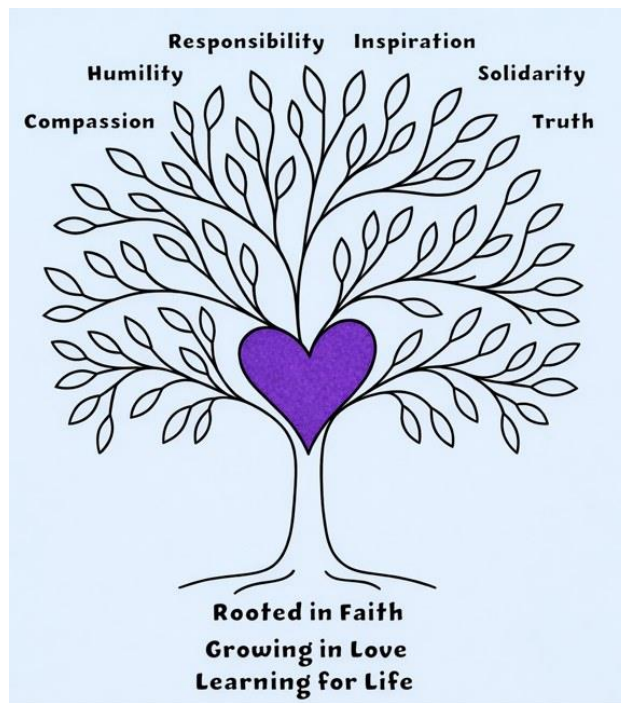


St Francis Newsletter

25th 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



Nut-free school



For the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community, any food items containing nuts are strictly prohibited from being brought into school. This week, a member of staff suffered a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) and required the use of her EpiPen before being taken to hospital. Thankfully, she is now recovering well, but this incident serves as a stark reminder of how serious and potentially life-threatening nut allergies can be. We ask all families to please:

- Check lunchboxes and snacks carefully before sending them into school.
- Avoid all products that contain nuts or may contain traces of nuts before school and at school (including Nutella/peanut butter)
- Remind children not to share food with others.

The cooperation of all parents and carers is essential in helping us maintain a safe environment for every child, member of staff, and visitor to our school. Thank you for your understanding and support in this very important matter.

Rail Safety Awareness



This week, all of our children took part in some short railway safety sessions delivered through videos from Network Rail. Our commitment to safety has earned our school a bronze certificate.

Keeping our children safe is always a priority, and these videos helped to reinforce important messages about staying safe near railway lines, stations and level crossings. Although many children may already know some of these rules, revisiting them regularly helps ensure that everyone understands the risks and knows how to make safe choices.

Network Rail identified that schools in our area would benefit from receiving these resources, and we were pleased to support this important campaign. The videos were tailored to different age groups and encouraged children to think carefully about their own safety and the safety of others.

Please do take the opportunity to talk with your child about railway safety at home too. Working together helps ensure that these important messages stay with our children and keep them safe both now and in the future. 🚆💛

Year 6 Residential - Windmill Hill









This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to Windmill Hill. Blessed with beautiful sunshine throughout the week, the children embraced a range of exciting activities, including raft building, zip-lining, climbing and much more.

The pupils were a real credit to our school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and resilience at every opportunity. They represented St Francis wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to **Mrs Jones, Miss Date, Mrs Benham, Mrs Draddy, Mrs Pitcairn-Hill and Mr Johnson** for giving up their time to look after the children and make the week such a memorable experience.

Please enjoy some photographs from their special week. 📷 ☀️ 😊

Reading Ambassadors

We are delighted to introduce our new **Reading Ambassadors**! These enthusiastic pupils have been selected for their love of reading and their commitment to promoting books across our school. Throughout the year, they will help inspire a passion for reading by recommending favourite books, supporting reading events, helping to organise reading initiatives and encouraging their peers to discover the joy of reading. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have as they help foster a vibrant reading culture throughout our school community. Congratulations to all of our Reading Ambassadors on this important role.

Sana 📖 ⭐

Molly-Mae 📖 ⭐

Pearl 📖 ⭐

Luke 📖 ⭐

Scarlett 📖 ⭐

Aparajith 📖 ⭐

Nathaniel 📖 ⭐

Ayansh 📖 ⭐

Waterproof Trousers

At Forest School we are trying to build up our collection of waterproof trousers. If your child has grown out of theirs, please donate them to us! Any sizes from age 4 to age 11 would be gratefully received. Please bring any donations into the school office.

Thank you,

Mrs Rankin

School Photographs



The school photographer will be in school on Thursday at 9.00am to take individual pupil photographs.

