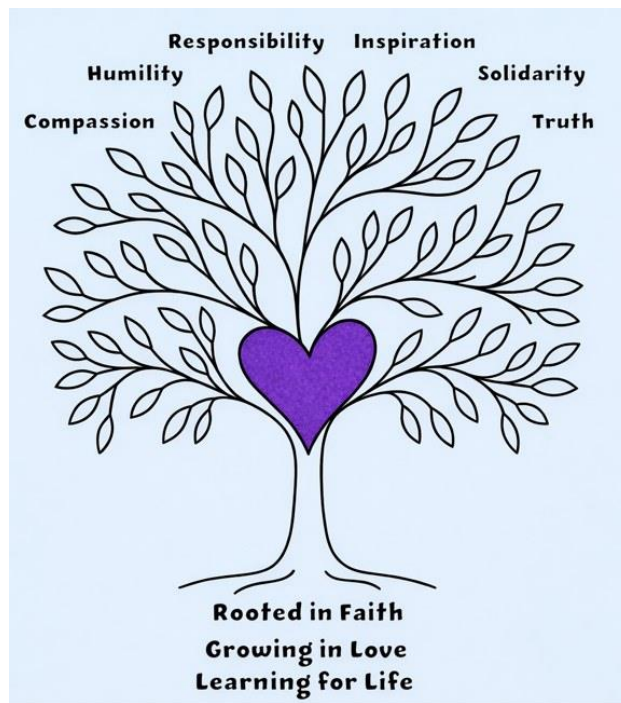


St Francis Newsletter 4th September 2026



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

A warm welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the start of a new school year. The school has started exceptionally well, and it has been a joy to see the excitement and enthusiasm on the children's faces each morning. Many children have quite literally been running into school, eager to see their friends, teachers and classrooms once again.

One parent shared a lovely comment with me yesterday, saying, *"It shows you how wonderful the school is, they all want to come back!"* I couldn't agree more. Our school is a very special place, and it is heartwarming to see how happy the children are to return. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting each classroom this week and spending time with the children during playtimes. It has been wonderful listening to their stories about summer adventures, family time and exciting experiences. Their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to share their memories have been a delight. Thank you to all our families for your support in ensuring such a positive start to the term.



Start small. Dream big



Today, in our first assembly of the school year, we reflected on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Jesus told his followers:

"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree."

Matthew 13:32

We thought about how even the smallest actions can have the greatest impact. A kind word, a helping hand, a brave decision or an extra effort in our learning may seem small at the time, but these are the seeds that grow into something wonderful.

As we begin this new academic year, we encouraged the children to think about the gifts and talents that God has given them. Every child has the potential to flourish and make a difference in our school and wider community. By showing compassion, respect, perseverance, forgiveness and courage each day, we can help those small seeds of kindness, friendship and learning grow into something truly remarkable.

Just like the mustard seed, we may start small, but with faith, determination and God's guidance, great things can happen. We are excited to see how each child will grow and shine throughout the year ahead. 🌱🌟

Diary Dates



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September

Mon 7 - Year 6 PGL Meeting at 2.45pm

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that the school day begins promptly at **8:50am**, when the gates close. Please ensure that your child arrives on time every day, ready to learn and make the most of every opportunity. Every minute of learning counts, and even small amounts of lost learning time can add up over the course of the year.

Good attendance is vital for children's academic progress, wellbeing and confidence. Children who attend school regularly are better able to build friendships, keep up with their learning and achieve their full potential.

Please remember that **holidays are not authorised during term time**, and requests for leave immediately before or after a school holiday will also not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that attendance remains strong at St Francis, giving every child the very best chance to flourish and succeed.

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