Jesus said, 'I am the way , the truth and the life.' - John 14:6

Love Courage Friendship

St.Francis Catholic & Church of England Primary Academy

Newsletter 1

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to the new term! I am absolutely thrilled to share with you the fantastic energy and enthusiasm that has filled our corridors since we welcomed everyone back on Tuesday.

Mr Augustus led our first collective worship of the year with a powerful focus on leadership, and I couldn't be more excited about the opportunities ahead for our children. We will soon be opening applications for various leadership roles throughout the school, including Junior Librarian positions, School Council representatives, Sports Crew members, and the prestigious House Captain roles for our Year 6 children. These positions offer our children the chance to develop their leadership skills, take on meaningful responsibilities, and make a real difference to our school community.

During worship, we explored the qualities that make truly effective leaders, drawing inspiration from how Jesus demonstrated exceptional leadership through his actions and values. It was wonderful to see our children engaging thoughtfully with these important concepts and beginning to recognise the leadership potential within themselves.

I must say, I am really excited about this new academic year and incredibly impressed with how smart all our children look as they return to school. The pride they are taking in their appearance reflects the pride they have in being part of our St Francis family, and it's truly heartwarming to see.

The fantastic work I've witnessed across every classroom this week has been nothing short of inspiring. Our children have returned ready to learn, eager to engage, and demonstrating the high standards we know they are capable of achieving. Their enthusiasm for learning is infectious and sets such a positive tone for the months ahead.

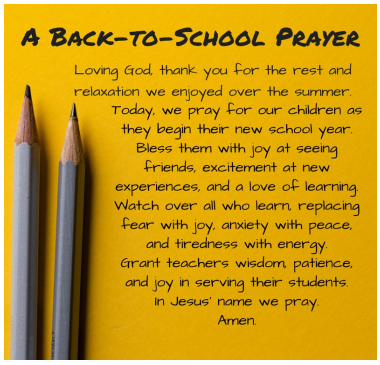
What has particularly caught my attention are the lovely manners being displayed throughout the school. From polite greetings in the morning to thoughtful interactions during break times, our children are really showing what it means to be part of our caring community.

Most importantly, I can see our school values of Love, Courage, and Friendship shining through in everything our children do. Whether it's showing kindness to a new classmate, having the courage to try something challenging, or demonstrating the love and care we have for one another, these values are truly at the heart of who we are as a school.

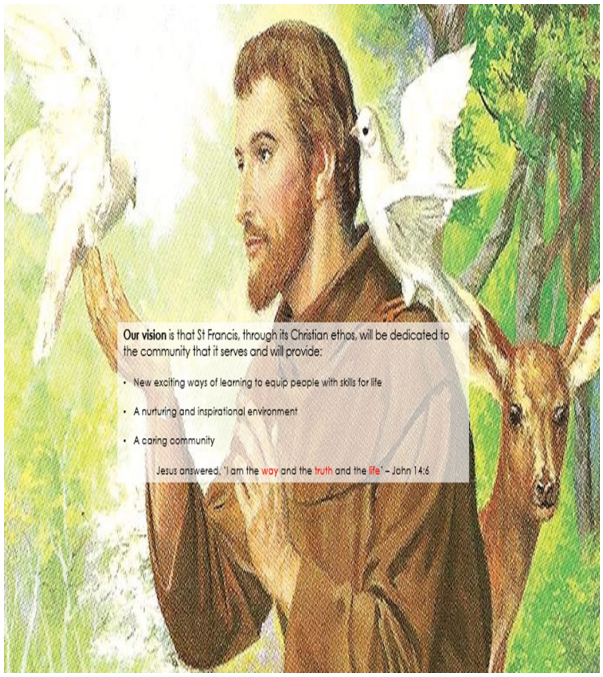
Our Big Question next week is:
What is your big dream?

Here's to a wonderful year ahead filled with learning, growth, and countless opportunities for our children to flourish.

Robert Craig
Assistant Principal



Our School Vision



Dina Asher-Smith Class News

Year 6 have had an amazing first week back and we are so impressed with how well everyone has settled back into routines. Their behaviour, focus and enthusiasm for learning have been excellent – what a brilliant start to the year!

In Maths, we are developing our understanding of place value up to ten million. This includes reading and writing large numbers, comparing and ordering them and recognising the value of each digit. We are also working on using number lines and exploring how rounding can help us estimate and check our answers.

Our focus in English has been on settings We've been learning how to create detailed descriptions that help the reader picture exactly where a story is taking place. The class have already produced some wonderful descriptive paragraphs – we can't wait to see these skills being used in their own stories!

In History, we have started our new topic on World War II. We began by looking at when and why the war started, and how it affected people's everyday lives. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring themes such as evacuation, rationing, the Blitz, and the role of different countries.

We are very proud of how Year 6 have started the term.

Parent lunches

Parent lunches are returning this term and you are more than welcome to join your child for lunch on the dates and times below.

Please follow the link for your child's class to book your meal and once this is done please go onto Arbor to pay for your meal, this can be found under the Activities/ clubs tab.
Meals need to be pre booked and paid for before the day.

Year 6 - Friday 12th September @ 12.30pm - book by Wednesday 10th September.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5FYBVZ8

Year 5 - Friday 19th September @ 12.30pm - book by Wednesday 17th September

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDX7QF

Year 4 - Friday 26th September @12.30pm - book by Wednesday 24th September

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5FNKJT9

Year 3 - Friday 3rd October @ 12.30pm - book by Wednesday 1st October

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSTL9RR

Year 2 - Friday 10th October @ 11.50am - book by Wednesday 8th October

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PS3RYYP

Year 1 - Friday 17th October @ 11.50am - book by Wednesday 15th October

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53CRKQV

Reception Class - Friday 7th November @ 11.40 am -book by Wednesday 5th November
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSPNTDL

PE days

Here are the following PE days:
EYFS: Monday and Friday
Year 1: Wednesday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Monday
Year 4: Monday
Year 5: Tuesday
Year 6: Monday and Friday
Please can children come into school in their PE kits on these day.
Also, there may be times (for example poor weather) when the day might need to be changed - the teachers will let you know if that is the case.

