



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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At St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, God is at the heart of our school. We try, everyday, to follow Jesus' commandment 'Love one another as I have loved you'. We do this through love for our families, our friends, and our school. We respect our environment and recognise our responsibility for it. We encourage in each other a love of learning. We rejoice in each others' uniqueness. We place prayer and worship at the centre of everything we do. We are a community of love dedicated to God. Our school is somewhere we can grow together.

Dress to Express Day—Monday 6th February



Please can I remind you that Monday 6th February there is Dress to Express day where children are encouraged to wear clothes that express their emotions, feelings or personalities. We will be raising money for "Place 2Be" a children's mental health charity. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 via Parentpay or to the class teacher on the day.

Parent and Teaching Consultations

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February 3.50—6.20pm

Parent and carer meetings will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th of February.

If you haven't already booked your Parent and Teacher Consultation, there is still time!
Please book a time slot on either Tuesday or Thursday via Parentmail.

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 7th February

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. There will be a whole school assembly plus lessons and activities for all year groups on being safe online.



Donation Plea!

Can we please have donations of the following :

Small World People

Plastic animals - polar animals, farm animals, insects, dinosaurs, reptiles, African animals

Small world emergency vehicles

Colourful mats

Colourful cushions

Old walkies

Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warm regards, Mrs Winton

World Book Day –2nd March 2023

It won't be long until World Book Day 2023! We have a great day planned for Thursday 2nd March, packed with activities!

Please could we ask for your help with a few activities:

- Book swap: Children bring in a book or two from home to swap for another one! Please bring books in from Monday 27th February.
- Wooden spoon competition: This year we are asking the children to decorate a wooden spoon as a book character. Prizes are ready for the winners!

On Thursday 2nd March, children are invited to wear their own clothes or dress as a book character.

As usual, the Book Fair will be in school for children to visit during the day and after school. More details on this will follow.



Great app alert!

White Rose Maths have created an app called the '1 minute maths app'. It aims to help children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks! Perfect for maths on the go and when you have a few minutes to spare. The best thing about it is that it is free! Happy downloading and enjoy.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Eucharist Ministers



Calling out to parents/carers/grandparents who are trained Eucharistic Ministers. If you would be willing to administer the Eucharist at one of our school Masses, please contact the school office on

office@stfrancisassisi.org.uk to express your interest.

Thank you,

Miss Batchelor

Healthy Eating

We have noticed that some children have been bringing in chocolate biscuits and packets of crisps for their break time snack.



All snacks sent into school for break time should consist of pieces of fruit or vegetables only.

If your child is in KS1 they will be provided with a piece of fruit for morning break.

Outside Clubs

Please note the following clubs will not be running next week due to Parent and Teacher consultation

Tuesday—Karate

Tuesday- Year 3 & 4 Choir

As you are aware, we have a NO nut policy in school. Please can I ask parents to ensure that snacks and packed lunches are free from food items that may contain nuts. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella/Peanut Butter.

We have now updated this to include SESAME. We have children with severe allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.



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 and Miss Chester.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FACEBOOK

AGE RATING
13+

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12-15 year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12-15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be coaxed into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.

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Thank you to St Anthony Class Mrs Richards , Miss Coaker and all the families who joined us for their class assembly this week.

St Anthony's class assembly this week was on the topic of special people. We talked about people who are special to us, people who have special jobs in the church and how Jesus is the most special person for the parish family. St Anthony class know that Jesus is the light of the world and that this was remembered on 2nd February when we celebrated The feast of the Presentation of Jesus.



Congratulations to St Francis, St Anthony & St Newman Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Diary Dates

February

Mon 6—Dress to Express

Tues 7—Safer Internet Day

Tues 7—St Vincent De Paul Class Assembly at 9.05am—Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

Tues 7—Parents Consultation Evening 3.50—6.20pm

Wed 8—PFA AGM Meeting at 3.30pm

Thurs 9—Parent Consultation Evening 3.50—6.20pm

Fri 10—Break the Rules Day

Mon 13—HALF TERM



Break the Rules Day—Friday 10th February

For further details, please see attached flyer.



St Mary: Kian Young
St Joseph: Jessica Lane
St Francis: Michaela Mathew
St. Anthony: Sophie Heath
St. Bernadette: Alex Luncanu
St. Clare of Assisi: Junior Sseninde
St. Therese of Lisieux: Sophia Crook
St. Vincent de Paul: Alicia Furtado
St. John Paul: Kornelia Olszowy-Sipos
St Maximilian Kolbe: Ambra Mulilo
St. Newman: Bobbie Brooker
St Philip Howard: Abigail Amenogbe
St Peter: Arthur Balestrini
St Paul: Maja Skulska



St Mary: Max Pearson
St Joseph: Patrick Quinn
St Francis: Jordon Muwonge
St. Anthony: Scarlett Simon
St. Bernadette: Eszter Olszowy-Sipos
St. Clare of Assisi: James De Jesus
St. Therese of Lisieux: Kieran Pocock
St. Vincent de Paul: Nico Cifaldi-Hartfield
St. John Paul: Eva Mihajlisin
St Maximilian Kolbe: Maddison Orton
St. Newman: Lavina Dorley
St Philip Howard: Adrian Biju
St Peter: Fernando Szatkowski-Ribeiro
St Paul: Costin Toma