



Welcome to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

New reception parents meeting 2023

13th June 2023





Our School Mission Statement

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.



Leadership team and contacts

For all day to day enquiries please see your child's class teacher. Emails to the office to can forwarded to class teachers.



Headteacher Mrs Winton: Any safeguarding concerns you may have about the welfare and safety of families and children. Please contact Mrs Winton via the schools contact number 01293 521009 or email the office at office@stfrancisassisi.org.uk



Assistant head Mrs Strudwick: Any SEND and inclusion or medical needs. Mrs Strudwick can be contacted via send@stfrancisassisi.org.uk



Assistant head Miss Date: If you are on a low income or receive certain benefits your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium is additional funding, given to the school, towards your child's education. It can pay for school trips, additional support or resources for your child or for school uniform.

Please fill out a form. This is included in your pack and will also be available on home visits in September.



Meet the teachers and support staff



Mrs Ternouth- Ladybird class

EYFS lead/ Class teacher

Monday-Wednesday



Mrs Rankin- Ladybird class

Class teacher Thursday- Friday



Mrs Doyle – Bumblebee class

Class teacher



Miss Lucchesi

Support Staff



Mrs Ryan

Support Staff



Mrs Asif

Support Staff



Mrs Janusaite

Support Staff



Our ethos



In our Foundation Stage we plan a creative, engaging and stimulating curriculum based around a topic but also considering children's interests and fascinations. For more information on our curriculum, please visit the Curriculum and Year Group pages on our website www.stfranciscrawley.org.

We provide independent learning activities that are carefully planned to provide children with a range of engaging and meaningful experiences that give them an opportunity to practise and consolidate their skills at their level of development.





A typical day in Reception

8:40 Settling in. Funky Fingers / handwriting / morning activity

9:00 Prayer. Register. Assembly (gradually introduced)

9:30 Phonics groups

10:00 Independent Learning Time- Children have a fruit snack during this time which is provided by school.

11:30 Learning Feedback time

11:40 Maths

12:15 Prayer. Lunch

12:45 Playtime

1:20 Literacy, Topic or RE carpet time.

1:35 Independent Learning Time

2:30 Circle Time

2:45 Prepare for home time.

3:00 Story Time.

3:15 Prayer. Home Time.



Time to say goodbye/ Morning routine

The unit door opens at 8.40 am. The children put their belongings away, find their name card and practise handwriting / morning activity.

Registration begins at 9.00 am, it is important your child is in school for that time.

Please encourage your child to come into the Early Years unit independently. They will say goodbye to you before entering the unit.

Most children are fine being left by their parents but some may shed a few tears. We have many adults in the unit who will comfort and engage with your child.

Be positive, say a cheery goodbye and go!! Any upset children will usually stop crying and play within a couple of minutes.





Phonics and Maths



Children learn these skills through the teaching of phonics:

- Learn letter sounds and groups of letters that make different sounds,
- Learn to write letter shapes,
- Learn to blend sounds together for reading,
- Learn to identify sounds in words for writing,
- Learn to read and spell tricky words.

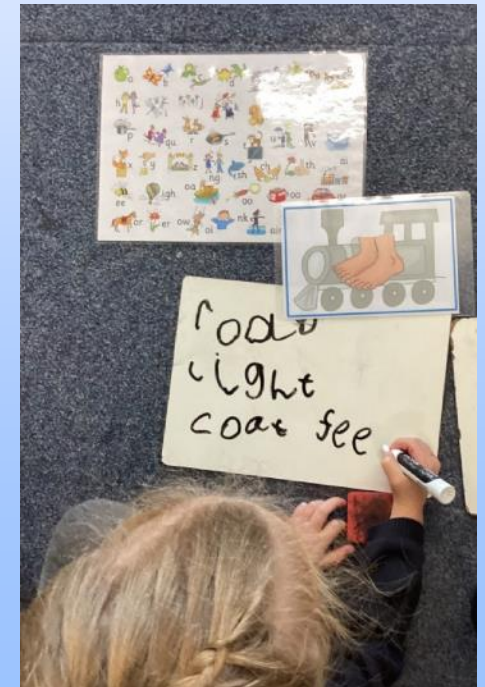
We teach these skills through the scheme 'Song of Sounds'

<https://www.songofsounds.co.uk>



We teach early Maths skills using the scheme 'White Rose'

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources?year=early-years>





Our School Uniform

Please visit our website for more additional information on uniform.

