



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Friday 17th 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,

## Black History Month

October is recognised across the UK as Black History Month and yesterday the children in Years 2, 4 and 6 had an opportunity to learn, challenge and honour the past through fantastic drama-based workshops. Year 2 learned about Anansi the Spider Man and his trickster ways! Year 4 explored what it means to be a hero and the children learned about the deeds and lives of extraordinary black men and women. Year 6 learned about the passengers who travelled from Jamaica on the Empire Windrush.



## Alpaca Assembly

Happiness can always be found, even in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light.



Albus Dumbledore

The class delivered a thought-provoking assembly about mental health as it was World Mental Health Day on Friday. The children shared the message that we need to check in with those around us as we never know what someone else may be carrying with them or feeling. The children also shared some great tips on supporting healthy mental health.

It is important to remember, "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step" (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

## Rosary

A reminder that there are more opportunities to pray the rosary next week with either Miss Batchelor or me. Children can bring in their own rosaries or use one from the chapel.



## Dangerous Parking

Please do not park on the pavements, zig zags or double yellow lined areas. It is dangerous and inconsiderate. Please report to [Operation Crackdown](#) or report by calling 101.

## Teacher Consultation Meetings

Teacher consultation meetings will be held on **Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November from 3.40-6.20pm**. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new year group.

You will need to log into your Parent Mail account to make an appointment. The booking system will go live from 8am on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** and will close on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please make sure you have made your appointment within these timings.

## Volunteers Needed for Christmas Fair

Please contact [friends@stfrancisassisi.org.uk](mailto:friends@stfrancisassisi.org.uk) if you can help.



*“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to those in the family of faith.” – Galatians 6:10*

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton

## Sports News!

Well done to our Year 6 children who took part in the cross-country running event at Oriel High School last Thursday! With over 100 runners in both the boys' and girls' races, the competition was fierce over the 1.5km course. All of our pupils performed brilliantly and showed wonderful team spirit, cheering each other on from start to finish. As a team, St. Francis was placed 3rd overall — a fantastic achievement! Special congratulations to Julia, Oliver and Milo, who all finished in the top 20 of their races and have qualified to represent Crawley at the Sussex Cross Country event next year. We're so proud of you all!



## 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.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have several pupils in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy, please could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that our school is a NUT FREE School. Those pupils, if they encounter a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences.

Please can I ask parents and carers not to send food into school that contain nuts.

This includes: All nuts, spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts such as peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seed rolls, cereal and chocolate bars, cakes and biscuits.



## CHARITY CONCERT INVITATION

Some of our pupils will be taking part in a charity concert this Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4pm. You are welcome to come and join us. Please check the leaflet below for more details. Mr Szymczyk.



**Songbirds with special guests  
Inspire Choir and St Francis of  
Assisi Primary School Choir invite  
you to**

# MUSIC

*for an Autumn afternoon*

**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025**

**St Mary's Church, Southgate, Crawley, RH10 6EH**

**4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**£10 entry, £8 Early Bird, under 16 free**

**Refreshments, raffle and parking  
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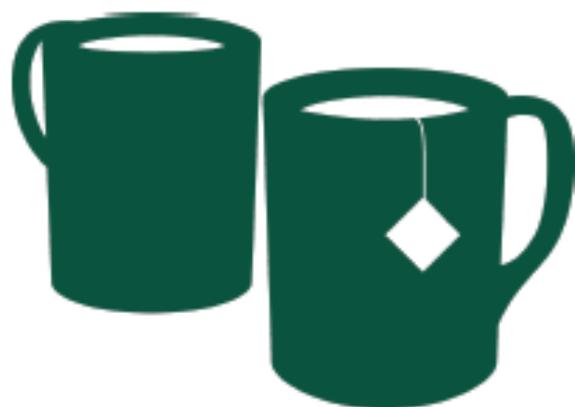
**Please note:** Excludes Clubs (Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows).

# FREE Language Cafes in Crawley

Come along and learn English, make friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!

Address: Broadfield Community Centre,  
RH11 9BA

Every Thursday from  
12:45pm to 3:15pm



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out more?

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# **SUSSEX CASTING**

**EXCITING FILM PRODUCTION**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
AND  
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE  
IS NECESSARY!**

**Must live within an hour of East Grinstead**

**Submit your application & interest  
by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October!**

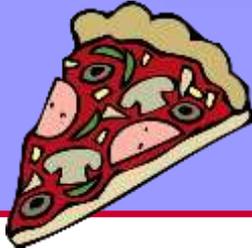
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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby and Toucan Class for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Unfortunately, there are no punctuality Pizza slices awarded this week.

## Diary Dates

### October

**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**

### November

**Mon 3**—Pupils return to school



**Koala:** Zacharias Innes  
**Wallaby:** Heera Rajeswaran  
**Penguin:** Noah Drain  
**Seal:** Harry Pearson  
**Meerkat:** Toby Brimelow  
**Zebra:** Anmol Kumar  
**Armadillo:** Venu Natarajan  
**Raccoon:** Sophie Parau  
**Leopard:** Roman Borgia  
**Panda:** Mihir Parekh  
**Toucan:** Edward Goncalves  
**Alpaca:** Debbie Wong



**Koala:** Sebastian Follette  
**Wallaby:** Hope De Silva  
**Penguin:** Mason Wynter  
**Seal:** Céidín McGovern  
**Meerkat:** Patrick Quinn  
**Zebra:** Sophie Wroblewski  
**Armadillo:** Ojasthry Wasanthakumar  
**Raccoon:** Oscar Perol  
**Leopard:** Nano Manneh  
**Panda:** James Drain  
**Toucan:** Eleanor Quinn  
**Alpaca:** Olivia Gulak

### 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