



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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the academic year. Thank you to all the staff and children at St Francis for making this a year to remember. I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to Mr Jones who is retiring this summer. Mr Jones has worked at St Francis Assisi School since September 2016. We will all miss Mr Jones - his warmth, kindness and dedication will never be forgotten. Thank you, Peter, for all you have contributed to the school and to the teaching profession.



We also say goodbye to Mrs Richards. We would like to extend our thanks to her and wish her all the best for the future. Joining us in September will be an amazing teacher whom I have worked with previously. Miss Ainsworth will be joining St Francis as the Panda Class Teacher

**CLASS OF
2024**

This week we have had our Year 6 Leavers Party. The children thoroughly enjoyed the inflatables, music and food on Wednesday. A great time was had by all.



This week was also the End of Year Mass. Thank you to Father Nelson for leading such a wonderful Mass, a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate together. Father Nelson gave a superb homily and tasked the children to remember something he learned at school: to do the right thing, at the right time and in the place.

Today, the local police came in to talk to the children about how to stay safe over the holidays. Thank you, PC Ryan and PC Sam. There were some great tips for children in all year groups.

Pupil of the Year.

Each teacher nominated their pupil of the year: Noah G (Bumblebee), Reilly (Ladybird), Victoria (Wallaby), Aaron (Koala), Gavin (Seal), Sophie P (Penguin), Irene (Zebra), Gia (Meerkat), Olivia G (Raccoon), Alicja (Armadillo), Niamh (Panda), Amelia (Leopard), Adele (Toucan) and Laya (Alpaca).

The whole school winner and the 2023-20254 Pupil of the Year is **Laya Thomas** in Alpaca Class. An absolutely worthy winner. She was awarded the shield (with her name engraved on it) during assembly. She will hold onto the shield until next year. Congratulations to all the children and especially Laya.



And that's it from me...good luck to our Year 6 children - you are all fantastic.

I wish you all a safe and blessed holiday with your friends and family.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton





Forest School

Year 1 have been becoming bug experts this term, with lots of bug hunting as well as Superworm week and Bee week. The children had great fun learning to communicate like bees with waggle dances and making their own miniature bees out of pine cones. They have built on their skills too, using hammers and learning how to tie knots. We have made use of our new shelter to take refuge from the sun and rain, and explored the new games and activities inside the shelter. If your child wants to continue their outdoor adventures over the summer holidays, check out the Forest School page of our school website for some ideas of summer outdoor exploration.

Fruit picking!

Watch this space for invitations to come and pick some fruit from our orchard area in September. We will be inviting families to pick apples, pears and there may be some plums that maybe ready for picking, for a donation. More information on this will follow in September.



Calm moments!



- Go cloud spotting! Lie on your back and look up at the clouds. What do they look like?
- On a sunny day, with a partner on a hard surface outside, spot each other's shadows. Chalk around your partner's shadow and try again later to see if the shadow has moved.
- Sit or walk somewhere in nature. Be super quiet. What can you hear? Smell? Feel? See?

On a walk



- Make a journey stick, collecting things like flowers and leaves and tying them onto a stick with string, wool or elastic bands.
- Write or draw the things you might find on your walk before you go, and tick off the ones you see. You might choose tree, flower, ant, cloud, spider's web, feather or pinecone.
- Play 'Find something...' You might be challenged to find something shiny, colourful, smooth, rough, pointy, soft or prickly.

Explore the outdoors this summer!



On the beach



- Play noughts and crosses in the sand.
- Make works of art with shells, stones and seaweed!
- Race to be the first to fill up a bucket on the beach, just using your hands as a cup to scoop the water.

In the woods

- Make a mini den for an animal using sticks and leaves.
- Make a bug hotel with sticks, leaves and grass.
- Press paper against a tree and rub on the paper with the side of a crayon to see the pattern of the bark.
- Meet a tree game. With a partner, one person closes their eyes and the other carefully guides them to a tree. They can touch the tree with their hands before being led away. When they open their eyes, can they work out which tree they were touching?

After School Club -
Tuesday 23rd July

Please note there will be no After School Club on Tuesday 23rd July as the school will close at 1pm for the holidays. Please can we ask that all children are collected promptly.

Year 2 Hot Lunches Reminder

Please remember that from September, children currently in Year 2, will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals unless you are in receipt of free school meals.

Parents will need to order and pay for meals directly from Easy Lunch or ensure children bring in a packed lunch.

Prayer intentions:

As of September, every week, we will have a section of the newsletter dedicated to the prayer intentions of our community. This will be a special opportunity for us to come together as a community to pray for one another's intentions. This may be a celebration, memorial or thanksgiving intention, all are welcome. If you have any intentions you would like to share in our weekly newsletter, please email them to Miss Batchelor at prayers@stfrancisassisi.org.uk

'Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.' (Matthew 18:19-20)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby, Penguin, Meerkat & Toucan class for achieving 97% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Ladybird, Bumblebee, Koala, Seal, Meerkat, Panda and Toucan Classes.

Diary Dates

July

Mon 22 –Year 6 Leavers Mass at the Friary at 3.45pm

Tues 23—Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.05am

Tues 23– End of term **1pm finish**

September

Mon 2—Inset Day

Tues 3– Pupils return to school



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