



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, Carers, and Families,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to St Francis for the start of a new school year! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting term ahead. Despite the rain, it has been bright and cheery in school. The children have settled well into their new classes with their new teachers and teaching assistants. We welcome Mrs Benham who is working with Mrs Edwards-Benham in Zebra Class and Miss Swift who is working in Year 2. We are in the process of recruiting another teaching assistant for Year 2 and will keep you updated.



Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. If you're unsure about any part of the uniform policy, you can find full details on our school website. A smart uniform helps set the tone for learning and pride in our school community. Please also ensure that the correct PE uniform is worn.



Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for every child's success. All children should be in school and ready to learn by **8:50am** each morning. Let's work together to make every school day count!



We invite all parents and carers to get involved with the **Friends of St Francis** fundraising group. It's a great way to support the school, meet other families and help enrich our children's learning experiences. More information will be shared soon about upcoming meetings and events. There are also updates on the Facebook group. Last year we raised more than £6,000 to go towards Phase 1 of the new school roof. There were fantastic events such as school discos, Mother's Day events and much much more! There will be a date coming up in the next few weeks to meet other's in the group and to

plan for this year's fundraising events. Keep your eye out for future meeting dates.



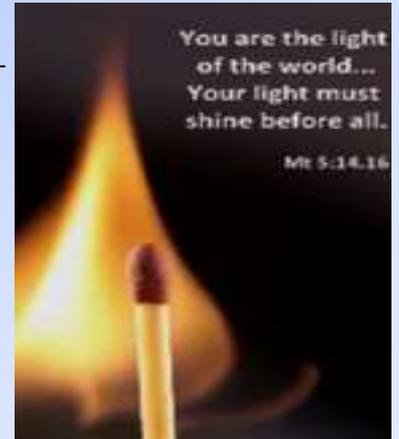
Start of the Year Mass

We warmly invite you to join us for our **Start of the Year Mass** on **Monday 8th September 2025**. It's a special moment to come together as a school community and celebrate the year ahead. This year promises to be a fantastic one as we come towards the end of the Jubilee. Our new Mission Statement and motto will be launched in the next few weeks.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth and community spirit. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Winton



Music lessons at St Francis



The beginning of the school year is a great time to take up instrumental or singing lessons. Here, at St Francis, we have a fantastic team of teachers offering lessons to pupils from Year 2 onwards at the school. There are a variety of instruments to learn how to play: piano, keyboard, guitar (classical, acoustic, electric or bass), drums, violin, woodwind and brass instruments. Also how to set and use your singing voice correctly. Our peripatetic teachers are qualified and experienced professional musicians whose primary aim is to create lessons

that are child-centered and engaging to inspire students to learn and get involved in music.

If you are interested, please contact our visiting teachers directly:

Mr Alex Hedley – guitar and ukulele. To apply please contact Mr Hedley directly on 07876065727.

Love Music School – piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, drums and singing. To apply please visit www.lovemusicschool.co.uk

West Sussex Music – piano, keyboard, violin, woodwind and brass instruments. To apply please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk

Please, do not to hesitate to contact me via the school office, if you require additional information.
Mr Szymczyk .

CLUBS

Just a reminder that clubs start again next week (except for Kicks Dance which starts on Monday 15th September).



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Summer Reading Challenge



Still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden is available in libraries until **Saturday 13 September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit.

Plus, everyone who completes the challenge has the chance to enter a fantastic **prize draw** to win one of fifty £20 National Book Tokens!

Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading. Complete our [registration form](#) and visit your local library to get started.

This year it is even easier to complete the challenge with our [Extra Mile Book Quests](#), why not try one now to help complete the challenge!

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, your local library and more on the [West Sussex Libraries website](#).

