



# 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,

## Walk like an Egyptian!

On Monday, Year 3 were delighted to welcome a special Egyptologist to St Francis. As part of their Egyptian workshop, they became archaeologists and learnt how to excavate a tomb. They explored the life of a pharaoh, how the pyramids were built and the importance of the river Nile. The children behaved beautifully and enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Ancient Egypt.



## Osmington Bay Residential

Thank you Mr Johnson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Draddy, Mrs Pitcairn Hill and Miss Date for supporting the children on their residential this week. The children had a wonderful week away. Please see overleaf for photos and check out the school Facebook page for all photos from the week away.



After a well attended coffee and cake morning last Friday, the Friends of St Francis fundraising group met on Monday evening to assign key committee roles and to plan the exciting fundraising events for this year. If you were unable to make the meeting, you can stay up to date with the Friends of St Francis Facebook group. More info to follow!

## Class Liturgies

This week, Meerkat class led a class liturgy to the children in their phase (Years 3 and 4). The liturgy was based on kindness and the children shared gospel readings, songs and lamentations with confidence to their peers.

Thank you Miss Chester for guiding the children in producing such a beautiful and thoughtful liturgy.



### Thank you!

A lovely local resident called Dean has generously donated a hand-made harvest centerpiece made entirely out of bread. The beautiful piece even has a little mouse at the bottom, very much like our wooden St Francis outside the front entrance.

Thank you, Dean, for providing the stunning centerpiece to our Harvest display.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton



P.S Don't forget this is the last week for Harvest donations 🙏



*"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them". Luke 6:31*

**Wednesday 8th October, Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 3rd December**

**9.15am—10.15am**

This is for children applying for a place in Reception Class next September 2026.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

# Osmington Bay 2025





Making Memories







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Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)



# Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If so they are eligible to start school  
in September 2026

## Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.  
If your application is received after the deadline,  
your chance of securing a place at one of your  
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from  
**Monday 6 October 2025.**  
If you would like further advice or  
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

**Deadline: Thursday 15 January 2026**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby and Raccoon Class for achieving 99% this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Ladybird, Koala, Meerkat, Armadillo and Panda Classes.

## Diary Dates

### October

**Thur 2**—Year 5 Greek Day

**Thur 2**—Year 6 Meeting—Mike Ferry (transition to Secondary) at 2pm

**Fri 3**—St Francis Feast Day Mass at 1.45pm—Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

**Tues 7**—Raccoon Class Assembly at 9.05am— Parents/Carers/Grandparents welcome

**Wed 8**— Open Morning at 9.15am for Reception intake 2026 please call to make an appointment)

**Fri 10**—INSET DAY  
(SCHOOL CLOSED)



**Koala:** Joshua Ugwu  
**Wallaby:** Aanya Jain  
**Penguin:** Francis Kirwan  
**Seal:** Dilan Sriskandarasa  
**Meerkat:** Denis Valkov  
**Zebra:** Jordan Botlar  
**Armadillo:** Adhish Sanjeev Kumar  
**Raccoon:** Tiwa Asanbe  
**Leopard:** Emily Smykowski  
**Panda:** Nathaniel Itty Nijin  
**Toucan:** Whole Class  
**Alpaca:** Whole Class



**Koala:** Libby Hutchby  
**Wallaby:** Angeles Latouche  
**Penguin:** Matilda Nowak  
**Seal:** Emanuele Daidone  
**Meerkat:** Kaiss Fine  
**Zebra:** Mia De Taylor  
**Armadillo :** Alexandra Dudas  
**Raccoon:** Arianna Quarry  
**Leopard:** Frank Dawson  
**Panda:** Amelie Huang  
**Toucan:** Whole Class  
**Alpaca:** Whole Class

### 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