



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,

This week there have been multiple incidents involving thoughtless driving. This week I sent a ParentMail as a parent/carer was driving along a pavement outside and nearly hit a child. This and the repeated incidents of people driving through the grounds and into the staff car park have been really disappointing. Please note, there are always good reasons for what we are asking. We are trying to keep everyone safe. If you see antisocial driving, please take a photo of the car/plate so we can pass this onto the police. It is also important that we walk the children around the carpark, not through it. If we all work together, we can make a positive change. Thank you for your understanding.



In lighter news, thank you to Seal Class who delivered a fantastic assembly all about stories. The children delivered lines with confidence and clarity. There was a particular member of staff who had their musical story shared with everyone in honour of his birthday. Well done Kingsley who played a very convincing Mr Szymczyk and thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Evans and the super Seals for such a delightful assembly.

On Tuesday, the children in St David's House enjoyed their house point reward from the autumn term. Thank you, Mrs Pitcairn-Hill, for organising a fun quiz which was enjoyed by all.

Yesterday, Bumblebee and Ladybird had a parent stay and learn session which focused on phonics. The teachers modelled teaching and learning strategies to parents to support home learning. Thanks to all who attended and made the event so worthwhile. There will be more parent workshop sessions to follow.

Welcome back Mrs Edwards-Benham who has been recovering from knee surgery. It is lovely to have her back.

Finally, next week is Children's Mental Health Week (more info overleaf). Our Wellbeing Ambassadors, *The Allstars*, will be promoting this in their assembly on Monday, plus we have Phunky Foods delivering a whole school *Resilience Building* session. The theme this year is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. We want Children's Mental Health Week, with the help of the characters from *Inside Out 2*, to encourage children and adults to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help us all grow and develop the resilience to cope with what life throws at us.



With warmest wishes, Mrs Winton

KNOW YOURSELF, GROW YOURSELF

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

The more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs.

Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel **JOY** and what may cause us **SADNESS**. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way. During Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, please join us in some activities to help us explore our different emotions and grow ourselves. There is something for everyone, and we hope you enjoy this journey of self-discovery!

Prayer Intentions:

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 Ladybird Class for achieving 100% and Armadillo and Panda Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to:
Zebra and Armadillo Classes.

Diary Dates

February

Tues 4—Koala class assembly at 9.05am— Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

Thurs 6—Pre loved uniform sale after school

Fri 7—Pre loved uniform sale before school

Tues 11— Panda class assembly at 9.05am— Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

Thurs 13- Years 1 & 2 family fundraiser 2.40pm

Fri 14—Go Red for Heart Month— children to wear red instead of school uniform for a £1 suggested donation

17—21—HALF TERM

Mon 24—School closed for INSET Day

Tues 25—EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Fri 28—St David's Day— children in St David's house welcome to wear something Yellow



Ladybird: Aanya Jain
Bumblebee: Adonis Dower
Koala: Milan Buczek
Wallaby: Maham Khan
Penguin: Ava Wilson
Seal: Eliza Bromham
Meerkat: Jiya Kauldhar
Zebra: Ilyas Abdul-Rehman
Armadillo: Kaya Vincatassin
Raccoon: James De Jesus
Leopard: Stella Santos
Panda: Sebastian Fitzpatrick
Toucan: Luis Julio Pena
Alpaca: Aharan Jaishankar



Ladybird: Kabir Agarwal
Bumblebee: Thea Ceapa
Koala: Cian Hutchinson
Wallaby: Kinsley Ggiibwa
Penguin: Aaron Veerabadren
Seal: Jordan Botlar
Meerkat: Jude Mulligan
Zebra: Isla Jolley
Armadillo : Adam Jaskiewicz
Raccoon: Benjamin Bogus
Leopard: Indy Mutesi Kabahoza
Panda: Kayzia Fernandes
Toucan: Dhruven Patel
Alpaca: Maria Jaskiewicz

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