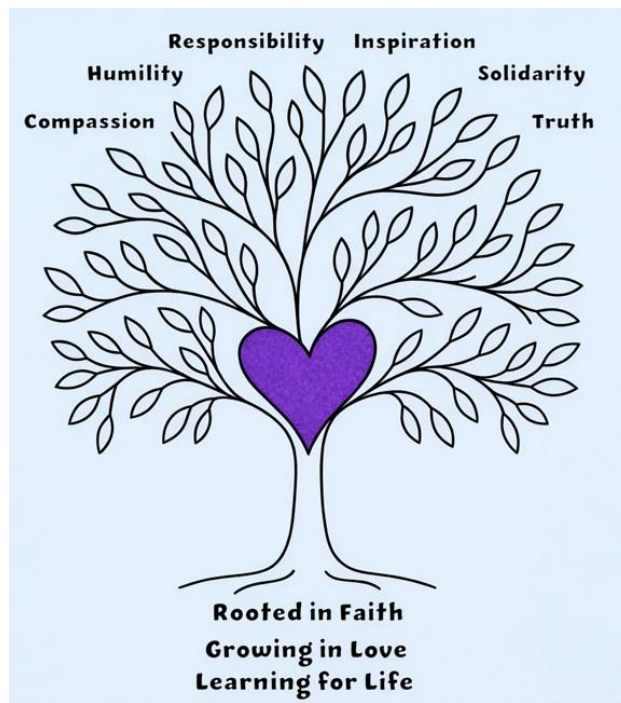


St Francis Newsletter

9th October 2026



Compassion ~ We love and care

Humility ~ We put others first

Responsibility ~ We do what is right

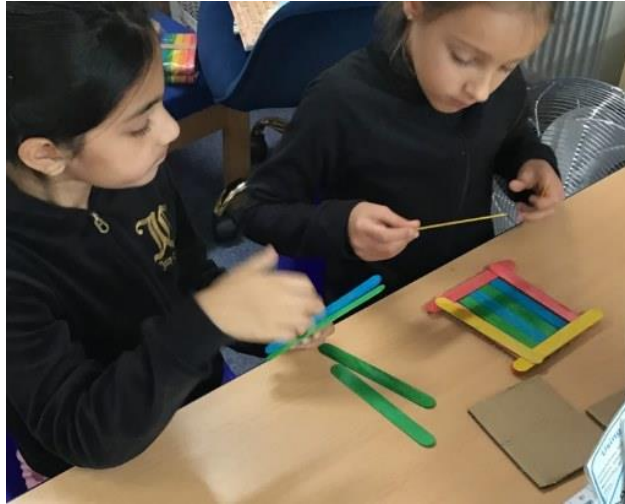
Inspiration ~ We think big and shine bright

Solidarity ~ We stand together

St Francis Feast Day

Children across Year 3 celebrated St Francis Feast Day by developing a sensory garden area. We built bird feeders and bug hotels; cleared rubbish and litter picked and planted lavender, herbs, bulbs and flowers to create an area that both the children and wildlife can enjoy.





Year 1 went on a Nature walk and collected things from nature to build a collage. They talked about how St Francis cared for the natural world and all of the creatures in it.









Bumblebee and Ladybird Class had great fun building churches out of junk modelling and construction, inspired by St Francis. The children also drew their own churches and made crosses by blowing through straws.







Year 6 were eco-warriors, tackling the litter in the local community.





Here are Year 5 showing the Catholic Social Teaching value of responsibility and care for creation. The children litter-picked and looked after the grounds as part of their St Francis themed activities. They also made beautiful book marks.

Feast Day Mass



During his Homily, Father Peter shared lots of interesting information about the life and mission of St Francis. We even heard a fun fact..

Did you know St Francis wore a habit with a hood at the back so he could beg and not see what people had given? A special thank you to the parents and families who stayed behind after Mass to take part in a Catholic Life and Mission focus group.

Toys

Toys and other fidget objects are not permitted in school unless permission has been given for this from Miss Strudwick. Thank you.

Start of the day

Please make sure children are not climbing on the railings before school before the gates are opened. A child broke their arm doing this. Please encourage children to stand behind the gate and wait for an adult to open up.

Friends of St Francis - School Disco

SCHOOL DISCO

★ Thursday 22nd October ★

★ EYFS & KEY STAGE 1 ★	★ KEY STAGE 2 ★
Includes Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Includes Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
2.00pm – 3.00pm	3.15pm – 4.30pm
£3 per person	£2 per person
Includes a drink and a snack	Hot dogs and a tuck shop available to purchase food and toys if you wish. Maximum £5 per child.

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PTA EVENTS
Please click the link or scan the QR code to book:

<https://pta.events/october26disco>

SCAN ME

Please make sure you have your tickets by **Friday 16th October**

1 - [Click here to book disco tickets](#)

Diary Dates



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October

Mon 12 - Black History Workshops Years 2,4,6

Tues 20 - Seal Class Class Assembly at 9.05 - parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Wed 21 - Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 22 - PTA School Disco -

Years Reception, Year 1 & 2 - 2pm-3pm

Years 3,4,5 & 6 - 3.15pm-4.30pm

26-30- HALF TERM

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 **01293 521009.**

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

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Attendance



This week's attendance winners are:

KS1 Wallaby & Seal Class Consistency - For demonstrating exceptional attendance and commitment to being in school every day.

KS2 Leopard & Alpaca– Improvement - For making excellent progress in attendance and developing positive attendance habits.

Star of the Week



Koala: Annabella Kluge

Wallaby: Aarnav Kakadiya

Penguin: Monty De Taylor

Seal: Samaira Gupta

Meerkat: Nathan Tavares

Zebra: Zahra Sobowale

Armadillo: Jessica Lane

Raccoon: Max Hasinski

Leopard: Maja Samborska

Panda: Danae Olulari

Toucan: Ashton Baptiste

Alpaca: James Drain

Reader and Writer of the Week



Koala: Eva Vartejanu

Wallaby: Anastazja Mizera

Penguin: Eliana Dino

Seal: Leo Notturmo

Meerkat: Aisha Ahmed

Zebra: Leah Lyajoon

Armadillo: Mia De Taylor

Raccoon: Logan Perieria

Leopard: Alexandra Dudas

Panda: Adam Wozniak

Toucan: Irene Daidone

Alpaca: John Paul Bestin

Final thoughts

Today is **World Mental Health Day**, a reminder that each one of us is wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. As a Catholic school, we believe that every person is loved, valued and has God-given dignity. Looking after our mental health is not only about caring for ourselves, but also about noticing when others may need support and showing them the compassion, kindness and understanding that Jesus taught us through His example.

This week, we enjoyed celebrating St Francis of Assisi, whose life reminds us to be peacemakers, to care for those around us and to see God's presence in all of creation. His simple prayer begins, *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,"* a message that feels especially fitting as we reflect on how our words and actions can help others feel valued, included and loved.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

Warmest 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.

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.

