

A community growing in Love for Learning and Life



St Francis Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue:

Term 1

I'm delighted to welcome all our families and students back for the start of what promises to be a wonderful academic year. To our existing pupils, it is lovely to see your familiar, smiling faces once again! And to our newest families, especially the little ones joining our **Foundation Stage**, we extend the warmest of welcomes. They have already settled into school life beautifully, and it's a joy to watch them begin their journey at St Francis. We also offer a heartfelt welcome to the **new staff** joining our dedicated team this year, and a sincere welcome back to our **existing staff** who continue to pour their energy and passion into our school community.

It feels like only yesterday we were starting, and yet we've already had so much fun this term! We've seen inspiring **author visits**, musical rock assemblies, engaging **reading workshops**, and exciting **curriculum visitors**—like the fantastic science activities for Year 2. These moments enrich the children's learning and remind us of the vibrant spirit of St Francis. We must also mention a change in our parish family. Last term, we said a fond farewell and thank you to Canon Liam as he moved to his new parish. We have now been blessed with the presence of **Canon John**, who celebrated our first Mass with us. We look forward to many future visits and wish him every success in his new role.

As this term draws to a close, we look ahead to a very busy and joyful next term in the build-up to **Christmas**. Please ensure you look through the rest of this newsletter carefully, as it contains all the essential dates and details for the festive season and other upcoming events. We are truly looking forward to a wonderful year ahead, full of exciting opportunities to work together to support all the children and families of St Francis. **May God bless our school year.**

Heavenly Father,

We praise and thank You for the gift of this new academic year.

Send Your Holy Spirit to fill our students with a thirst for wisdom and knowledge.

Bless our new families, especially those in Foundation Stage, and guide all staff, new and returning, with patience and understanding.

Watch over Canon John as he begins his ministry with us.

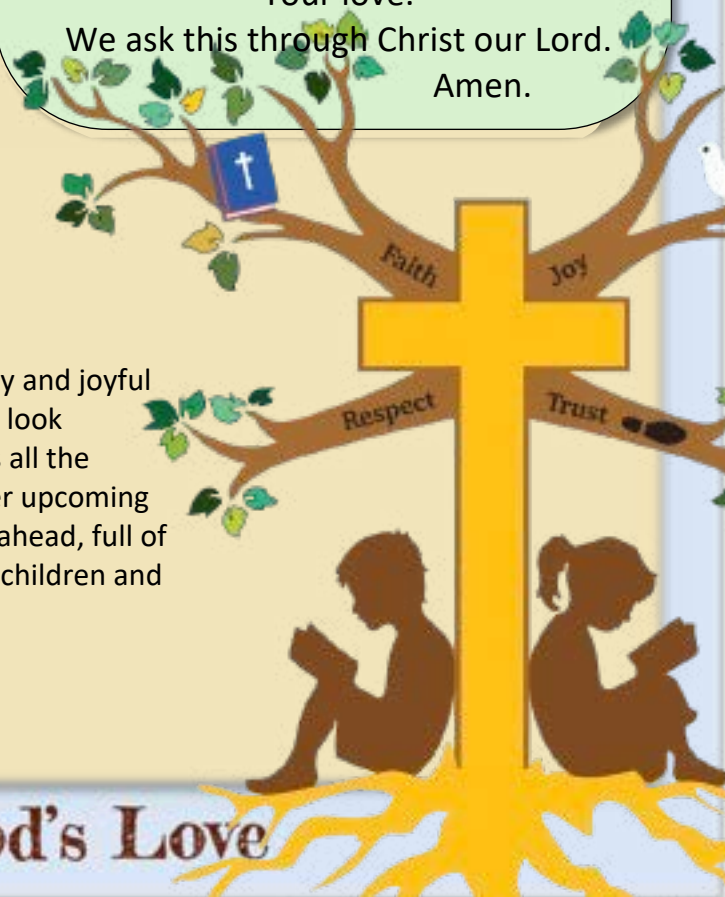
May our school, St Francis, be a place where we always see You in one another and may all we do be rooted in Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mrs Ebdon

