

St Francis Newsletter 17th July 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

End of year message from Mrs Winton

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to making St Francis such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

Our school is much more than a building; it is a community built on faith, kindness and a shared commitment to helping every child achieve their very best. I am incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff, whose hard work, care and commitment inspire our children every day. I would also like to thank our parents, families and the wider community for their continued support throughout the year. Together, we ensure that St Francis remains a place where children can truly *think big and shine bright*. A special thank you must go to the **Friends of St Francis**, whose tireless efforts and incredible fundraising have enriched school life for all of our children. Through their enthusiasm, generosity and hard work, they have helped provide opportunities and resources that make a real difference to our school community. I am immensely grateful for all they do.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our governing body for their guidance, challenge and support throughout the year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge **Danielle Johnson, Chair of Governors**, for her unwavering commitment to St Francis and her dedication to ensuring the very best outcomes for all our children.

As a school family, we are proud to live out our values of **Compassion, Humility, Responsibility, Inspiration, Solidarity and Truth**. We have seen children showing compassion through their care for others, humility in their achievements, and responsibility in their learning and actions. They have been inspired to dream big, embrace new opportunities and let their talents shine brightly. Through solidarity, they have supported one another as members of one school family as well as supporting key charities, and through truth, they have sought to live by God's word in all they do.

To our **Year 6 children**, I send my warmest congratulations and best wishes as you leave St Francis and begin the next exciting chapter of your journey. You have been wonderful role models and have made a lasting contribution to our school. Be proud of all you have achieved, hold onto the friendships and memories you have made, and continue to live out the values that have guided you during your time with us. I will miss you and wish you every success and happiness in the future.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope all of our families enjoy a well-deserved break filled with happiness, rest and special moments together. Please stay safe, take time to relax and enjoy new experiences. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, ready to learn and excited for the year ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

May God bless you and your families during the summer holiday.

Mrs Winton ~ Headteacher



Friendship never ends











Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their leavers' party after school today, celebrating the end of an unforgettable chapter together. The evening was filled with laughter, fun and memories to treasure, with games, inflatables and plenty of pizza enjoyed by all.

A huge shout-out to **Mr Johnson, Mrs Jones and Mr Szymczyk** for organising such a fantastic farewell party and giving our Year 6 pupils a wonderful send-off as they prepare for their next adventure. We wish them all the very best for the future!







A Whole New World!



















What a fantastic way to end the year! Our Upper Key Stage 2 production of **Aladdin** was truly outstanding and a wonderful showcase of the talent, confidence and hard work of our children. Both performances were extremely well attended, and it was a delight to see so many families and friends joining us to celebrate this special occasion.

Every single child played an important part in making the production such a success. From the talented actors and singers who brought the story to life, to the dedicated stage hands working behind the scenes, everyone contributed with enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism. The confidence, energy and enjoyment displayed by the children shone through in every performance.

A special thank you goes to the staff who worked tirelessly to bring the production together. From rehearsals and costumes to music, staging and organisation, it was a true team effort and a wonderful example of collaboration and dedication. Their support enabled the children to create something truly memorable.

For our Year 6 pupils, *Aladdin* was the perfect final project and a fitting celebration of their time at St Francis. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and grateful for the many happy memories they have helped to create. Well done, everyone—you were amazing! 🌟🎭✨

End of Year Mass

Thank you Father Peter for celebrating the End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving yesterday. It was a beautiful occasion and a chance to wish those leaving us a fond farewell.

We listened to the Matthew's Gospel and reflected on The Word

At that time: Jesus declared, 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest of your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' T

KS1 Golden Readers Celebration

Well done to the children in year 1 and 2 who took part in the 'golden readers celebration' on Thursday. These children have consistently read at least 4 times a week this half term! What a fantastic effort! We hope to see more children joining the celebrations in Autumn!



Diary Dates



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July

Fri 17 - End of term **1pm FINISH**

September

Tues 1 - INSET DAY

Wed 2 - INSET DAY

Thurs 3 - School Open - Pupils return to school

Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Penguin Class for achieving 97% this week, and to Alpaca Class for achieving 99% .

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

Pupil of the Week

Ladybird: Amber Neitzke Batista

Bumblebee: Freddie Forest

Koala: Libby Hutchby

Wallaby: Heera Rajeswaran

Penguin: Francis Kirwan

Seal: Molly-Mae Casimir

Meerkat: Nova-Maie Maloney

Zebra: Jarren Besa-Bicol

Armadillo: Ansh Chaudhari

Raccoon: Deawn Etienne

Leopard: Emilia Kowalska

Panda: Junior Sseninde

Toucan: Favour Benjamin

Alpaca: Pola Kavsadze

Remember we are a nut-free school



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