St. Francis
Church of England Primary School

Joy from faith, joy of learning, joy in the journey

Week ending: 04.09.2026

'I have told you this so my joy may be in you' John 15:11

Upcoming dates

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th September

Our new Reception children start with us, in groups of ten each day.

Thursday 10th September

Our new Reception class start in full!

Mrs. Rushton to visit our Y5 class – Anglo-Saxons

Saturday 12th September

St. Francis and Immanuel Church's Community Sounds event at our school. See below.

Wednesday 16th September

Parent Workshop – Transforming Lives 2.30 – 3.20pm; all parents welcome. Details to follow

Meet the Teacher – come to the hall to meet your child's new teacher 3.30 – 4.15pm.

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting year at St Francis CE Primary. It has been lovely to see our children returning looking so smart and ready to embrace the learning opportunities that lie ahead. There is a real sense of anticipation and enthusiasm throughout the school, and we are delighted to welcome our new Reception class next week.

One of the most heartening aspects of the start of term has been witnessing the warmth and kindness of our existing children towards those who are new to our school community. We have welcomed a number of new children across our classes, and it has been truly delightful to see how readily our established pupils have taken them under their wings. This spirit of inclusion and care is at the very heart of what makes St Francis such a special place, and it reflects the values we hold dear.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs. Wilkinson, who has accepted a role at another school with greater responsibility. Throughout her time at St Francis, Mrs. Wilkinson has worn many hats – supporting our Breakfast Club, assisting at lunchtimes, providing one-to-one support, and offering invaluable class support. We wish her every success in her new position and extend our sincere gratitude for her dedication and service.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs. Cook, who has been a cornerstone of our school community for more than eleven years. During this time, she has supported the learning and wellbeing of countless children. Her contribution to St Francis has been immeasurable, and we thank her warmly as she moves on to the next chapter.

Nut-free and nut-aware schools

In line with the Department for Education's Allergy Safety statutory guidance, we are becoming a nut-free school. We ask parents and carers not to send snacks or packed lunches containing nuts, and to be mindful of foods prepared in factories where nuts may be present. Where labelling indicates "may contain nuts," we ask families to remind children not to share these items with their peers. Your partnership in keeping our children safe is greatly appreciated. This is also a reminder to send your child with a healthy snack – fruit or cereal bar (without nuts) for example. Ideally water bottles should only have water in them, but for children who don't drink water, cordial is fine.

Photographs

Schools are being asked not to publish children's faces on their websites due to safeguarding risks. In keeping with this, we will sadly no longer be taking photos of our award winners from Celebration Worship to add to our newsletters.





Looking a little further ahead

Thursday 17th September

Family, individual and class photos

Friday 25th September

Y2 class host their annual MacMillan Morning. Parents/carers welcome. Details to follow.

Thursday 8th October

Y3 class lead our Harvest Worship, 9:10am. Parents/carers welcome

Contact Details

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details for your child, including phone numbers of all contacts and emails where possible.

Remember, any medicines needing to be given to children at school, including inhalers, must be accompanied by a short-term or long-term medical form being completed.

Celebration Worship

Parents and carers are always welcome to join us for our weekly Celebration Worships on Friday mornings from 9.05am.

We will no longer be presenting children with their out of school certificates and trophies, due to time limitations, but if your child does receive a certificate, medal or trophy for a hobby or club, they can bring them into their own class to share with their class mates at any point during the week.

After-school Clubs news to follow next week!