



# ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Recognising Christ in Everyone'*

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Elves' Visit

Even at their busiest time of year, we had our Christmas visit from Santa's little helpers. Our school has been transformed yet again into a Christmas wonderland.

Thank you, Elves!







### **Class 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament**

On a chilly Tuesday afternoon, two St Francis' football teams participated in the Charters' Year 5 and 6 Boys Football tournament. Eight teams, from local primary schools, participated in total. Throughout the tournament, all the children performed exceptionally well, showcasing the impressive pool of footballing talent that we possess at our school. After seven gruelling fixtures and the points tallied, both of our teams placed in the top three: one came third and the other managed to win all their seven games and the competition.

It was a superb, well-deserved result from both, and the children really were a credit to the school with how they conducted themselves. The event was certainly enjoyed by all. Well done, boys!

### **Class 3 – St George's School Panto**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited to watch a pantomime show called 'Treasure Island' at St Georges School in Ascot. They really enjoyed the show, and it was a lovely, festive way to kickstart the first week of December. All staff were so proud of our lovely Year 3 children, who walked so sensibly to St Georges and were so polite and well-behaved during the show. It was a pleasure to take them. Well done Year 3!

### **Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumpers**

All children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school in place of their cardigan or jumper on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas lunch. Children will order their lunch as normal in the morning with the options being:

*Meat* – Roast Turkey and all the trimmings

*Veg* – Vegetable Wellington

Jacket Potatoes with the usual options

Gravy will be served separately and is gluten free.

Pudding: Chocolate Log for all.

### **Parent Parking**

There has been a huge increase in the number of serious complaints to the school office about aggressive behaviour, inconsiderate parking on Coronation Road which includes parking on the yellow Zigzag lines (markings that prohibit parking and waiting to ensure clear visibility for pedestrians and drivers), blocking the one-way system in the car park, parking in Father's driveway and incorrect parking in disabled bays.

The presence of members of staff has had little impact on persistent offenders, which is demoralising, and we would ask all parents to seriously consider where they park and how they interact with other parents and our neighbours.

Dangerous parking in the car park and on Coronation Road is endangering the safety of our children.

### **EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity**

We are looking forward to sharing our Nativity with you next week and we thank you for all your help with learning lines and providing costumes.

Our Dress Rehearsal takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00, and our Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> performance also starts at 14:00.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December your children will come home from school with their costume. Please dress them at home and arrive back at school by 5:15pm for the 6:00pm performance. Please bring your children to their classrooms and then return and wait outside the gate until we invite you in. Wednesday and Thursday are ticketed events, and you will not be allowed in without your ticket.

Once their wonderful performance is over, please collect the children from their classrooms.

We would be grateful for all costumes to be returned to school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December please.

### **KS2 Carol Concert**

This event will take place in the Church on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. This is not a ticketed event, and all are welcome to attend. We politely ask that all siblings, (younger and older), remain seated in the audience under supervision of their guardian(s).



KS2 children are to be in school promptly at 5:30pm, in their school uniform, and go straight to their classes.

We ask you to remain in your seats at the end of the concert whilst children process from the church back to school. Children may then be collected from their classrooms.

### **Photography at the Nativity and Carol Concert**

We ask that you put your phones away throughout the Nativity and just enjoy the event. There will be an opportunity to take photos at the end of the nativity so children who cannot be photographed are not involved.

Again, we ask that you enjoy the carol concert without your phones.

Remember no photographs taken are to be placed on social media of any sort to safeguard our children. We ask you to respect our wishes.

### **TenTen**

TenTen resources are used by us to enrich our Catholic faith and mission statement in our school. They are particularly useful for our Celebration of the Word and Collective Worship assemblies. The parent newsletter is a lovely way of sharing this with you.

Please find below a link to the TenTen newsletter below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

### **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.



## St Francis of Assisi Church First Holy Communion

Application forms to be part of the First Holy Communion Programme 2025/2026 can be found on our Parish website: - [www.catholicwindsorandascot.org](http://www.catholicwindsorandascot.org)

If you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion, then please complete the application form and attach a copy / clear photograph of your child's Baptismal Certificate. These should be sent to: [stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

The First Holy Communion Course will start on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and the children will make their First Holy Communion in May 2026.

### 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	97.4
Class 1	97.9
Class 2	94.8
Class 3	97.8
Class 4	96.7
Class 5	95.4
Class 6	95.4
School Average	96.5

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

### EYFS & KS1 Nativity

If you have not already done so, please remember to book your Nativity tickets before 3:20pm on Monday using the following link <https://forms.gle/4typZitjRza8SpG6>

#### Reflection

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team



<b>St Francis Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2025</b>	
<b>December</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9:30 -11:00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 14:00
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 18:00
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass - Class 4 Leading
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Panto - EYFS & KS1 am / KS2 pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Santa Visit
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 13:30 finish
<b>January 2025</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Opens for all children 08:40</b>

Attachments:

- Families of Faith monthly newsletter
- Christmas Mass times at St Francis

