



ST. FRANCIS' NEWSLETTER

September 2024

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LIVING FEELING DREAMING

Living our life as Jesus taught us Feeling the Gospel Values Dreaming of bright futures for all

As children of God, we care for each other and we always try to do our best'

Welcome Back!

We welcome all new children and families who have joined us this new school year!
Newsletters will come through on an email on a monthly basis.

Sporting Success!



Great news, for the academic year 2023/2024 we achieved a Gold School Games Award for our participation and excellence in PE and sport across school. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported the school in achieving this award. Last year, we entered and won more competitions than ever before, and we hope to continue this success for this academic year also. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported the school to help us achieve this award!

Family Mass & Church Closure

Sunday 22nd September will be our last family Mass in church whilst the church roof and ceiling is being repaired. Please come along and welcome our new Reception Class children, this Sunday at 10:30am.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see all the children back this week looking smart in their full school uniform, they all look incredibly smart with their shiny new shoes! For PE days, we recommend no earrings to be worn, but children can wear a plaster over their earrings, the plaster has to be put on by a parent or the child themselves.

School Meals

Just to remind families of a price increase for school meals from September, the price will slightly increase to **£2.70 per meal**. School meals will remain free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and families eligible for free school meals. Payments are to be made via Parent Pay, we kindly ask that all Parent Pay accounts are kept in credit.

Car Park

Please park courteously (not on corners or a take up more space than is required). We have more cars coming in and out of school this year, so it is more important than ever to park with care and consideration and be prompt when picking up/dropping off your children to allow spaces to be freed up quicker. Please also be reminded that the carpark next to the playground is the infant car park, and the carpark on the driveway is for junior children. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

School Day Times

Please be reminded that for all children from **Reception to Year 6 the school day starts at 8:50am. School doors will open at 8:45am.** Please do not try and bring your child into school before the allotted time. Thank you. Pick up time continues to be at 3:20pm

Seesaw Communication

Seesaw QR codes have been sent out by all classes. Teachers will communicate with parents on a regular basis on Seesaw, if you do not have it downloaded yet you need to make sure you have it in place as soon as possible, otherwise you will miss important information from your child's class teacher. If you are having trouble accessing Seesaw, please let us know, we are happy to help.

PTFA

Our PTFA had a very successful first year supporting the school in raising money and bringing families together in social events. I am sure you all appreciate their efforts and support. The events last year was used to help fund KS1 and KS2 school trips, photo books for the Y6 leavers. Thank you to everyone for their support!



Scan the QR code link to the St. Francis' School PTFA Facebook page to follow and get the latest information



Polite reminder

Just to remind all parents that you need to contact the school office regarding attendance matters, rather than contacting through Seesaw. Having Seesaw is a brilliant tool, where you have direct access to your class teacher. Please be aware that following the school day, teaching have planning and preparation to do ready for the following day as well as their own leisure time, therefore any Seesaw messages out of school hours will receive a response the following day during working school hours. If you have any emergencies please contact the school office. Thank you.

New Staff

We welcome Mrs. Eccles to our after school club and Mrs Blair as a teaching assistant in Beacon Class. They are both well known to the school and have settled in well.

Toast and Fairtrade Days

Toast is on at break time every Wednesday, for 25p per slice.

Fairtrade & Ethical Sourced Tuck Shop every Friday
(juice carton – 45p, wafer bar – 30p, popcorn – 50p)

Working in collaboration

Miss Deakin and Mr. Gilmour will continue to work as the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) over both St. Francis and at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, in Claughton-on-Brock. Mr. Gilmour will share his time working across both schools, as a result both schools are building strong links through the governors, staff team and resources. