

 **Raffle Tickets** – Return completed stubs and payment to the school office.

**All due Friday 27 November.**

# Christmas Fayre & Own Clothes Day



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# Christmas Raffle

## Fantastic prizes to be won!

- £100 cash prize
- Two-night stay at Hampton by Hilton, Lisbon
- Crawley Town FC match tickets (2 adults, 2 children)
- Barracudas holiday camp
- Bocketts Farm vouchers
- Borde Hill Gardens vouchers
- Dance Shack vouchers
- Drusillas Park entry
- Fishers Farm Park vouchers
- Flip Out Croydon vouchers
- Hobbledown entry
- Kicks Dance voucher
- National Trust day pass
- Tulleys Tea Rooms vouchers
- Hey Ladybird annual subscription
- Copthorne Springfit voucher
- Swimmers Ed vouchers
- Springfit 4 weeks free classes
- Ariel Drama Academy voucher
- The Entertainer £15 voucher
- Toy Barnhaus giant ball
- Tilgate Walled Garden Café vouchers
- Benchmarc Driving School 1-hour lesson
- The Parsons Pig voucher
- Amal Aesthetics voucher
- Kings18 £25 voucher
- Cosmetologist Agnieszka vouchers
- Tuk Limited kids scooter
- *And more...*



**With heartfelt thanks to our generous prize donors**

Please return completed raffle tickets and payment to the school office by

**FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

Thank you for your support!

## Reindeer Run - Friday 11th December




## GIRLS FOOTBALL- CANCELLED

There will be no girls after school football club next Monday 23rd November due to league fixtures.

## Lego After School Club

This After School Club will be run by Miss Strudwick and Mr Ferrito.




## St Andrew's Day

All children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school wearing a blue item with their school uniform on Monday 30th  November to celebrate St Andrew's Day.

# 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

**Mon 30** - St Andrews Day- All children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school wearing a blue item with their school uniform

**December**

**Wed 2-** Open morning at 9.15am for 2027/28 intake (please call to make an appointment

**Fri 4** - Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm-5.30pm & Own Clothes Day

## Attendance




This week's attendance winners are:

Panda class – for achieving the most improved attendance. Everyday counts and your commitment to learning is helping you succeed.

Penguin class – for outstanding consistency in attendance and a fantastic commitment to learning every day. Well done!

# Star of the Week




**Ladybird:** Camilla Muthumadan

**Bumblebee:** Rémiya Bontemps

**Koala:** Gabriel Pezo

**Wallaby:** Jagoda Szczygielska

**Penguin:** Lashanna Dorley

**Seal:** Isabella Santiago

**Meerkat**: Chukwu Chibuike

**Zebra:** Sophia Abreu

**Armadillo**: Julliano Pereira Sambouang

**Raccoon:** Ava-Frankie Strudwick

**Leopard:** Kady Hutchby

**Panda:** Edward Johnston

**Toucan:** Kimberly Rodrigues

**Alpaca:** Tyrell Naraina

## Reader and Writer of the Week



**Ladybird:** Ekansh Gupta

**Bumblebee:** Abigaelle L'Enclume

**Koala:** Willow Riaza- Rumble

**Wallaby:** Viaan Chaudhary

**Penguin:** Chloe Hunter

**Seal:** Albie Nairn

**Meerkat**: Cathalyn Dinkle

**Zebra:** Eva Barot

**Armadillo**: Holly Bailey

**Raccoon:** Nevin Sony Abraham

**Leopard:** Ojasthry Wasanthakumar & Michaela Mathew

**Panda:** Adam Wozniak

**Toucan:** George Alex

**Alpaca:** Neriah Ephraim

## Final thoughts from Mrs Winton

Thank you for your kind words, prayers and support whilst I have been away from school. It has been wonderful to be back, and I have really missed spending time with the children, staff and families that make our school such a special community.

I could not have chosen a better day to return than **Odd Socks Day**, as we joined schools across the country in marking **Anti-Bullying Week**. The colourful socks were a wonderful reminder that we are all unique and that our differences should be celebrated. Throughout the week, the children have reflected on the importance of treating everyone with kindness, respect and compassion. We have discussed how our words and actions can make a positive difference to others, ensuring that everyone feels valued, included and safe within our school family.

As we approach the end of November, it is hard to believe that Advent is just around the corner. This special season gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. We look forward to sharing this journey with the children over the coming weeks. If you are able, please sign up for the Christmas Fair as volunteers for stalls are still needed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy some special time with your families.

Love and God bless,

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.