



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back

We warmly welcome back all our families. How wonderful it was to see the children returning this week. Teachers have already commented on the amazing start that the children have made, working hard and being kind to each other.

Thank you for the numerous positive comments about our 'new school'. I am very proud of our staff team that have worked tirelessly to ensure that we were ready to open for our children. We only have a few boxes left to unpack!

We will warmly invite you all to have a tour of the whole school, once we have finished putting up all our display boards, and filled them with our children's work. Keep an eye out for this date.

Uniform

Thank you for your cooperation and effort in preparing your children for the start of the new academic year.

As we settle into the term, we would like to remind families that our full uniform policy is always available for reference on the school website. Children may continue to wear the summer uniform until the end of September. Starting **Monday, 5th October**, all children are expected to transition to the full winter uniform. However, should unseasonably warm weather continue into October, we will review this transition date and update you accordingly.

We take great pride in the heritage of St Francis, and our distinct uniform reflects our shared values and identity in the community. To maintain these high standards, all children must also wear appropriate school footwear. Please note that trainers are not permitted unless accompanied by a medical note from a doctor.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring our children represent St Francis with pride



Communication with School

We would like to share a gentle reminder regarding our school communication channels for the upcoming year. To ensure that all families receive accurate and consistent updates, the school will continue to communicate all whole-school and class-wide announcements directly through Arbor mail and our school newsletters.

We kindly ask that class WhatsApp groups and class representatives are not used to pass on official school messages. Last year, a few well-meaning messages sent on behalf of staff unfortunately caused some confusion and unnecessary worry within our parent community. By keeping our official updates centralised on Arbor, we can make sure everyone stays clearly and correctly informed.

Thank you so much for your understanding and for helping us keep our communication smooth and supportive for everyone.

School Events and School Trips

We would like to share an important reminder regarding our school trips and class events. These activities are carefully planned and booked well in advance, with costs calculated based on the total number of children in the class to keep the price per child as low as possible.

Because the school commits to these venues and transport providers ahead of time, we are unfortunately still required to pay the full amount even if a child is absent on the day. As our school budget cannot absorb these unexpected shortfalls, payments remain due and non-refundable if your child is unable to attend.

We truly appreciate your support in helping us manage our school finances responsibly so we can continue organising these wonderful experiences for the children.

Whole School Mass

On **Friday 12th September** we will hold our first whole school Mass at Church with Fr Phillip and the people of our parish. The Year 6 children will lead our Mass and everyone is invited to join us at 10:00 in Church. Extended family members are warmly invited too.

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/>



Reflection

God of love, we believe that you are the source of all wisdom, peace, and joy. At the beginning of this school year, we pray that our children will have open minds and open hearts.

May it be a year full of promise for each one of them and for all who will guide and teach them. May they continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love for You and one another.

Send down Your blessing on these school bags and all who carry them during this school year. When they feel anxious, may they be filled with Your peace, when they are uncertain, may Your Son show them the way, and when they feel tired, may Your Holy Spirit fill them with energy.

May their minds always be open to learning. May their friends always build them up and may they be a friend who supports and encourages.

May they always be aware of Your loving presence, and may they bring that loving presence to everyone they meet. We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God bless, see you all on Monday, have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Miccoli and the St Francis Team

St Francis Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2026	
September	
Tuesday 1 st	INSET- Safeguarding – All staff in
Wednesday 2 nd	INSET – Teachers
Thursday 3 rd	School Open Years 1 - 6
	School open – 15 EYFS New Starters
Friday 4 th	School open – 15 EYFS New Starters
Monday 7 th	All children Year R- Year Six in school
Monday 7 th	Tissue and Tears Coffee Morning 9:00
Friday 11 th	Whole School Mass 10:00 -Year 6
Monday 14 th	Flu Immunisations - whole school 09:30
Tuesday 15 th	Individual School Photos – Children & Staff
Tuesday 22 nd	Ascot Grange 15:00- 16:30 -Nicki
Thursday 24 th	Buddy Lunch -EYFS and Year 6
Friday 25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning -Year 4
Friday 25 th	Bags to School – 09:00
October	
Thursday 1 st	CENSUS Day – Fish and Chips
Thursday 1 st	Class 4 to Chertsey Museum



Friday 2 nd	Mill Farm Visit – Whole School
Tuesday 6 th	St Francis Feast Day Mass -Year 5
Friday 9 th	Buddy Assembly -Year 6 and EYFS
Sunday 18 th	Lions Club Swimathon (PTA Event)
Monday 19 th	RWInc Development Day
Monday 19 th	SALT in all day
Tuesday 20 th	Parents Evening 16:00-19:00
Tuesday 20 th	No Get Active Care and Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 22 nd	No Get Active Care and Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 22 nd	Parents Evening 16:00-19:00
Monday 26th to Friday 30th	Half -Term
November	
Monday 2 nd	CPD - RWInc Staff Training Day- School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Thursday 12 th	Ascot Grange 15:00-16:30 -Nicki
Monday 16 th	Anti-Bullying Week -Odd Sock Day
Friday 20 th	'Break the Silence' Assembly
Wednesday 25 th	Open Morning 09:30 -11:00
Friday 27 th	Children's Tour of School 09:00
Friday 27 th	Parents Tour of School 15:00
Monday 30 th	Flu Immunisation Back-Up Day
December	
Tuesday 1 st	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 14:00
Wednesday 2 nd	Nativity Performance 14:00
Thursday 3 rd	Nativity Performance 18:00
Tuesday 8 th	Immaculate Conception Mass – 10:00 Year 4
Tuesday 8 th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal 14:00
Wednesday 9 th	Open Morning 09:30 -11:00
Thursday 10 th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Thursday 17 th	Panto for EYFS, KS1 & KS2
Friday 18 th	Christmas Holidays – School Closes at 13:30
January 2025	
Monday 4 th	CPD for staff – School closed
Tuesday 5th	School Opens for all children 08:40