



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No.44

Thursday 9th October 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 and Carers,

St Francis Feast Day

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate St Francis Feast Day on Friday. It was a beautiful Mass where the children processed in with their work from the day.

Thank you also to Father Peter for leading such a special occasion.



Here come the Romans! (Raccoons actually)

There was an amazing class assembly from Raccoon Class this week which showcased their fabulous learning.

The school and parents were treated to acting, singing and lots of phenomenal work that the children have produced so far this term.



Access to the school

Please do not come into the school building if you see a door open. All visitors must come through the main front entrance and be signed in. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please do so at the end of the day via their classroom external door or book an appointment through the office. Thank you.

Nut Free

There have been some wrappers found on the grounds which contained nut products (e.g. Ferrero Roche). We have children and staff with severe nut allergies. Please refrain from bringing in anything that may contain nuts.

Friends of St Francis Disco Tickets

The deadline for buying tickets is next Friday 17th Oct at 9am.

Harvest Gratitude

Heartfelt thanks to you all for your generous Harvest donations which Mr Szymczyk took to Crawley Open House today.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Winton



If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea." Luke 17:6



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.

Transfer to Secondary School 2026

Please can we remind all parents and carers of children in Year 6 that they must make an application for their chosen secondary school by the end of this month – 31 October 25. You must apply online to West Sussex and also complete the secondary school's paperwork. Missing the deadline could result in your child not getting into your chosen school.

Time to dance!



School Disco

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

EYFS/ KS1:
2 - 2.45pm
Tickets £3 available
via ParentPay
Includes Drink & Snack

KS2:
3.20 - 4.20pm
Tickets £2 available
via ParentPay
Includes Drink

FOR KS2 ONLY
Children are invited to
bring upto £5 to spend
on Hotdogs, Tuck & Toy
shop should they wish

Come to school in your
favourite Disco clothes



 **FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS**
A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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DRAWLEY - RH10 4HD TEL: 01293 521009
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We hope to hold a Christmas fair this year on

Thursday, 11th December

from 3:30 PM, but we need your help to make this happen!

Volunteers make our school events possible, and with your support, we hope to bring this magical celebration back to St Francis once again.

Volunteer numbers will be reviewed on 23rd October, so please contact us before then if you are able to help.

Email: friends@stfrancisassisi.org.uk

Many thanks

Friends of St. Francis

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THANK YOU!



Everyone
at

St Francis of Assisi Catholic
Primary School

For your wonderful harvest donation which helps support our
work with those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage!

Charlie 🍁 – C.E.O



Registered Charity No: 1048919

www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk (01293)447702

Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, and other forms of social exclusion.

Our support is available to anyone in need.

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Seal, Zebra, Armadillo & Alpaca Classes for achieving 100% attendance this week.
Well done!

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

Diary Dates

October

Fri 10—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Mon 13- Black History Workshops Years 2,4,6

Tues 14—Alpaca Class Assembly at 9.05am
—parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Monday 20—Flu Vaccinations

Tues 21—Zebra Class Assembly at 9.05am—parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Wed 22—School Disco -EYFS/KS1: 2-2.45pm
KS2: 3.20-4.20pm

27—31 HALF TERM



Koala: Liepa Maikstenaite
Wallaby: Eliza Kowalska
Penguin: Cian Hutchinson
Seal: Sky Cheong Took
Meerkat: Oliver Smykowski
Zebra: William Doidge
Armadillo: Scarlett Simon
Raccoon: Haider Khan
Leopard: Laura Vieira
Panda: Harry Butler
Toucan: Favour Benjamin
Alpaca: Serena Joy



Koala: Zainab Fatima Cheema
Wallaby: Rory Quinn
Penguin: Reilly Stephens
Seal: Nathan Tavares
Meerkat: Filip Galazka
Zebra: Jayden Jobe
Armadillo : Vinay Praveenbabu
Raccoon: Zahra –Rose Ahmed
Leopard: Natalia Amariei
Panda: Ayansh Jain
Toucan: Milosz Suchenia
Alpaca: Akenya De Silva

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