



End of Year Newsletter

Celebration Edition



*A community growing in love for
learning and life, joy, trust, respect and
faith rooted in God's love*



What a truly wonderful first year it has been as Head Teacher of St. Francis Primary! As we reach the end of this academic year, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and pride for everything we've achieved together as a community.

To our incredible children, thank you for your infectious enthusiasm, your eagerness to learn, and your joyful spirits that light up our classrooms every day. You have embraced our mission of growing in love for learning and life, showing incredible curiosity and resilience. Your laughter and smiles are a constant reminder of the special place St. Francis is. We've seen so much joy, trust, and respect flourish amongst you, and it has been a privilege to witness.

My sincerest thanks go to our dedicated and hardworking staff. Your commitment to nurturing every child, often going above and beyond, is truly inspiring. You embody the very best of our school, creating an environment where our children feel safe, challenged, and cherished. We've said some difficult goodbyes to valued colleagues throughout the year, and as we close this chapter, we say farewell to more staff members who have contributed so much to our St. Francis family. We wish them all the very best in their new adventures, knowing they will carry a piece of our mission with them.

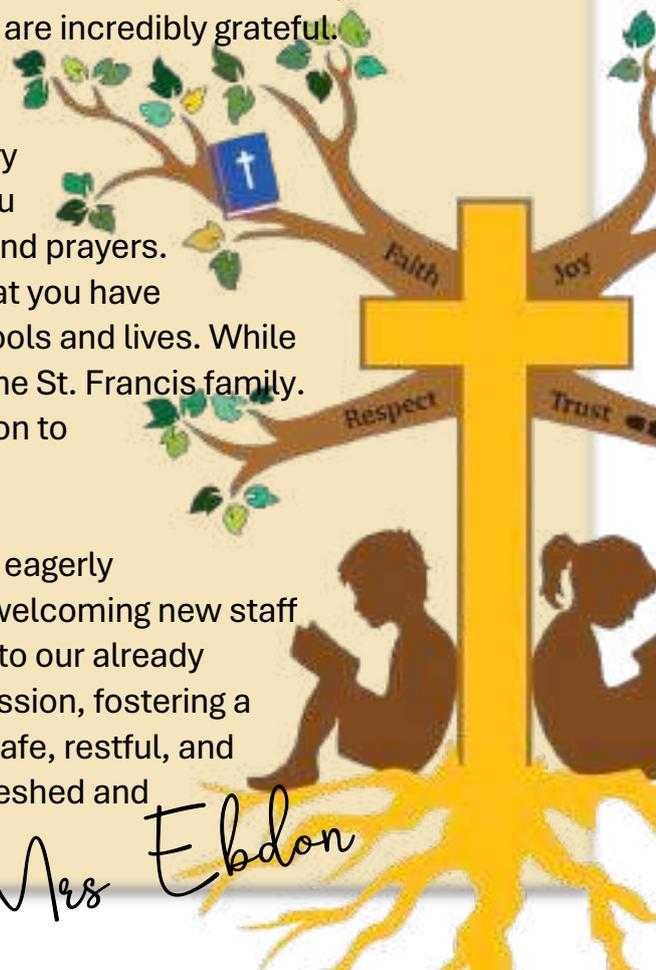
To our amazing parents, thank you for your invaluable partnership. We truly believe that supporting and educating children is a joint journey, and your dedication, trust, and active involvement make all the difference. Your support at home, engagement with school life, and consistent encouragement allow our children to thrive

To our phenomenal PTA, your unwavering support and tireless efforts in fundraising events have made a significant difference to our school. Your dedication allows us to provide enhanced experiences for our children, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

To our fantastic Year 6 children, the time has come for you to spread your wings and embark on your secondary school journey. We are so proud of the young people you have become, and we send you off with our blessings and prayers. Remember the values of faith, joy, trust, and respect that you have learned here and carry them forward into your new schools and lives. While you leave our classrooms; you will always be a part of the St. Francis family. We also say goodbye to other children who are moving on to new schools: we wish you all the very best.

As one chapter closes, another exciting one begins. We eagerly anticipate the next academic year and look forward to welcoming new staff members who will bring fresh perspectives and talents to our already vibrant team. With God's grace, we will continue our mission, fostering a community where everyone can thrive. I wish you all a safe, restful, and blessed summer break. We can't wait to see you all, refreshed and ready for new adventures, in September!

