



## ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Recognising Christ in Everyone'*

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Junior Leadership Team 2024**

We are delighted to announce the members of our Junior Leadership Team 2024. It was a very difficult decision, and we were delighted by the number of children that applied to be part of the Team. I am very much looking forward to working with them.

Head Girl – Isabella Patynowska

Head Boy – Oscar Ingham

Deputy Head Boy – Oliver Haydon

Deputy Head Girl - Olivia Fisher

Deputy Head Girl – Francesca Watson

### **Uniform**

All children should now be in our school winter uniform. This includes jumpers or cardigans to be worn by all children. All children need a coat for school, especially as the weather is so poor at present. If you have any queries, our uniform policy is on our school website or please phone in or call into our school office.

### **Parking**

A huge thank you to all parents who are parking responsibly, keeping our children, school and wider community safe. Regrettably, there is still a small minority of parents who choose to park irresponsibly in the Church carpark, in front of the school and along both Coronation Road and Friary Road. Ultimately increasing the risks to pedestrians and other drivers. Please do park legally and with consideration for others. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

### **Bags to School**

Thank you for all the bags last Friday, we made £121.50 for the school.





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## STEPS

The STEPS (Sorry, Thank You, Excuse me, Please and Smile) Award is given for wonderful manners shown around school to both staff, peers, and visitors. Please see below a picture of our children who received their awards recently.





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## Year 6 - RYG

Class 6 children return from RYG today. We know that they have had a wonderful time by the pictures shared with us. Please see below a varied selection.



### Attendance

We would ask you to model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance by making sure that your child comes to school regularly and arrives on time, this will establish a good habit that they will carry through life.

Requests for leave can only be granted by schools if there are "exceptional circumstances" and holidays are not considered exceptional. Requests for leave must be made to the head teacher in advance, as the Department for Education has told schools that they cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.





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Please do not expect school to approve of shopping trips, birthday treats etc. during school hours. Try to arrange family holidays so that your child will not miss any learning.

If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact school immediately.

## Absences Add Up

We want all children to attend and enjoy school. 98% means outstanding attendance. Good attendance is 96%, which is the minimum we would expect. Missing two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.



Attendance	%
Reception Class	97.2
Class 1	96.7
Class 2	96.7
Class 3	98.5
Class 4	96.8
Class 5	97.4
Class 6	97.4
School Average	97.1

Attend today, achieve tomorrow. Be part of our 98 Club.  
Join the 98 Club





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## Reflection



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,  
as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.

Happy St Francis Feast Day  
See you all on Monday,

Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team





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### Community News:

- Multi-Day Poster – please see attached.
- Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey – are you a fan? If so, see the attached flyer re grabbing a free ticket to one of their upcoming matches.
- One of Brunel University's doctoral researchers is carrying out some research about the challenges of feeding 5–11-year-olds healthy food during the cost-of-living crisis. Please see the attached poster for further information.
- Salesian College will be hosting their Autumn Term Open Evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. The event is aimed at both Year 6 families who are making their final decisions about secondary school applications for their son for September 2025 and at Year 5 families who are starting their journey to consider their options for September 2026, with the opportunity for families to hear from their Headmaster and Senior Leaders about the ethos of the school and speak to current students and staff on a tour around the College to bring the unique Salesian experience to life. Please see the attached advert.





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<b>St Francis Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2024</b>	
<b>October</b>	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Parents eating lunch with Buddies
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Buddies Assembly 09:15
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti-Day in exchange for a Book
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Consultations 16:00-19:00
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 16:00-19:00
	School Photographs - Individual
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tissues and Tears Coffee Morning -EYFS Parents
	Bring & Buy Book Sale at 15:20
	School closes at 15:20
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Half-Term
<b>November</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	RWInc Parents Evening 18:30
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations Whole school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Evening 18:30 -19:30 -Maths
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week begins
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (9:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Yr4 (09:30) & Yr3 (10:45)
<b>December</b>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Advent
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass -Class 5 Leading - TBC
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (9:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 18:00
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Panto
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Santa Visit
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 13:30 finish
<b>January 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens for all children 08:40

