



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 Panda Class led a beautiful liturgy based around the Parable of the Sower. The children read the gospel and then discussed the messages with their peers. Thank you, Miss Ainsworth, on supporting the children in putting the Liturgy together.

"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty." Matthew 13:23

Christmas Fair - Thursday 11th Dec 2025 3.30-6pm

This week the tickets have gone on sale for what promises to be the most Christmassy of fairs ever! Tickets need to be booked by 13th November so we know numbers attending the event.



There will be a Christmas competition to fill a jar with individually wrapped sweets and decorate it to win fantastic prizes.

All decorated jars must be in school by 1st December for judging. Winners announced at the fair!

Please bring in donations (see table below) for the Christmas Fair. Each year group has a different item to bring in. Donations will be in exchange for an **own clothes day which will be on 11th December**. Donations can be brought into school on the **8th December**.



Year Group	Donation required on 8 th December
Reception	Soft toy for teddy tombola (clean/good condition)
1	Shop bought cupcakes for the cake stall
2	Unwanted gift/toy for lucky dip in Santa's sack
3	Red or green item for Christmas hamper raffle
4	Chocolates
5	Bottles for bottle tombola
6	Money tree envelopes (these will be given out. Suggested amounts: 20p, 50p, £1, £2, £5)





A reminder that next week is anti-bullying week. There

will be an **Odd Sock day on Tuesday** to celebrate how everyone is different and unique. By wearing mismatched socks, we send a message that it's okay to stand out and that our differences should be celebrated, not criticized. This simple act sparks important conversations about diversity, acceptance and the need to stand up to bullying. The children will also learn about this in assembly and EPR lessons.

Christmas excitement

This for me, is the most exciting term in school. There is so much to look forward to as we race towards the Christmas season. I can already hear the Christmas songs emanating from the Year 2 classrooms and it already sounds beautiful. I can't wait to see the Nativity productions and the KS2 Carol Concert in December. Roll on Christmas!



Warmest wishes, Mrs Winton



Sports News!

Yesterday some children from Year 6 took part in a Netball Festival with other schools from across Crawley. They spent the afternoon practising a range of skills before applying these in a game situation.

A great time was had by all.

New Library Books

This week, new stock arrived for the school library. KS2 children will be able to access these books from next week. We ask that parents and carers support their children in keeping the books clean and in good condition so they can be enjoyed by 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.

Outside Clubs

Please note the following clubs will not be running next week due to Parent and Teacher consultation.

Tuesday—Karate

Tuesday—Choir

Thursday—Choir

The magical winter lantern trail

Under 4s go free!

27 November 2025
– 3 January 2026

Glow Wild

Wakehurst Millennium Seed Bank 25th Anniversary

Flexi tickets and group discounts available

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew

Glow Wild

As darkness falls, let the magic begin...

Sussex's award-winning Christmas light trail sparkles with seasonal surprises, featuring exclusive installations, handcrafted lanterns, and immersive moments, with new experiences that promise even more festive fun than ever before!

Glow Wild invites you to walk on the wild side and explore an illuminated wonderland, where seeds spark stories and the wild glows after dark – all exclusively handcrafted by leading artists. Encounter fantastical animals, walk among giants, and uncover the hidden secrets of our natural world. Don't miss the iconic Christmas tree, giant mythical sea creature, and our biggest-ever installation!

Unsure of plans? Book today and swap dates up to 7 days before you visit!

Sessions to suit you

Whoever your loved ones are, Glow Wild offers the perfect night for all, with early evening slots to suit little ones, Quiet and Relaxed sessions for those with additional needs, and exclusive over-18 evenings.

Pre-book now for this sell-out Christmas event.

Seasonal savings

-  Off-peak, standard and peak options
-  Under 4s and essential companions go free
-  Group and family discounts
-  Child pricing
-  Exclusive member rate



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Penguin and Alpaca Class for achieving 100% attendance this week. Well done!

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

Diary Dates

November

Mon 10—Anti-bullying Week

Tues 11—Leopard Class Assembly at 9.05am—parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Tues 11— Parent Consultation 3.40-6.20pm

Wed 12—Open Morning at 9.15am for 2025/26 intake (please call to make an appointment)

Thurs 13—Parents Consultation 3.40-6.20pm

Tues 18—Seal Class Assembly at 9.05am—parents/carers/grandparents welcome



Koala: Jerish Arul Johnson Raj
Wallaby: Leo Farrell
Penguin: Theo Dakurah
Seal: Aisha Ahmed
Meerkat: Ryan Pereira
Zebra: Hope Jacques
Armadillo: Aaliya Shakir Ali
Raccoon: Henry Hull
Leopard: Jack Jobin
Panda: Tyrell Naraina
Toucan: Hanna Szynalik
Alpaca: Harvey Bailey



Koala: Melody Fernandes
Wallaby: Shruti Raval
Penguin: Molly Wilson
Seal: Cadan Maskell
Meerkat: Avianna Nakabuye
Zebra: Max Lisowicz
Armadillo: Martha Kirwan
Raccoon: Riya Mistry
Leopard: Kimberly Rodrigues
Panda: Noah Carter
Toucan: Isabel Bestin
Alpaca: Chloé Follette

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