



# ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Recognising Christ in Everyone'*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Thank you to everyone who supported the children in learning their lines, providing costumes, and those who came to watch our EYFS and Key Stage One children in their nativity last week. I think you will agree that the children put on a great show – BAFTA worthy!



Class 2



Class 1



Class R



## KS2 Carol Concert

Key Stage Two children gave a very moving performance on Tuesday night. They sang the carols beautifully, they read with skill and their acting was emotive. A huge thank you to the Key Stage Two staff and children for a wonderful performance, that truly delivered on the festive feel.



## Christmas Panto

All children from Reception to Class 6 attended "Aladdin" this week performed by The Panto Company in the school hall. It was a fab-u-lous production and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults alike.



## **Bishop Philip Egan to visit – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The staff and children are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip Egan to our school in the New Year. This is part of the Bishop's Schools Visitation Programme. After his arrival we will celebrate with him in a Holy Half Hour – Eucharistic Adoration and then Bishop Philip will meet with the school leadership team, including governors. He will also meet with school staff. Bishop Philip will be accompanied by Canon PJ Smith, the Episcopal Vicar for Education.

## **New Football kit**

This week, St Francis school were the lucky recipients of a stunning new school football kit for our Key Stage Two students. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude, once more, to Mr Niknejad and Osbourne Heath for sourcing and donating the kit; we are all truly thankful and the children certainly cannot wait to wear them for the upcoming fixtures in the new year.



## Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day. Thank you to our amazing kitchen staff for a beautiful meal for all the children and staff. The puddings were amazing! Even Santa made a surprise appearance, we are so grateful to see him, especially at such a busy time of year.



## **St Francis Key Stage Two SATs Results**

According to the Department of Education data released on December 11<sup>th</sup> our school's performance places us amongst the very best in the country:

- Academic Achievement: An impressive 97% of the 2025 Class Six pupils met the expected standard in their Key Stage 2 SATs.
- Regional Success: Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 68 primary schools in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM).
- National Excellence: Ranked 89<sup>th</sup> out of 21,087 schools nationwide, placing St Francis in the top 0.5% of all primary schools in England.

This is such an amazing achievement for our little school, and I am so proud of all our staff and our Class 6 2025 children and their families.

I can honestly say that no matter what is going on, our children are always placed at the centre of all that we do. We are also blessed to have such a supportive community around us. Well done everyone!

## **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.

## **Thank you, Fr Phillip**

A huge shout out to Fr Phillip, we are blessed to have him as our priest in charge and school priest. Personally, I am so grateful for his support and guidance throughout the year. All our children and staff wish him a very Merry Christmas and hope that he will get some rest over this busy period.



## 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.



### Class 5 – Victorian School

Last week Class 5 had the fantastic opportunity to experience what life was like for Victorian children. They started the day in a Victorian school where they wrote on slate, solved problems using pounds, shillings, pence and farthings, and recited hymns. All under the watchful eye of a very strict teacher!

They then got to experience what life would have been like as a child at work. They looked at some of the jobs children as young as 4 would have been tasked with. While all the children showed amazing focus and attitude, they all agreed that St Francis was a much nicer place to be.



### 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/>

### 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	96.9
Class 1	97.9
Class 2	96.2
Class 3	97.6
Class 4	94.6
Class 5	96.7
Class 6	94.9
School Average	96.4

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



## Reflection



It has been a very busy, successful term for our staff and children. In the midst of our teaching and learning, preparation for our Key Stage Two Carol Concert, EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings.

We would like to thank you all, parents, and children, for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a restful and joyous Christmas and a New Year blessed with health and happiness.

See you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, gates open at 8:40am as usual.

*Merry Christmas*

Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team

**St Francis Catholic Primary School  
Spring Term 2026**

<b>January</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 Bikeability
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 Bikeability
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Leadership -14:00 Windsor -Rhona
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Census Day & Deadline for Primary Admissions
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Phillip Egan visiting – 13:15
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ascot Bake Off Heats – Library 13:45
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Heads Conference
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Heads Conference
<b>February</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Church Leadership -11:00 Ascot -Rhona
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 to Mill on the Brue
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Tuesday Event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 back from Mill on the Brue
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class R trip to Wisley Gardens
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 trip to Windsor Castle
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Twilight
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Church Leadership 11:00 Windsor -Rhona
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 trip to the Lookout
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 photo frames
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Prayer stones
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night – South Ascot Village Hall 7pm
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class R Pretzels
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 to Reading Museum
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Photo frames
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4 Mother's Day Cafe
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 16:00 -19:00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ascot Bake Off Final
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 16:00 -19:00
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 Car Wash
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade – EYFS & KS1
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 Enterprise Stalls
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last day of Term - 13:30 finish</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust Day
<b>April 2026</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Opens for all children 08:40</b>