All children should come to school in their school uniform.

Any children who have PE on Thursdays should bring their PE kit in a bag to school.

Diary Dates



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September

Mon 28 - PFA Annual General Meeting

Tues 29 - Year 3 Egyptian Day

October

Thurs 1 - School Photographer in for individual photos

Is your child starting school next year?

**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!

— ♥ —

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

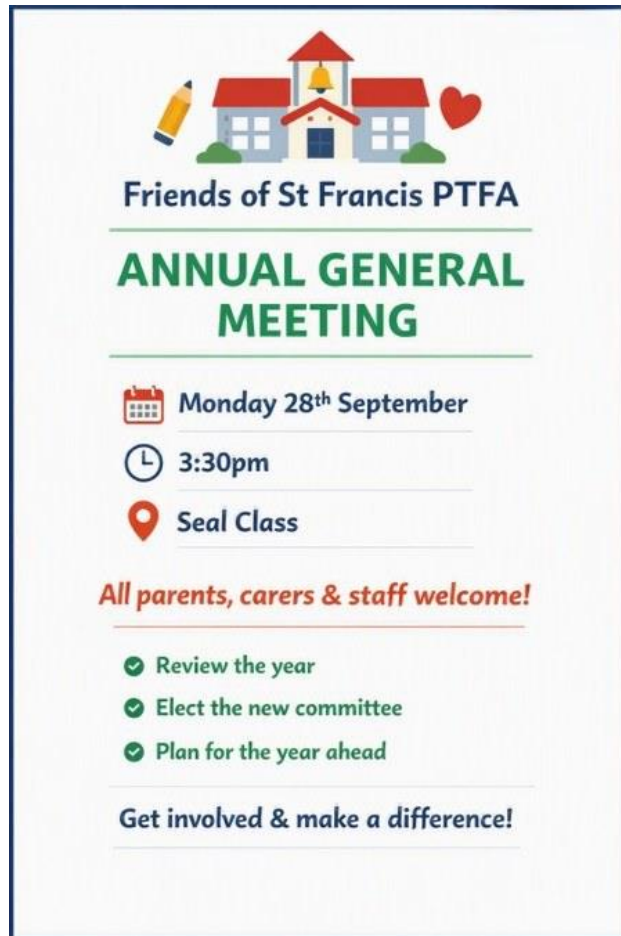
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We can't wait to meet you
and your family and show you
all that our wonderful school
has to offer!

♥

St Francis of Assisi
Catholic Primary School

Friends of St Francis



We'd love you to join us for our Annual General Meeting!

Come along to hear what we've achieved, how much we've raised, and our exciting plans for the year ahead.

Whether you'd like to volunteer occasionally or take a formal role, pop in for a chat — there'll be tea, coffee and sweet treats waiting! 🍵🍰

📅 Monday 28 September

🕒 3:30pm

📍 Seal Class

All parents, carers & staff welcome – we couldn't do it without you! ♥

Star of the Week



Koala: Evie Jones

Wallaby: Amelia Nayee

Penguin: Martina Daniel Cirera

Seal: Philo Elson

Meerkat: Imogen Baillie

Zebra: Joshua Fevrier

Armadillo: Shaun Edwin

Raccoon: Eliza Chojnacka

Leopard: Sebastiao Coetzer Ascenso

Panda: Helena Zagaja

Toucan: Whole class

Alpaca: Whole Class

Reader and Writer of the Week



Koala: Sanjini Santhosh Kumar

Wallaby: Thendral Muthumadan

Penguin: Hope De Silva

Seal: Mark De Heredia

Meerkat: Jaxson Elton

Zebra: Cian Hutchinson

Armadillo: Eliza Bromham

Raccoon: Logan Pereira

Leopard: Dani Malkowska-Dias

Panda: Franciszek Czarnecki

Toucan: Whole Class

Alpaca: Whole Class

Harvest Collection



This year, St Patrick House is leading our Harvest Collection, with all donations being given to **Crawley Open House**.

Crawley Open House provides vital support for people experiencing homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, and other forms of social exclusion. As household costs continue to rise, demand for their services has increased significantly, and this need is expected to grow further during the autumn months. Their support is available to anyone in our community who may be facing difficult circumstances.

We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food or essential household items.

Donations can be brought into school from Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October and should be handed to your child's class teacher.

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." (Romans 12:13)  

As we celebrate the season of Harvest, we give thanks for God's many blessings and remember those in our community who need our support. Through our donations to Crawley Open House, we can put our faith into action by showing kindness, generosity, and compassion to others.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Winton

Should I keep my child off school?



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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	Tonsillitis
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://qrco.de/minfec>.



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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.