



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

**Newsletter—No.1**  
**Friday 6th September 2024**



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,

Welcome back to another school year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new parents and carers. I hope that your children have had a positive start to life at St Francis. The new reception children did so well today! I enjoyed snack time with some of them today and they were all so happy and settled.

This week we have begun the new year with a joyful Mass celebrated by Father Peter. It was lovely to hear the children singing and rejoicing at being back in school. Thank you to all those who attended and took part.

## **A few reminders**

Please make a note of your child(ren)'s PE days as the children need to come to school wearing their PE uniforms on those days. Please also check our website to ensure that the correct uniform is being worn. In assembly this week I noticed how smart everyone looked, particularly Year 1 who are now wearing ties.

Dates - Please check the school website calendar for key dates.

Snacks - Children in EYFS and KS1 have fruit available for a playtime snack.

Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in their own snack. Please make sure that these snacks are fruit or vegetables.



## **Fundraising**



The Friends of St Francis is our brand new fundraising team consisting of staff, parents and friends. Please keep your eye out for the new group on Facebook where we will organise events and coordinate helpers. This is an exciting opportunity to meet other members of our community, have fun and support the school. The aim of Friends is to take the pressure of fundraising and enjoy raising money for the children. This half term, there will be a Friends of St Francis disco and non-uniform day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. More details will follow.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Ainsworth who is our new Panda Class teacher. I am delighted to have her join our amazing staff team.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton



# OPEN MORNING

Tuesday October 1st, Wednesday 6th  
November and Tuesday 26th November at  
9.30am

This is for children applying for a place in Reception Class next  
September 2025

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

## **Parking and Children's Safety**

Please can we remind you to park considerately and safely when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day. This includes not parking in the school carpark or in front of the barrier.

Please also avoid walking through the school carpark as children can be hit by moving vehicles. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

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.



## Outside Clubs

Just a reminder, outside clubs start again next week.

## Easy Lunch Hot Lunches

Please remember that if your child has gone into Year 3 this September, which is KS2, they will no longer be eligible for Free School Meals.

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

Unfortunately, we do not have spare hot food.

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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Koala Class for achieving 99% and Armadillo, Leopard & Panda Class for achieving 97% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Koala, Penguin, Meerkat and Toucan Classes.

## Diary Dates

**Tues 10**—Year 6 Parents Meeting with Mr Ferry at 2pm in the school hall

**Thurs 12**—Year 3 Egyptian Day

**Weds 18**—School Photographer—individual photos

**Fri 20** Easy Lunch food tasting 3.00-3.30pm

**Mon 23**-Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

**Thursday 26**—Year 5 Greek Day



**Koala:** Charlie Kluge  
**Wallaby:** Cathalyn Dinkle  
**Penguin:** Racquel Marabella  
**Seal:** Jayden Jobe  
**Meerkat:** Zahra-Rose Ahmed  
**Zebra:** Venu Natarajan  
**Armadillo:** Max Gregg  
**Raccoon:** Eszter Olszowy-Sipos  
**Leopard:** Adelina Jayasundera  
**Panda:** Emma Idzik  
**Toucan:** Holly Chambers  
**Alpaca:** Dhyan Patel



**Koala:** Ayesha Quadros  
**Wallaby:** Harry Pearson  
**Penguin:** Bernard Fernandes  
**Seal:** Eliza Bromham  
**Meerkat:** Arlo Nairn  
**Zebra:** Sebastiao Coetzer Ascenso  
**Armadillo :** Harry Butler  
**Raccoon:** Natalia Amariei  
**Leopard:** Emilia Notturmo  
**Panda:** Debbie Wong  
**Toucan:** Gerry Ryan  
**Alpaca:** Julianne Simon

## 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