

St Francis Newsletter 26th June 2026



Compassion ~ We love and care

Humility ~ We put others first

Responsibility ~ We do what is right

Inspiration ~ We think big and shine bright

Solidarity ~ We stand together

Thank you for your support this week

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your understanding and support this week, as we implemented alternative arrangements in response to the red weather warning for extreme heat.

We have received very positive feedback about the balance of provision and the range of options available to support children during the hottest days, which we greatly appreciate. All children who were in school this week had access to air conditioned rooms due to the installation of new A/C units in KS2. The building work for these finished the day before the heatwave - perfect timing - phew!

A special thank you must also go to all of the St Francis staff, who worked exceptionally hard, pulled together as a team, and ensured that the children were supported safely and cared for in what were very challenging conditions.

Below shows how Reception were keeping cool this week - it was very refreshing.!





Aladdin: change of dates



Over the past few weeks, we have experienced several disruptions to rehearsal time, including the hall being unavailable, indoor PE sessions due to poor weather, and a recent period of red weather warnings which resulted in some children being absent from school. In addition, we have already lost some planned rehearsal days and will have further interruptions next week due to Sports Day, Move Up Day, and Mass.

As a result, we feel the children would benefit from some additional time to ensure they are confident, fully prepared, and able to give their best performance.

With this in mind, the schedule has been adjusted as follows:

- **Dress rehearsal to the rest of the school** : now Friday 10th July
- **Evening performances:** now Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and we are confident that this extra time will help make the production a positive and successful experience for all the children.

Butterfly Release

Today, Reception released the butterflies they have been carefully nurturing. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the caterpillars grow, form their chrysalises, and finally transform.

There was great excitement as Mrs Doyle opened the container and the butterflies flew out into the garden—many of them soaring high into the sky! It was a wonderful way for the children to see the life cycle come to life and celebrate their learning.





Summer Fair Fun

Thank you to everyone who came to support last Friday's Summer Fair.

It was a fantastic event—well attended, full of fun and exciting stalls, delicious food vendors, and blessed with beautiful weather.

A special thank you to Jenny, Rachel, Magda, Dominika, school staff and all the Friends of St Francis volunteers for their hard work, commitment, and dedication in making the event such a success.













Safeguarding Alert

We would like to inform you of a safeguarding incident that occurred on the school site on Wed 24th June at 3.10pm.

An unknown individual was able to enter the premises via the Friary pre-school gate after it had been propped open. The individual was shouting and using inappropriate language, and was also seen attempting to access cars in the school car park. Fortunately, several parents acted quickly to ensure the individual left the site safely.

We have been made aware that the same individual also attempted to gain access to nearby houses and the Diocese building next door.

This incident highlights the importance of keeping our school secure at all times. **Please do not prop open gates or allow access to anyone you do not recognise**, as this puts our community at risk.

If you have any information relating to this incident, please report it quoting **Crime Reference Number: 10962406**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school safe.

Child Absence

When leaving a message on the absence line, please clearly state your child's full name, class and description of illness. Thank you.

Diary Dates



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June

Tues 30 - First Holy Communion Mass at 9.15am

July

Wed 1- Move up Day

Thurs 2 - Sports Day - KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 9.15am start

Fri 3 - Sports Day - KS1 (EYFS Yr 1-2) 9.15am start

Fri 10 - Last Swimming for Year 4

Fri 10 - Year 6 Leavers Party - 3.20pm- 5.00pm

Remember we are a nut-free school



Final thoughts



As we move further into this busy and exciting time of year, there is a real sense of energy and bustle across the school. It has been wonderful to see our community come together so

strongly, particularly at last week's Summer Fair, which was such a joyful celebration of all that makes St Francis so special. It calls to mind Psalm 133.1:

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

This week has also reminded us of the strength of that community spirit, as we worked together to support one another during the period of dangerously high temperatures. Thank you again for your flexibility, understanding and care—it truly makes a difference to the safety and wellbeing of our children.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children who have received their First Holy Communion this summer to our Going Forth Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 30th June. It will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate this important milestone together.

In the meantime, please take care, stay safe and keep cool over the weekend.

Best 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

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Scarlet fever
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfex>.

BEAT THE GOALIE WINNERS!



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT TOOK PART AT OUR BEAT THE GOALIE COMPETITION AT THE ST. FRANCIS SUMMER FAIR!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO WINNERS!

★ WELL DONE, JOSH AND KIERAN – GREAT SHOTS! ★



WINNER!
Josh



WINNER!
Kieran

COME AND JOIN DEVILS FC!

We are a friendly, welcoming football club for boys and girls aged 4-14. Whether you're new to football or love the game, there's a place for you!

SIBLINGS CAN TRAIN TOGETHER!

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- HAVE FUN & STAY ACTIVE
- BE PART OF A TEAM



OUR SESSIONS
SATURDAY FOOTBALL CLUB & LITTLE DEVILS (4-14 YEARS)
Fun, friendly sessions for all abilities!

3 DAY SUMMER CAMP
29, 30 & 31 JULY
9AM - 3PM
• £27 SINGLE DAY
• £45 FOR 2 DAYS
• £65 FOR ALL 3 DAYS
(BOOK YOUR SPOT BY 17 JUNE 2022)

PLAY & PLAY - NO JOINING FEE OR CONTRACT!
£5 PER SESSION

#STRONGERTOGETHER
Our values & identity of our football club are represented by our purposeful motto. We strive to have unity, build friendships & have fun. This is not just a football club, this is a family.
WE ARE DEVILS FC

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