

# St Francis Newsletter 17th April 2026



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*Compassion ~ We love and care*

*Humility ~ We put others first*

*Responsibility ~ We do what is right*

*Inspiration ~ We love to learn and achieve*

*Solidarity ~ We stand together*

*Truth ~ We live by God's Word*

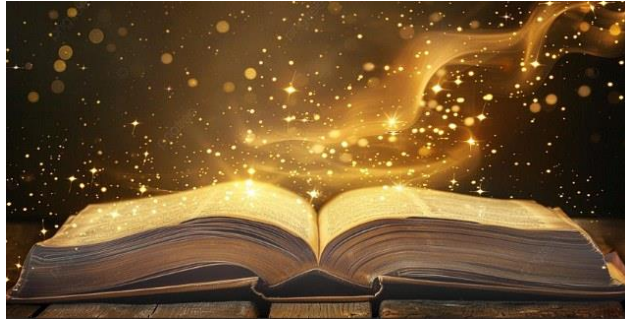
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“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”



In Gospel assembly this week, we reflected on the story of Thomas and Jesus appearing to the disciples (John 20:19–31). The children shared thoughtful wonderings about the importance of faith—learning that we are called to believe even when we cannot see or touch. We also explored how Jesus meets people in their doubts without judgement, offering peace, reassurance, and understanding. The reading reminds us that faith often grows through community, prayer, and trust in God’s presence in our everyday lives. Jesus sends his disciples out with a mission of peace and forgiveness, reminding us that belief leads to action. As Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:29)

## Golden Reading



We are excited to introduce a new way of celebrating children who read at least **four times a week**. Children who meet this expectation each week will become our **“Golden Readers”**. Golden Readers will receive a special treat at the end of each half term, along with certificates and stickers to celebrate their fantastic commitment. Please record entries in reading journals.(Children can add comments and entries to their own journals too!)

## Wilderness Day



## Summer Uniform

Despite the inclement weather, children may continue to wear the school summer uniform. This includes navy blue and white summer dresses, grey tailored school shorts, and white socks. All other uniform expectations remain in place, including sturdy black school shoes, the school jumper, and long hair tied back.

On PE days, the correct PE uniform must be worn: navy blue or black PE kit with a school PE top and dark trainers. Shirts must be worn with ties for pupils in Years 1–6. If you are unsure about any aspect of the uniform, please check with your child’s class teacher.



## Class Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 20th April at 9.00am to take class photographs.

All children should come to school in **full school uniform**.





**Mon 20-** Class Photos

**Tues 28** - Penguin Class Assembly at 9.05am -Parents/Carers/Grandparents Welcome

**Tues 28** - Year 3 & 4 Maths Parents Meeting at 2.45pm

**Thurs 30-** Year 5 BMX Workshop

## Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Toucan Class for achieving 99% this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded this week to Bumblebee, Koala, Armadillo and Alpaca Classes.

## Star of the Week



***Ladybird: Deshawn Rubruck***

***Bumblebee: Gianna George***

***Koala: Melody Fernandes***

***Wallaby: Shruti Raval***

***Penguin: Vinny Chase***

***Seal: Noor Abbasi***

***Meerkat: Nova-Mae Maloney***

***Zebra: Mia De Taylor***

***Armadillo: Sophie Heath***

***Raccoon: Lacey O'Flaherty***

***Leopard: Irene Daidone***

***Panda: Adam Jaskiewicz***

***Toucan: Zhenja Goncalves***

***Alpaca: Eleanor Quinn***

## Reader and Writer of the Week



***Ladybird: Leo Labonne***

***Bumblebee: Crystal Maughan***

***Koala: Leo Mulligan***

***Wallaby: Walter Adamasi***

***Penguin: Theo Dakurah***

***Seal: Julianna Peiris***

***Meerkat: Oliver Smykowski***

***Zebra: William Doidge***

***Armadillo: Lukas Janusas***

***Raccoon: Franek Czarnecki***

***Leopard: Roman Borgia***

***Panda: Manulya Manuel Peiris Waduge***

***Toucan: Aurane Adolphe***

***Alpaca: Asher Baptiste***

Remember we are a nut-free school



Hoping that the sun emerges this weekend and you all have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes, Mrs Winton



## 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**