



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

**Newsletter—No.15**  
**Friday 10th January 2025**



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 & Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and a joyful New Year. Thank you for your kind wishes, cards and gifts. The staff and I are very grateful for your kind thoughts.

## UNIFORM

Please see attached for our school uniform requirements. Please also note PE kit requirements. There have been some additions to PE kits this week including large logos and branded sportswear which is not permitted. If unsure, please speak to your child's teacher. In these colder weeks, please make sure children have a warm coat and sturdy school shoes. If wellies/boots are worn, school shoes should be changed into once children are in school. As well as uniform, only small stud earrings are permitted and hair accessories need to be blue and of a modest size. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WELCOME!

We welcome a new member of staff, Mr Gumble who will be working in the school office on a Monday and Tuesday. He is very much looking forward to meeting everyone in the coming weeks.

## EYFS

Reception put on another fantastic performance of their Nativity Show as there were many who couldn't attend in December due to illness. The teachers were so proud of all the children—they remembered all their lines even after the Christmas break! Well done Ladybirds and Bumblebees.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Penguin Class thoroughly enjoyed being outside for a frosty Forest School this week. The children all wrapped up warm and had a fantastic time being outdoors.

I hope you all have a warm and cosy weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs Winton



On Thursday, Year 5 welcomed the Herstmonceux Planetarium to St Francis. They explored the Terrestrial and Jovian planets in our Solar System and even ventured into the outer edges of our galaxy.



## Outside Clubs

All clubs will begin next week, Monday 13th January (except Years 5 & 6 girls football which starts Monday 20th Jan)

If your child is making their own way home after a club, you will need to complete an additional consent form (due to the darker evenings). Forms are available from the class teacher or school office.

## Reception Class Intake 2025

Please note the national closing date for September 2025 intake is Wednesday 15th January 2025

You will need to complete and return the **school's supplementary information form** to the

School office by 3pm that day.



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.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Seal Class for achieving 98% attendance this week.

*Sadly there were no classes where everyone arrived on time this week.*

## Diary Dates

### January

**Tues 28**—Seal class assembly at 9.05am— Parents/Carers/

Grandparents welcome

**Thurs 30**— EYFS parent phonic session at 9.00am



Ladybird: Heera Rajeswaran  
Bumblebee: Jaden Igwe  
Koala: Nathan Mendes  
Wallaby: Cadan Maskell  
Penguin: Dominykas Maikstenas  
Seal: Towdah Eromosele  
Meerkat: Aparajith Sudharsan Hemambujavalli  
Zebra: Kady Hutchby & Martha Kirwan  
Armadillo: Alexander Luncanu  
Raccoon: Emilia Kowalska  
Leopard: Connor Marrs  
Panda: Kailon Hazel  
Toucan: Maddie Orton  
Alpaca: Mia Bicknell



Ladybird: Leo Mulligan  
Bumblebee: Zainab Fatima Cheema  
Koala: Theo Dakurah  
Wallaby: Julianna Peiris  
Penguin: Oliver Smykowski  
Seal: Ryan George  
Meerkat: Aiden Leonce  
Zebra: Athena Carter  
Armadillo : Shealinn McGovern  
Raccoon: George Alex  
Leopard: Vincent Sun  
Panda: Ellie Balestrini  
Toucan: Ellinka Marday  
Alpaca: Evanmee Peiris

### 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