Mrs Ebdon



Mission Tie Awards

20th June 2025

4th July 2025

St Lucy	Jack	St Ann	Liam
St Matthew	Adam	St Joseph	Nathaniel
St John	Miracle	St Anthony	Jasmine
St Luke	Pippa	St Mark	Evie
St Paul	Evie	St Peter	Ben
St Theresa	Olivia B	St Bernadette	Alfie
St Margaret	Riona	St Clare	Chriss Ann



St Lucy	Flynn	St Ann	Spencer
St Matthew	Anna	St Joseph	Arley
St John	Isla	St Anthony	Cody
St Luke	Oscar	St Mark	Megan
St Paul	Reuben	St Peter	Emily P
St Theresa	Leo	St Bernadette	Rhys
St Margaret	Nyall	St Clare	Seb

St Lucy	Henrik	St Ann	Evanna
St Matthew	Louis	St Joseph	Cian
St John	Mar	St Anthony	Olivia
St Luke	Yaiza	St Mark	Isla
St Paul	Eliza	St Peter	Toyese
St Theresa	Robert	St Bernadette	Lola
St Margaret	Connie	St Clare	Abhinand



St Lucy	Vinnie	St Ann	Mireya
St Matthew	Isabelle	St Joseph	Ezio
St John	James	St Anthony	CheChe
St Luke	Imogen	St Mark	Alex
St Paul	Kosi	St Peter	Elsie
St Theresa	Edward	St Bernadette	Charlotte
St Margaret	Maathew	St Clare	Malika

St Lucy	Brianna	St Ann	Xander
St Matthew	Callie	St Joseph	Nigel
St John	Charlotte	St Anthony	Eva
St Luke	Thomas	St Mark	Charlie
St Paul	Tristan	St Peter	Melanie
St Theresa	David	St Bernadette	Lucas
St Margaret	Mae	St Clare	Noah



St Lucy	Cameron	St Ann	Ella
St Matthew	Yifei	St Joseph	Ben
St John	Riley	St Anthony	Deborah
St Luke	Emily	St Mark	Doreen
St Paul	Evelyn	St Peter	Julia
St Theresa	Joann	St Bernadette	Thomas
St Margaret	Louie	St Clare	Darenz

St Lucy	Ife	St Ann	Victor
St Matthew	Ivaniya	St Joseph	Elian
St John	Milo	St Anthony	Maxim
St Luke	Connie	St Mark	Davina
St Paul	Poppy	St Peter	Margaret
St Theresa	Dante	St Bernadette	Benita
St Margaret	Alexandra	St Clare	Savannah



St Lucy	Logan	St Ann	Victoria
St Matthew	Micah	St Joseph	Rosie
St John	Ian	St Anthony	Emma
St Luke	Isabelle	St Mark	Daniel H
St Paul	William	St Peter	Penny
St Theresa	Ivy-Rae	St Bernadette	Jacob
St Margaret	Scott	St Clare	Egor

St Matthew	Uche	St Joseph	Kit
St John	Mason	St Anthony	Lyanna
St Luke	Isabelle	St Mark	Megan
St Paul	Evelyn	St Peter	Julia
St Theresa	Reuben	St Bernadette	Xavier
St Margaret	Abel Joe	St Clare	Albert



St Matthew	Graceson	St Joseph	
St John		St Anthony	Ivasubin
St Luke		St Mark	Florence
St Paul		St Peter	Zachary
St Theresa	Praise	St Bernadette	Cash
St Margaret	Esther	St Clare	Maisy

18th July 2025

St Lucy	Sophia	St Ann	Tommy
St Matthew	Logan	St Joseph	Elijah
St John	Lucas	St Anthony	Lyanna
St Luke	Ivy	St Mark	Nikita
St Paul	Kamran	St Peter	Zac
St Theresa	Evelyn	St Bernadette	Bella
St Margaret	All children	St Clare	All children

Joy

St Lucy	Gian	St Ann	Isabella
St Matthew	MJ	St Joseph	Emily
St John	Mason	St Anthony	Arabella
St Luke	Ciara	St Mark	Oscar
St Paul	Zara	St Peter	Lexi
St Theresa	Amelia	St Bernadette	Jack
St Margaret	All children	St Clare	All children

Trust

St Lucy	Isobel	St Ann	Kylian
St Matthew	George	St Joseph	Ezra
St John	Olivia	St Anthony	Lewin
St Luke	Emily	St Mark	Florene
St Paul	Jessica	St Peter	Joshua
St Theresa	Edward	St Bernadette	Maya
St Margaret	All children	St Clare	All children

Respect

St Lucy	Eva	St Ann	Rares
St Matthew	Favour	St Joseph	Maisie
St John	Millie	St Anthony	Kamsee
St Luke	Pippa	St Mark	Ianis
St Paul	Charlie	St Peter	Freya
St Theresa	Reuben	St Bernadette	Alfie
St Margaret	All children	St Clare	All children