Rooted in God's Love



Mission Tie Awards

12th September 2025

26th September 2025

St Matthew	<i>Grace</i>	St Joseph	<i>Logan</i>
St John	<i>Yifei</i>	St Anthony	<i>Charlotte</i>
St Luke	<i>Gosife</i>	St Mark	<i>Miracle</i>
St Paul	<i>Pippa</i>	St Peter	<i>Nikita</i>
St Theresa	<i>Luigi</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Hattie</i>
St Margaret	<i>Joshua</i>	St Clare	<i>Charlotte</i>



St Matthew	<i>Spencer</i>	St Joseph	<i>Ife</i>
St John	<i>Catherine</i>	St Anthony	<i>Annabel</i>
St Luke	<i>Cody</i>	St Mark	<i>Brigid</i>
St Paul	<i>Nova</i>	St Peter	<i>Rosie</i>
St Theresa	<i>Ethan</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Evania</i>
St Margaret	<i>Nevaeh</i>	St Clare	<i>Bella</i>

St Matthew	<i>Ella</i>	St Joseph	<i>Eva</i>
St John	<i>Louis</i>	St Anthony	<i>Elian</i>
St Luke	<i>Jasmine</i>	St Mark	<i>Grace N.</i>
St Paul	<i>Ciara</i>	St Peter	<i>Neve</i>
St Theresa	<i>Amelia</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Onose</i>
St Margaret	<i>Evelyn</i>	St Clare	<i>Roseanna</i>



St Matthew	<i>Victoria</i>	St Joseph	<i>Adam</i>
St John	<i>Vyn</i>	St Anthony	<i>Zara</i>
St Luke	<i>Olivia</i>	St Mark	<i>Millie</i>
St Paul	<i>Isabelle</i>	St Peter	<i>Charlie</i>
St Theresa	<i>Mehjabin</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Poppy</i>
St Margaret	<i>Freddie</i>	St Clare	<i>Beatrice</i>

St Matthew	<i>Kylian</i>	St Joseph	<i>Cameron</i>
St John	<i>Jesse</i>	St Anthony	<i>Wilfred</i>
St Luke	<i>Franceszca</i>	St Mark	<i>Riley</i>
St Paul	<i>Santiago</i>	St Peter	<i>Evie</i>
St Theresa	<i>Sebastian</i>	St Bernadette	<i>William</i>
St Margaret	<i>Dante</i>	St Clare	<i>Xavier</i>



St Matthew	<i>Jawad</i>	St Joseph	<i>Brianna</i>
St John	<i>Teni</i>	St Anthony	<i>Nigel</i>
St Luke	<i>Ose</i>	St Mark	<i>Roman</i>
St Paul	<i>Emily</i>	St Peter	<i>Isla</i>
St Theresa	<i>Emilia</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Sofia</i>
St Margaret	<i>Amelia</i>	St Clare	<i>Isasubin</i>

St Matthew	<i>Frankie</i>	St Joseph	<i>Vinnie</i>
St John	<i>MJ</i>	St Anthony	<i>Ezekiel</i>
St Luke	<i>Eva</i>	St Mark	<i>Ini</i>
St Paul	<i>Kaleb</i>	St Peter	<i>Maya</i>
St Theresa	<i>Tommi</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Aiden</i>
St Margaret	<i>Jadon</i>	St Clare	<i>Rene</i>



St Matthew	<i>Mireya</i>	St Joseph	<i>Maisie</i>
St John	<i>Favour</i>	St Anthony	<i>Ben</i>
St Luke	<i>Lily</i>	St Mark	<i>Alexander</i>
St Paul	<i>Chisimdi</i>	St Peter	<i>Doreen</i>
St Theresa	<i>Sara</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Isaac</i>
St Margaret	<i>Sophia</i>	St Clare	<i>Thomas</i>