Our school uniform supplier is Sussex Uniforms. www.sussexuniforms.co.uk



Reception

	Winter	Summer	PE
Boys in Reception	Tailored grey long trousers	Tailored grey long trousers or shorts	Navy shorts
	White polo shirt	White polo shirt	White polo shirt
	Navy jumper with logo	Navy jumper with logo	Black plimsolls
	Grey or navy socks	Grey or navy socks	During colder weather, plain navy sweatshirt and joggers
	Navy jacket		
	Navy or grey scarf and beanie		
Girls in Reception	Grey skirt or pinafore or trousers	Same as winter uniform or:	Navy shorts or navy lycra shorts
	White polo shirt	Blue and white checked summer dress	White polo shirt
	Navy jumper or cardigan with logo	Navy jumper or cardigan with logo	Black plimsolls
	Grey tights / white or grey knee high socks	White ankle socks	During colder weather, plain navy sweatshirt, navy joggers or black leggings
	Navy coat or jacket		
	Navy or grey scarf and beanie		
	Navy reversible jacket with logo (optional)		



What to bring to school each day

Please name and label all of your child's belongings that come to school. Labelled items can be easily returned to their owners.

Your child will get a reading book, a reading journal and tricky word bookmarks, which will need to come to school each day in their book bag.

You may wish to provide some spare clothes in your child's bag if they are prone to accidents.



Book bag- You will be provided with a bookbag by the PFA. Your child will receive it on their home visit.



Water bottle



Extended School club

You may wish for your child to attend our Extended Schools Club. This is situated opposite the Reception unit. Breakfast Club is open from 8am and the After School Club closes at 6pm. At the end of the school day the teachers accompany the children to the Extended School Club. This is bookable via the office.





Lunch time- Easy lunch company

Children will go to lunch in the hall at 12.15 and lunch time usually takes half an hour.

All Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free hot lunch. If you do not wish your child to have a hot lunch you may provide a healthy packed lunch. No sweets or chocolate are allowed and a piece of fruit or vegetables should be included in their lunch box.

If your child has dietary requirements or allergies please inform us on the medical form in your pack and return it to school by 6th July. You will also need to inform the hot dinners company:

<https://theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk>

As the children are provided with a hot meal, it is really helpful to teach your child to eat with a knife and fork so they feel confident at lunch time.



For more information: <https://theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk/school-lunches-menu/>



Attendance

Expectation in school every day and we expect 95%. Call the office if your child is ill before 8am and leave their name, class and a reason for their absence.

No holidays should be taken during term time. The Government has ruled that families may be fined for taking children out of school without permission and with long absences may lose their place in the school.

Exceptional circumstances may be requested in writing to the Headteacher and will be discussed with the Governors.

Attendance Matters





Transition dates

Morning visit- July 5th (Group A 9.15-10.15, group B 10.45-11.45)

Home visits will take place between Monday 4th September and Wednesday 6th September

Part time sessions:

Thursday 7th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (group A 9-11, group B 1-3)

Friday 8th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (group A 9-11, group B 1-3)

Monday 11th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (Group A 9-12.30, Group B 1-3)
Group A to stay for lunch

Tuesday 12th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (Group A 9-12.30, Group B 1-3)
Group A to stay for lunch

Wednesday 13th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (Group B 9-12.30, Group A 1-3) Group B to stay for lunch

Thursday 14th Sept: ½ of class in at a time (Group B 9-12.30, Group A 1-3)
Group B to stay for lunch

Friday 15th Sept: children in full time 8.50 - 3.15 (Doors open at 8.40)



Tapestry

We use Tapestry to keep a journal of your child's learning.

Using a tablet, staff can add evidence of WOW moments to a child's learning journal in the form of photos, observation notes and short videos. It can then be viewed by the parent and teaching staff.

We strongly encourage parents to add observations of children's achievements and experiences at home.

Why tapestry?

We can control the access for staff and parents, a secure domain.

Each child has individual account access for parents.

Strong home-school link.

At the end of the year you receive a link and can download a PDF of the journal for you to keep.

Use of Memo to enable home learning and inform on curriculum.



Getting ready for school

Here are some things to encourage during the next 3 months with your children.

Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress –
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.

Playing with Others



- I join in games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

Eating and Drinking

- I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
- I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
- I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.



1 2 3 4 5 Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to ten.
- I can recognise some numbers.

Reading and Writing

- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.