Faith

St Matthew	Vanessa	St Joseph	Cian
St John		St Anthony	George
St Luke		St Mark	Thaddy
St Paul		St Peter	Cian
St Theresa	Jayden Z	St Bernadette	Roseanna
St Margaret	All children	St Clare	All children

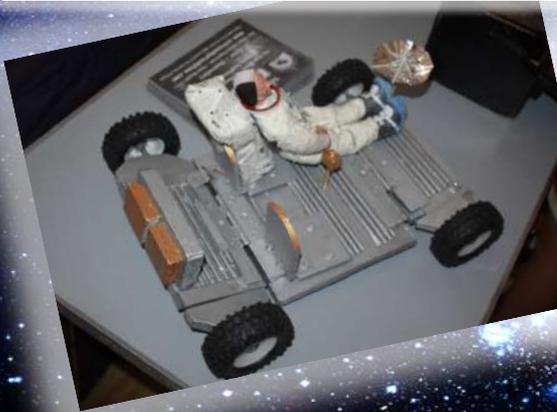
Star Reader



From September newsletters will be going out monthly.

Out of this World

Last week, our Key Stage 2 children embarked on an incredible journey through space without even leaving the school grounds! Thanks to a special visit from the Astrodome, our pupils were treated to immersive talks and stunning visuals inside the inflatable planetarium. They explored distant galaxies, learned about our solar system, and marvelled at the wonders of the cosmos. It was a truly captivating and educational experience that left everyone buzzing with astronomical excitement



Our school's got talent!



What an incredible night! We're still buzzing from the energy and excitement of our recent school talent show. A huge congratulations to **all the students who participated** and shared their amazing skills with us. From breathtaking musical performances to hilarious comedic acts and impressive dance routines, you truly showcased the incredible talent within our school community. Thank you for your hard work, courage, and for making it such an unforgettable event!

Congratulations to Mae for receiving a medal from The Maidstone SFA for the Under 11 district team 2024 - 2025



Our Family Sports Day

What an absolutely fantastic (and hot!) Sports Day we had! A massive thank you to everyone who came out to participate, cheer, and make the day such a memorable one. Despite the scorching sun, the energy was incredible, and it was wonderful to see so many of you giving your all in the races and activities.

The highlight for many was undoubtedly our family picnic, where everyone gathered to refuel, relax, and enjoy each other's company under the glorious sunshine. It was brilliant to see so many families sprawled out on blankets, sharing food and laughter.

A huge congratulations to all our athletes, big and small, for their incredible efforts and sportsmanship. Your enthusiasm truly shone through, making it a day packed with fun, friendly competition, and community spirit. Thanks for making our Sports Day a sizzling success!



Sporting Inspiration!



What an incredible day we had welcoming Courtney Tulloch to our school! The renowned gymnast delivered an awe-inspiring demonstration assembly that left everyone spellbound. His incredible strength, agility, and dedication truly shone through, captivating every single pupil and staff member.

Following the assembly, Courtney led dynamic workshops with all classes, sharing tips, demonstrating techniques, and encouraging our young athletes to reach for their own stars. His infectious enthusiasm and positive message resonated with everyone, proving that with hard work and determination, anything is possible. Courtney truly inspired us all!

We're also thrilled to announce that our school raised over £600m through our fundraising efforts related to this visit. A huge well done and thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity!



Inflatable Fun!

What a High-Flying Success!

Our school field was transformed into a bouncy paradise on **June 20th** for our highly anticipated Inflatable Afternoon! Laughter and squeals of delight filled the air as children bounced, slid, and tumbled their way through an amazing array of inflatable challenges. It was a fantastic afternoon of energetic fun for everyone involved, and a brilliant way to enjoy the sunny weather.

This wonderful event was made even more accessible thanks to a **hugely generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. White**. They raised this incredible sum through their own dedicated charity event, and their contribution heavily subsidised the cost of the inflatables for our school. This meant we could offer this fantastic experience to more children at a reduced price.

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that, with this support and everyone's amazing enthusiasm on the day, we raised an astounding

£983.40!

A massive thank you to all the children, parents, staff, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. White, for making this event such a resounding success. Your generosity makes a real difference!

A special thank you to our wonderful PTA for giving up their time and supporting this event by running stalls and practising their artistic skills!



Piano Lessons

Mark Nelson will have vacancies in September for piano lessons for pupils in years 1 to 6. Lessons will take place during school hours, please contact Mark on 07712 646546 for more details.



