



# 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,

Last Friday we celebrated Jubilee Day. Miss Batchelor and the Liturgy Leaders lead a beautiful liturgy about hope. The class parties in the afternoon were a huge amount of fun. It was great preparation for the Christmas events to come! The children pictured below received special recognition for their dedication to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Wonderful role-models that we are all very proud of.

Our Liturgy Leaders



There are lots of important calendar dates from Monday onwards. We have included a list of these dates in this newsletter. Your child will also bring home a paper copy - there is a lot we are packing into the month of December!

Well done again to the fabulous Football Team who again did us all proud. See later on in this newsletter for Mr Ferrito's full report.

Thank you to all those who have bought raffle tickets and tickets for the Friends of St Francis Christmas Fayre. The prizes this year are amazing - including £100 cash, Entertainer Toy Vouchers, Go Karting tickets, Upside Down House tickets, Squires vouchers, Zoo Tickets and much much more! All funds raised go toward raising (Phase 2) of our roof. We have now raised enough money for Phase 1 which commences after Christmas.



Don't forget next Friday is a non uniform day in exchange for bringing in your year group item for the fayre (please see overleaf for list of donations). It is also the Little Givers Grotto for those who have bought tickets.

Have a lovely first Sunday of Advent!  
Warmest wishes,  
Mrs Winton

*Prepare the way for the Lord*

Luke 3:4



Please see below donations to be brought in for the Christmas Fayre.

Year Group	Donation required on 5 <sup>th</sup> 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: 50p, £1, £2, £5)

### **Nativity Productions**

#### **Early Years (Reception Year)**

Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am

#### **KS1 (Years 1 & 2)**

Tuesday 9th December at 9.15am

Wednesday 10th December at 2pm

Programmes are still available to purchase via ParentPay priced at £2.

Your child will be given a keepsake programme to take home.



### **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.

## Sports News!

On another bitingly cold Monday afternoon, the St Francis Girls Football Team were at the TBCC/K2 3G for the second round of league fixtures. Once again, straight from the first whistle, the girls were amazing, dominating the game against Southgate and scoring 2 great goals - both from super striker Matilda with a big mention to Mollie -Mae aka B2 for some outstanding crosses!

Next up was The Oaks, a tough opponent in previous matches, but the team absolutely dominated, winning 3-0 with a Matilda hat-trick!

The third game against Gossops produced the surprise result of a 1-1 draw, despite the girls bossing the entire game...but that's football!! No prizes for guessing who the goal scorer was. Matilda scored 6 goals in total and every single player played their socks off and produced some brilliant football.

Such a fantastic set of results.

Another big shout out to the parents who created the atmosphere and support that really helped the girls.



## Year 6 Crochet Club

**3 weeks in and crochet club have begun to learn some new stitches. They are all having fun and Mollie Mae has even brought along our new mascot 'Tubby' that she's crocheted a little jumper for!**

**Mrs Draddy and Mrs Pitcairn-Hill are so proud.**

**Well done everyone for continuing to practise and for persevering!**



# CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

## December

- Wed 3** Raffle tickets and Christmas Sweet Jar to be returned
- Fri 5** Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Fayre donations
- Fri 5** Little Givers Grotto - children that have already paid for a ticket will choose a gift
- Tues 9** KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.15 am (Years 1 & 2)
- Wed 10** KS1 Nativity Performance at 2.00 pm (Years 1 & 2)
- Thurs 11** Christmas Jumper Day with uniform
- Thurs 11** Christmas Fayre at 3.30 – 6.00 pm
- Fri 12** Christmas Jumper and appropriate clothing (PE kit) for Reindeer Run
- Mon 15** Rehearsals for the carol service (walk to Friary) am (Years 3-6)
- Tues 16** Rehearsals for the carol service (walk to Friary) am (Years 3-6)
- Wed 17** EYFS Nativity at 9.15 am
- Wed 17** KS2 Carol Service at The Friary at 5.00 pm-(Years 3-6) children to arrive at 4.40pm in full school uniform
- Wed 17** Christmas Easy lunch - can wear Christmas Jumper with uniform
- Fri 19** Last day of term: **1pm finish**



**ST CATHERINE'S  
HOSPICE**



**Reindeer  
run**

**HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR ST. CATHERINE'S  
HOSPICE**



**PLEASE BRING CASH TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP  
ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO DONATE**



**Sponsor your  
child here**





# the **BE ON TIME** **CHALLENGE**

**COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY ON TIME  
1ST - 5TH DECEMBER**

**Every pupil who arrives ON TIME ALL WEEK will be  
entered into our PRIZE DRAW for a £25 toy voucher**



Why does punctuality matter?

- You won't miss the start of lessons
- You'll be ready to learn with your friends
- You'll feel proud of yourself!

Remember:  
School gates open at  
8:40



# WIN!

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Meerkat Class for achieving 99% and Bumblebee Class for achieving 98% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Armadillo Class.

## Diary Dates

**Wed 3** –Open Morning at 9.15am for 26/27 intake (please call to make an appointment)

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**Koala:** Habiba Khan  
**Wallaby:** Eliana Dino  
**Penguin:** Joshua Fevrier  
**Seal:** Molly-Mae Casimir  
**Meerkat:** Bernard Fernandes  
**Zebra:** Jozef Zagaja  
**Armadillo:** Raphael Roberto  
**Raccoon:** Jude Mulligan  
**Leopard:** Eliana Moutou  
**Panda:** Whole Class  
**Toucan:** Alicja Michalska  
**Alpaca:** Faith Dias



**Koala:** Joshua Ugwu  
**Wallaby:** Heera Rajeswaran  
**Penguin:** Isabella Bray  
**Seal:** Joshua Popa-Zirnash  
**Meerkat:** Max Hasinski  
**Zebra:** Holly Bailey  
**Armadillo:** Jeevika Arora  
**Raccoon:** Danae Olulari  
**Leopard:** Adeola Lendor  
**Panda:** Elizabeth Marrs  
**Toucan:** Catherine Andama  
**Alpaca:** Pola Kavsadze

## 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