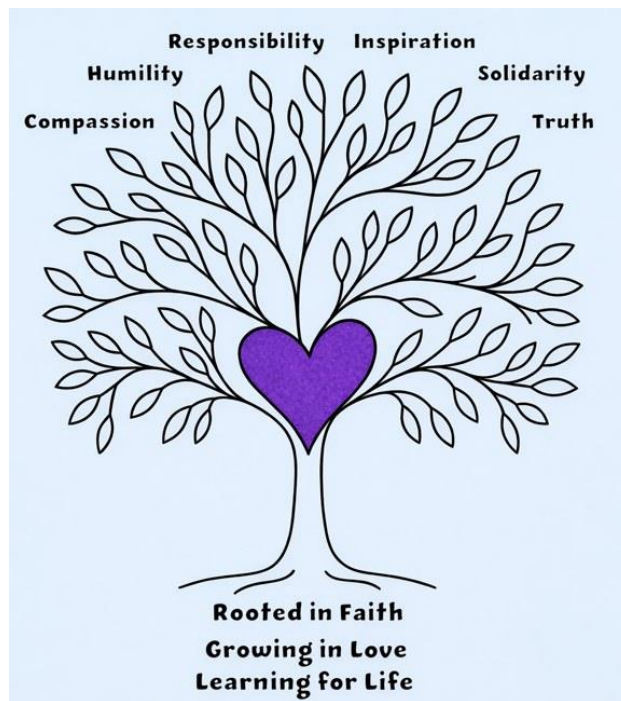


St Francis Newsletter

11th 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

Choosing Peace

In Gospel Assembly this week, Jesus teaches us that when problems happen, we should try to talk kindly, listen carefully, forgive one another, and put things right. Every time we choose peace instead of conflict, we are following Jesus' example.

And remember, Jesus promises us:

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Morning Drop-offs



From Monday, we will be making a small change to our morning drop-off routines to help children grow in confidence and independence and to ensure a calm, purposeful start to the school day.

Children in **Years 2 and 3** should say goodbye to their grown-ups before the steps and then walk into school independently. In **Year 1**, we ask that parents and carers say goodbye at the classroom door and allow children to enter the classroom independently. This will enable classroom staff to focus on welcoming and settling the children, supporting learning from the very start of the day.

If you need to pass on a message to a member of staff, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team on duty or contact the school office, and we will ensure the message is shared promptly. Thank you for your support in helping us develop children's independence and maintain a positive start to each school day.

End of the day arrangements



Please note that if a child is collected late and needs to be taken to **The Ark After-School Club**, a charge will apply. Charges for The Ark begin from **3.20pm**, and if your child is in the care of after-school club staff, the relevant session fee will be charged, including the first hour where applicable.

To avoid incurring charges, please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day from their classrooms.

For safeguarding reasons, children under the age of **14** are not permitted to collect siblings from school or The Ark. If you wish for a young person aged **14 to 18** to collect your child, please provide written permission to the school in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

Please also note that the school gates are locked at 3.30pm, please ensure you and your children have left the school site by then.

Diary Dates



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September

Thurs 17 - Year 6 Junior Citizen

Fri 18 - Year 4 Swimming starts

Mon 21 - Year 6 Residential

Tues 29 - Year 3 Egyptian Day

Is your child starting school next year?

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting our wonderful new reception children who started school this week. Everyone looked very smart and ready to learn. Thanks to our fabulous EYFS team for ensuring a warm and positive transition for our youngest pupils. Applications are now open for September 2027 - see below to book onto one of our open mornings.

**St Francis of Assisi
Catholic Primary School**

**Is your child starting
school in September 2027?**

Come and discover what makes
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School
such a special place to learn, grow and thrive!

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Join us for a friendly school tour with our Headteacher
and see our happy, welcoming school in action.

School Tour Dates

- 🕒 9:15am
- ✅ 7th October
- ✅ 4th November
- ✅ 2nd December

To book your place,
please contact the
School Office on

01293 521009.

We can't wait to meet you
and your family and show you
all that our wonderful school
has to offer!

St Francis of Assisi
Catholic Primary School

Star of the Week



Koala: Samuel Onasanwo

Wallaby: Reena Rasaratnam

Penguin: Maria Zagaja

Seal: Libby Hutchby

Meerkat: Alexander Hatcher

Zebra: Nola Davies

Armadillo: Hope Jacques

Raccoon: Patrick Quinn

Leopard: Lorenzo Fenu

Panda: Zahra- Rose Ahmed

Toucan: Sarah Alappatt

Alpaca: Gia Joseph

Reader and Writer of the Week



Koala: Jacob Wakerell

Wallaby: Amelia Jarosz

Penguin: Aanya Jain

Seal: Philo Elson

Meerkat: Emanuele Daidone

Zebra: Theo Dakurah

Armadillo: Ariya De Jesus Lucas

Raccoon: Kaif Taamar

Leopard: Emanuel Benchea

Panda: Apraihith Sudharsan Hemambujavalli

Toucan: Roman Borgia

Alpaca: Manulya Manuel Peiris Waduge

Check out the new floor!



After a year of walking on a wobbly, water damaged floor - the new floor has been put down over the summer holidays. We are delighted with it and it is already making such a difference to assemblies, PE lessons and lunches.



As we come to the end of the first full and very busy week, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for the positivity, kindness and commitment they bring to our school community each day. It has been wonderful to see our children settling so well into their routines, working hard in lessons and demonstrating our school values through their words and actions.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, let us continue to encourage one another and approach each day with hope, joy and a willingness to give our very best.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

I wish you all a restful and blessed weekend.

Mrs Winton

Headteacher

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.

If you have concerns about a child you can also call Integrated Front Door (IFD) on 01403 229900 or out of hours on 0330 222 6664.

Remember we are a nut-free school