St Matthew	<i>Ionsubin</i>	St Joseph	<i>Eli</i>
St John	<i>Zach</i>	St Anthony	<i>Muhammed</i>
St Luke	<i>Apache</i>	St Mark	<i>Ian</i>
St Paul		St Peter	
St Theresa	<i>Margaret</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Evie</i>
St Margaret	<i>Jaydon</i>	St Clare	



St Matthew	<i>Alexander</i>	St Joseph	<i>Nicholas</i>
St John	<i>Jesse</i>	St Anthony	<i>Cian</i>
St Luke	<i>Joshua</i>	St Mark	<i>Miracle</i>
St Paul	<i>Yaiza</i>	St Peter	
St Theresa	<i>Joshua</i>	St Bernadette	<i>Amelia</i>
St Margaret	<i>Jayden</i>	St Clare	<i>Lucas</i>

10th October 2025

St Matthew *Ronnie*
 St John *George*
 St Luke *Alexis*
 St Paul *Chloe*
 St Theresa *Elsie*
 St Margaret *Reuben*

St Joseph *Eli*
 St Anthony *Emily*
 St Mark *James*
 St Peter *Maya E*
 St Bernadette *Eliza*
 St Clare *Gabriella*



St Matthew *Heydan*
 St John *Isabelle*
 St Luke *Che Che*
 St Paul *Jessimae*
 St Theresa *Ben*
 St Margaret *Emma*

St Joseph *Serenity*
 St Anthony *Rosie*
 St Mark *Mar*
 St Peter *Francine*
 St Bernadette *Katie*
 St Clare *Jacob*



St Matthew *Rares*
 St John *Aviana*
 St Luke *Lydia*
 St Paul *Connie*
 St Theresa *Penny*
 St Margaret *David*

St Joseph *Luca*
 St Anthony *Ezra*
 St Mark *Lana*
 St Peter *William*
 St Bernadette *Kamran*
 St Clare *Poppy*



St Matthew *Isabella*
 St John *Graceson*
 St Luke *Hannah*
 St Paul *Edward*
 St Theresa *Melanie*
 St Margaret *Samuel*

St Joseph *Dubem*
 St Anthony *Ella*
 St Mark *Denis*
 St Peter *Davina*
 St Bernadette *Matthew*
 St Clare *Amber*



St Matthew *Jawad*
 St John *Uche*
 St Luke *Ose*
 St Paul
 St Theresa *Cian*
 St Margaret *Olivia*

St Joseph *Isobel*
 St Anthony *Elijah*
 St Mark *Nashla*
 St Peter *Thaddy*
 St Bernadette *Zara*
 St Clare



LOST PROPERTY
 IS THIS YOURS?!

REMEMBER TO LABEL EVERYTHING!

CHECK THE OFFICE AREA AFTER SCHOOL

Term 1 is over & we're FULL!
 Help us reunite items with their owners!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Share Your Love For Sports!

Run After-School Sports Clubs!

Help Kids Stay Active & Have Fun!

Inspire the Next Generation!

Timing: Weekdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Interested? Contact the School Office Today!

Term 2 information

Winter Uniform

Required from Term 2



When the children return after half term, they will be expected to be wearing their winter uniform.

BOYS:

- Grey trousers
- White shirt
- School Tie
- School jumper
- Smart black school shoes

GIRLS

- Brown skirt/ grey trousers
- Grey tights
- White shirt
- School tie
- Brown cardigan or jumper

PE KIT

- Yellow t-shirt
- Black joggers/ shorts or leggings
- Black hoodie or jumper.
- Trainers.

Important announcements



CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNER COMING SOON!

- ALL meals must be PRE-ORDERED.
- Includes Free School Meals.
- More info in Term 2!



Get Ready for Term 2!

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR FOUNDATION STAGE PARENTS

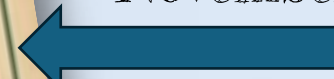


Starting after half term, foundation stage children will enter school through the main gate.