Colour run - postponed



We had to make the difficult decision to postpone the colour run.
This has now been provisionally scheduled for 25th September 2025

Look out for more details via Class Dojo at the beginning of the next academic year

All proceeds will go towards the school's new sensory room. Tickets must be bought in advance, and a waver slip must be signed for every child.

Lost Property

We still have lots of lost property in our reception area. We will place it outside on the Tuesday 22nd July at the end of the school day. **Any items left after this time will either be donated to charity or given to the PTA for second hand uniform sales.**



Science week



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2025



On Tuesday 19th May the children had a fun-filled assembly to celebrate the start of science week



Every class participated in science lessons, exploring topics, conducting experiments, learning about scientists, and having fun throughout the week.

Throughout the week, our children were inspired by visits from parent science ambassadors – including doctors, engineers, and biochemical and chemical scientists – who shared insights into their exciting careers.



SCIENCE FAIR

Huge Thank you to Mrs Lorena – Martinez, Mrs Nolan, Mrs Mar Martinez and Mr Brako



On Thursday 22nd May, children were invited to bring their science projects to school. It was wonderful to see many amazing projects from every class, which the children proudly showcased during the science fair. We were thrilled by the huge turnout of children who created and presented their projects. Choosing the winner of this year's science fair was incredibly difficult.

With the biggest number of projects and for the most creativity during Science Week the winners of St. Francis Science Fair 2025 is class

St John!

Enormous thank you to our volunteer helpers who made sure the science fair went as smoothly as possible - Mrs Turner, Mrs Malandra, Mrs Canoy, etc.



Midday Supervisors Wanted!

Are you looking for a rewarding part-time role? We're seeking friendly and reliable Midday Supervisors to join our team at St Francis Catholic Primary School.

You'll help make lunchtimes fun and safe for our wonderful primary school children, supervising them in the dining hall and playground.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (6.25 hours per week).

If you enjoy working with children and want to be part of our school community, please contact the School Office on [School Phone Number] or email [School Email Address] for more information.

St Francis Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

We got PLATINUM!!

St Francis Catholic Primary School has just achieved Platinum award status from OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning. This means that they are in the top 1% of UK schools for the quality of the play they provide for all their children. The school has demonstrated that it takes the UNCRC Article 31, the child's right to play, seriously and is implementing all stages of school improvement in relation to play, including policy, planning, resourcing, staffing and evaluation."

**Michael Follett BA Hons Ed, PGCE OPAL
Founder and Director**



Albert

Fearne

Connie

Louie

Anna

Theodore

Sahasna

Alivia

A Fond Farewell

Alex

Rakeema

Jia

The time has come, dear Year Six friends, our journey here now gently ends.

Through classroom days and playground fun, your time at St Francis is almost done.

Remember lessons, big and small, and how you answered God's own call.

In kindness shared and prayers you've prayed, found strength in faith, you weren't afraid

You've learned so much, in every way, Growing stronger, day by day.

With curious minds and spirits bold, new stories now begin to unfold.

Now step out bravely, full of grace, with joyful hearts, and smiling face.

New paths await, new friends to meet, may all your futures be so sweet.

God bless each one, in all you do, His loving light will shine for you.

Go forth with faith, and spirits bold, Let God's good news in you unfold.

Be shining lights, in all you do, and share His love, forever true.

Alfie

Noah

Egon

Charlie

Maisy

Jessa

Alinard

Alivia

Ciaran

Esther

Riona

Chriss Ann

Abel

Scott

Tristan

Anson

Lincoln

Mae

Malika

Destin

Erin

Lily

With curious minds and spirits bold, new stories now begin to unfold.

Gabriella

Matilda

Sean

Adrijan

Jake

Now step out bravely, full of grace, with joyful hearts, and smiling face.

Sebastian

Darcie

Savannah

Abel

New paths await, new friends to meet, may all your futures be so sweet.

Karson

Grace

Nicholas

Oliver

God bless each one, in all you do, His loving light will shine for you.

Razvan

Charlie

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Go forth with faith, and spirits bold, Let God's good news in you unfold.

Kyrell

Erina

Dareng

Munachi

Be shining lights, in all you do, and share His love, forever true.

Yakmael

Lily

Matthew

Ava

Melvin

Bethany

Freya

Macey

Lincoln

Deborah

Nyall



As we close this academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt goodbyes and deepest gratitude to the wonderful staff members who have been such an integral part of the St. Francis family. We've said farewell to some colleagues throughout the year as they embarked on exciting new adventures, and now, as the term ends, we prepare to say goodbye to more familiar faces. Each one of you has contributed immensely, pouring your dedication, passion, and unique talents into the lives of our children and our entire school community.