Clubs

There are still spaces in the following after school clubs.

Tuesday—Bikes & Scooters - KS1

Wednesday— Football—Years 2,3,4.

Thursday— Dance & Cheerleading - Years 4,5,6.
£4.00 per session.

These can be booked and paid for on Arbor.

Lost Property

We already have items in the lost property box.

PLEASE name your child's uniform/ belongings so we can return them to them.

Themed lunch days

Bonfire Night -Wednesday 5th November.

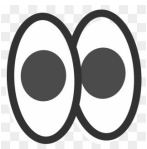
Menu to be confirmed

Dinners are now £3.10.

PTA

The PTA have been very busy planning some exciting events for the children for this year.

Watch this space !!



Online Safety

Please support Hannah and her amazing challenge.

Hannah is very near to her target of £1000 and will finish her marathon next Friday at St Francis.

I've decided to take on a challenge starting Monday 8th of September, 7 Marathons in 7 days.
I'm raising money for the SEN department at St Francis school.
This is something very close to mine and my family's heart and people close to us as well.
Each day I take on my marathon there will be a strong reason why I'm doing this to help and support the SEN department at the school.
So each donation will be massively appreciated and will go a long way.
This will be my biggest challenge yet. It will push me physically,
mentally and there will be days I will struggle. But the reason why
I'm doing this will push me through each day.
Please follow my journey to the 7 Marathon's in 7 days.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hannah-atkins?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

SEPTEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2*	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24		
T	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		
S	7	14	21	28		

OCTOBER 2025						
M		6	13	20	27	
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W	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2	9	16	23	30	
F	3	10	17#	24	31	
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S	5	12	19	26		

NOVEMBER 2025						
M		3*	10	17	24	
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T		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
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S	2	9	16	23	30	

DECEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24	31	
T	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19#	26		
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S	7	14	21	28		

JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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APRIL 2026						
M		6	13*	20	27	
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MAY 2026						
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JUNE 2026						
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JULY 2026						
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AUGUST 2026						
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T		6	13	20	27	
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S	2	9	16	23	30	

Development Day (no children) — Holiday — Bank Holiday — * first day after break — # last day before break

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	6 April 2026
Boxing Day New Year's	26 December 2025	May Day Holiday	4 May 2026
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	3 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Information form the Local Authority

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Autumn Menu

WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Chicken Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Coleslaw, New Potatoes	Beef Burger to go with Baked Beans, Homemade mixed potato wedges	Roast Gammon to go with Broccoli, New Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Gravy	Sausage to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Battered Pollock Fillets to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
Vegetarian	Quorn Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Coleslaw, New Potatoes	Southern Style Quorn Burger to go with Baked Beans, Homemade mixed potato wedges	Quorn Roast to go with Broccoli, New Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Gravy	Quorn Sausages to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Veggie Balls to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Coleslaw
Combo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping
Packed lunch	Packed Lunch - Box 4 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack to go with Cheese Sandwich on White, Ham Wrap, Egg Roll	Packed Lunch - Box 2 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Carrot Cake Muffin and Fresh Fruit to go with Tuna Mayo Sandwich on White, Cheese Wrap, Ham Wrap	Packed Lunch - Box 2 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Carrot Cake Muffin and Fresh Fruit to go with Cheese Sandwich on White, Ham Wrap, Egg Roll	Packed Lunch - Box 3 with Crunchy Vegetables & Cream Cheese, Chocolate Malt Brownie and a Melon Wedge to go with Cheese Baguette, Ham Wrap, Tuna Mayo Bap	Packed Lunch - Box 4 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack to go with Cheese Wrap, Egg Mayo Wrap, Jerk Chicken Wrap

STEP 2 ...and to finish!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
White Chocolate Brownie	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Mandarin Jelly	Fruit Meringues	Strawberry Iced Smoothie
Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

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School Uniform

The uniform at St Francis is:

· Grey trousers/ shorts/skirt/pinafore/ Blue & white gingham dresses for the summer

· White Polo (with logo if possible) Years R, 1, 2

· White button through shirt/blouse and tie Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

· School Sweatshirt/Cardigan with logo

· Grey socks/tights

· Black School Shoes (not trainers or boots)

PE Kit is:

· White Logo T Shirt

· Navy PE shorts

· Plimsolls / Trainers

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up at all times this applies to both boys and girls and hair accessories should be subtle (no big bows/ ribbons please)

For safety reasons children should not wear any jewellery in school. However if your child has pierced ears, small studs may be worn.

We are proud of our school and its uniform, please help us to keep looking smart.

PE Days:

Monday - Reception, Yr 6,3,4.

Tuesday - Yr 5

Wednesday - Year 1

Thursday - Year 2

Friday - Reception & Yr 6

Please remember PE kit MUST be worn to school on your child's PE day.

PE kits should be brought in for all after school sports

School Information

School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3.00pm. Please ensure your child is dropped off in plenty of time for the start of the day and that you collect your child promptly at the end of the day or after their club.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school office promptly in the morning, you can leave a message on 857449.

Break and lunch boxes

A reminder that children should bring a healthy snack for break (no chocolate) and a healthy balanced lunchbox, thank you.