To ensure the smooth and supportive transition, our wonderful Year 6 pupils will be on hand to help guide foundation stage children to their classrooms each morning.

72 Sleeps!

Tickets will be available to purchase from the Main office from Monday 3rd November



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 5th December

6PM - 8PM

RAISING MONEY FOR THE SENSORY ROOM

- Raffle!
- Drinks & Snacks Available
- Tickets: £5 Per Person
- Maximum Team Size: 6

GET FESTIVE. GET CLEVER!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

Friday 12th December

CHRISTMAS DISCOS!

FS, Year 1, 2
Friday 12th December
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 3 - 6
Friday 12th December
5pm - 6pm

MORE INFORMATION ON CLASS DOJO!

PTA SANTA & A STORY

Friday 5th December

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Our wonderful community

If you would like to get involved, then please contact Mrs Edwards via the school office for more details.



Chikondi the Giraffe



Shristi the Sun bear

Showing we care

Thinking of everyone

DIVERSITY WEEK

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

CELEBRATE OUR CULTURES

THURSDAY 22.1.26
MORNING EVENT

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
SHARE YOUR FAMILY'S HERITAGE**

Existing & New Families Welcome!
Contact the School Office to Volunteer!

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Your wonderful contributions to **HARVEST APPEAL** will make a real difference in our community.

WEAR YOUR POPPY. REMEMBER THEM.

Poppy Appeal is Here!

Sale Starts: **WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER**

Items available from 9. All proceeds support THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Author visit

On Wednesday 1st October we were lucky enough to be visited by

Eve Wersocki-Morris



Author of these amazing books



Eve read some of her book and the children acted out the story. Hopefully inspiring the next generation of authors



Parent workshops

★ **Thank You!** ★
Our Reading Workshop
★ **Was a Success!** ★

To all the parents and guardians who attended our **reading** workshops this term: **thank you!**

It was a fantastic opportunity for you to see firsthand how your children learn reading in school and to discover valuable strategies for supporting reading at home.



Keep up the wonderful work!

KS1 Spanish Club
Begins Tuesday 4th November

KS2 Football club
Begins Monday 3rd November

Diary Dates

Parents evening (3.40pm – 6.30pm)	Wednesday 15 th October
Parents evening (4.30pm – 7.30pm)	Thursday 16 th October
PTA – non uniform day	Friday 17 th October
Last day of term 1	Friday 17 th October
Half term	20th – 24th October
Staff development day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Monday 27 th October
	Tuesday 28 th October
First day of term	Wednesday 29 th October
KS1 parent workshop – Maths (9.15 – 10.15)	Tuesday 4 th November
Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day	Wednesday 5 th November
Anti Bullying Week	10 th – 14 th November
KS2 parent workshop – Maths (9.15 – 10.15)	Thursday 20 th November
Feast of Christ the King Mass @ St Francis church	Sunday 23 rd November
Staff Development Day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Monday 24 th November
Year 4 and 6 attending Panto	Tuesday 2 nd December
Year 3 and 5 attending Panto	Thursday 4 th December
Fundraising Christmas Quiz (6pm – 8pm)	Friday 5 th December
PTA Santa and a story	Friday 5 th December
Christmas jumper day	Friday 12 th December
PTA Christmas discos	Friday 12 th December
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December

Inclusion News

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!

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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.

**Kent
County
Council**
kent.gov.uk



SEND SUPPORT

The KCC SEND Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Offer brings together key services in one easy-to-access place, so you can find the right help, right when you need it. Whether you're looking for practical advice, updates on local events, or ways to connect with other families, it's all here.

The offer includes:

- **The SEND Information Hub** – your go-to resource for guidance and updates
- **The SEND Enquiries Hub** – for direct support and answers to your questions
- **SEND Roadshows** – local events where you can meet services face-to-face
- The brand-new **SEND Podcast** – hear from experts and families on topics that matter to you

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/support-for-parents-with-send-children/send-information-advice-and-guidance-offer>

