



TUESDAY NEWS

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone to a brand new school year at St Francis. It was an absolute pleasure last week to welcome all of our children back into school after a long break – there were lots of smiling faces and shiny new uniforms! It was also wonderful to welcome our brand new children starting in Reception Class, and I am looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery children over this week and next week too. We pray that these brand new additions to our St Francis family settle in well and have a really positive start to their school journey in which they are able to flourish, explore their special gifts and reach their potential.

Our School Vision



Our Vision

*"You should be a light for other people.
Live so that they will see the good things you do."
(Matthew 5:16)*

At St Francis, we welcome you as you are: a unique child of God, blessed with many special gifts waiting to be unwrapped.

You and your family are joining our loving and vibrant school community; a community which feels like home and is excited to have you.

Each day will be an adventure; a new chance to shine. You will enjoy successes and face challenges. We will embrace all of this together, as a family. You will flourish in God's love and become the best you can possibly be. This is what you deserve.

You are important. You are wanted. You are loved.

Our Mission

Together we are exploring our special gifts; together we are growing towards God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Francis, we are blessed to walk alongside your children each day, helping them to grow in faith, wisdom, and love. Last year, after much prayer, reflection, and conversations with our school community, we launched our new Vision for St Francis Catholic Primary School:

*"You should be a light for other people.
Live so that they will see the good things you do."
(Matthew 5:16)*

Our vision reminds us that each child is a unique gift from God, filled with light and goodness, with talents waiting to be unwrapped and shared. Together, we want to nurture that light so it shines brightly—in the classroom, on the playground, at home, and in the wider world.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers. With your partnership, we know our school will continue to flourish and shine brightly as a beacon of God's love.

With every blessing,

Mrs Haines
Headteacher



For all of our new parents/carers, Tuesday News is our weekly newsletter in which everything that is going on in school is advertised here. It includes celebrations of all the children are doing in school, key messages and reminders for events coming up. Throughout today's edition, there are some short explanations of each section, so that you know where to look each week for different kinds of information. Look out for the waving hand sign in the different sections to find out what information you will find in there each week.

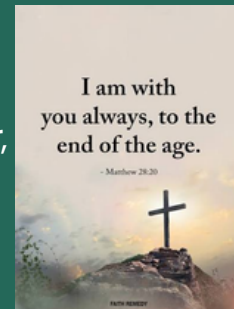


This section is where we celebrate the Catholic life of our school. We will tell you all about the key message from Sunday's Gospel and how we have explored it in our Monday morning worships. We will also tell you about any Masses or services coming up that you are more than welcome to take part in too, and we will celebrate all the children's activities as part of the Catholic life of our school.



Catholic Life and Collective Worship

Last week, we opened our new school year by gathering together in prayer. We reflected on Matthew's Gospel and the comforting message that Jesus is always with us. As we begin a new school year, we reminded the children that wherever they go, whatever they do and whatever challenges or joys the year may bring, Jesus is always by their side, guiding, loving and supporting them every step of the way.



The virtue we are currently exploring is LOVE OF LEARNING.

Our virtue to live by is:

I am a lifelong learner I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

As part of our reflections on this virtue, we will hear all about the work of Jane Goodall as inspiration.



COMING UP SOON...



This section acts as a last minute reminder of events coming up that have been previously advertised. Please make sure you check this every week when you receive the newsletter, so that you or your child does not miss out!

Wednesday 16th September
3:30pm in person OR 5pm online
FS2 Phonics and Reading Information Meetings

Thursday 17th September
3:30pm in person OR 5pm online
Y6 Winmarleigh Hall Information Meetings

Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God



Every Friday morning we celebrate all of our children's gifts and talents at our Merit Worship. Parents/carers of children receiving awards are texted an invitation to come along. In this section of Tuesday News, we celebrate the children who have received an award the previous Friday. Our first Merit Worship of the year will take place on Friday 11th September.

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Diary Dates



Here, we will advertise upcoming events happening in school that parents/carers need to know about. Please check it each week, as we sometimes have to make additions/amendments

NOTICES



Notices are given here about anything from which days your child will have PE to how much money was raised at the latest PFA event.



Forest School



Each class will have different half terms of Forest School with Mrs Setchell at some point in the year. Children need to come to school dressed in old clothes which are suitable for the weather that day. Please note: these sessions will take place in all and any weather, so suitable clothing is an absolute must. In order to keep the inside of school clean, children should either bring suitable footwear with them to change into each session or bring suitable footwear to leave in school for the full half term that they have the sessions.



Sacraments



Forms to register for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3 and above) and First Holy Communion (Y4 and above) are now available from church. Please collect one at the end of Mass.



Coffee Mornings

Come along to our very informal coffee mornings running every Monday from 8:45-9:45am in the small hall. Sam McPhail, our Family support Worker, will be there each week and babies and toddlers are always more than welcome too.



Baby News!



We are delighted to share some lovely news with you – Mrs Crowther is expecting her second baby! Her new arrival is due in February and we know you will join us in sending Mrs Crowther and her family lots of love and congratulations as they look forward to this very special new chapter.



PE Days

- Y1: Fridays (+ outdoor learning on Wednesdays)
- Y2: Mondays and Wednesdays
- Y3: Thursdays (+ outdoor learning on Mondays)
- Y4: Wednesdays (+outdoor learning on Thursdays)
- Y5: Fridays (+ swimming on Tuesdays)
- Y6: Tuesdays and Thursdays

* FEEDBACK *

We welcome feedback both positive and negative. We urge you to let us know when you feel something has gone well in school or when something could have been better. In this way, we can continue our efforts to further improve the standards in our school and the quality of education and experiences we provide for your children. If you have any issues or concerns, the first port of call is always your child's Class Teacher through making an appointment or phone call via the school office. If you are not satisfied, then the next step is to make an appointment via the school office with your child's Key Stage Leader.

EYFS: Mrs Needs (Senior Assistant Headteacher)

KS1: Mrs Whitley

KS2: Miss Hudson

Finally, Mrs Crowther, our Assistant Headteacher, is also available via appointment to assist with any concerns and also in her role as SENCo, should you have any concerns or questions regarding special educational needs.



NOTICES

The PFA are holding their first meeting of the year in which all the events are agreed and dates are put into the school diary. EVERYONE is welcome to attend this, either to be a regular member or to offer a helping hand at events when possible. Please follow St Francis PFA on Facebook to keep up to date with all fundraising events.

PFA MEETING
ALL ARE WELCOME!
New and existing members and children can come too!

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER
3:30pm
School's Small Hall

Come along to find out more about the PFA, share ideas, help plan future events and support our school community.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AVAILABLE
REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

★ PEOPLE ★ FRIENDS ★ ACTION



In this section of the Newsletter we celebrate attendance, by sharing which classes have achieved the highest attendance and sharing our whole school attendance and targets achieved. We will also keep you updated with any changes to our attendance policy and provide information throughout the year to help you support your child with excellent attendance.

LET'S CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE!

Good attendance is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning and to close gaps.

Please try to make sure your child is in school every day possible.

The Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust updated their attendance policy during the Summer Term. We have created an Attendance Policy Summary to guide you through the main points at a glance. Both of these documents will be emailed out to all parents this week.

Our whole school attendance target is 97%

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 2, YEAR 4 & YEAR 6 WHO HAD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 100%! WELL DONE!

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

98.6%