We will miss you immensely, but we are incredibly grateful for the lasting impact you've made. May God bless you abundantly in your next chapter, guiding your paths with peace, joy, and new opportunities. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

A Warm Welcome

A warm St. Francis welcome to the newest members of our team! Mrs. Evans has already been a fantastic addition since Easter, offering invaluable support to children throughout the school. As we look ahead to September, we are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Herring, Miss Stigle, and Miss Carter will be joining our staff. We are eagerly anticipating the wonderful contributions they will bring to our school community.

Mrs Herring

Year 2 Class Teacher



Miss Stigle

Year R Class Teacher



Miss Carter

Year R Class Teacher



Mrs Evans

Learning Mentor



School Photos



Thank you to parents for purchasing photos of your class. These have all now been sent home. If you still would like to order photos, don't worry you are not too late. Use the slip and order directly from their website, your photos will then be sent to your address. We do receive commission from all your purchases, so thank you for your support!

Important Dates

Autumn Term 2025	
Term One	
Monday 1 st September	<i>Staff Development Day 1 - no school for students</i>
Tuesday 2 nd September	Term starts for Year 1-6
Friday 17 th October	Term ends for students
Half-term <i>Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October</i>	
Term Two	
Monday 27 th October	<i>Staff Development Day 2 - no school for students</i>
Tuesday 28 th October	<i>Staff Development Day 3 - no school for students</i>
Wednesday 29 th October	Term starts for students
Monday 24 th November	<i>Staff Development Day 4 - no school for students</i>
Friday 19 th December	Term ends for students
Spring Term 2026	
Term Three	
Monday 5 th January	Term starts for students
Friday 13 th February	Term ends for students
Half-term <i>Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February</i>	
Term Four	
Monday 23 rd February	Term starts for students
Thursday 2 nd April	Term ends for students
Summer Term 2026	
Term Five	
Monday 20 th April	Term starts for students
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 22 nd May	Term ends for students
Half-term <i>Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May</i>	
Term Six	
Monday 1 st June	<i>Staff Development Day 5 - no school for students</i>
Tuesday 2 nd June	Term starts for students
Tuesday 21 st July	Term ends for students

Inclusion News

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would like everyone to check if your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals from Kent County Council. Go to:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent> and enter your personal details. If eligible, you will receive confirmation and KCC will inform the school directly.



For more information regarding Kent's local offer please scan the QR code to



We aim to be nut free



We do not allow nuts or nut products at St Francis to protect children with allergies. Please ensure that you do not bring any nut products into the school.

Full details about how we manage this can be found in our *Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy*.

Thank you for your help in keeping everybody safe in our school

Hello! My name is Mrs Neill, I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at St Francis. My role is to support children with additional needs, ensuring they receive the right help to thrive and succeed. I work closely with staff, parents, and external professionals to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for every child.



If you ever have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out—I'm always happy to help!

sen@stfranciscatholicprimary.com

01622 771540

SEND Google form

Thank you to everyone that has completed the SEN information form. We need responses from every parent, and we still have at least 80 forms outstanding. If you haven't yet completed the form, please could you do this. Even if you don't believe your child has special education needs, it is still important for all responses to be logged. Please follow the link below.

<https://forms.gle/z8TQXSaEihtTaAKu7>

Transition

As the end of the school year approaches, many of our children are experiencing significant transitions. Most children have now had the opportunity to meet their new teacher, and alongside their report, every child will receive a transition sheet providing a little information about their new teacher and classroom. We also acknowledge the particularly big transition ahead for our Year 6 children as they prepare to move on to secondary school, and we send our best wishes to the children who will be leaving St. Francis to join different primary schools. Whatever the reason, transition can be a tricky time for most children. They know that changes are coming, and this can bring about a mix of emotions that they might struggle to name or understand. Below, we've provided some valuable guidance on how to help make these changes positive. While this document is primarily designed for children moving into their teenage years, it offers many excellent suggestions that can benefit children of all ages during times of transition.

Please do not hesitate to speak to staff at St Francis if you have any concerns or would like further support.

Choose health

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...



- Do they need snacks throughout the day?
- Do they need lots of sleep?
- Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
- Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

Work together

Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong



Move on up

Encourage independence:

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely



Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Be calm

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed.

Your child may show:

- highs and lows
- blame
- melodrama
- self-centredness
- anger



Communicate

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Get learning

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world



Be wise

As they discover new things, try to:



- be interested
- listen to their point of view
- be non-judgemental
- choose your words carefully
- guide
- act on warning bells
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides

Be the anchor

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home



Have fun

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside



Look after yourself

Support yourself, to best support your child:

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



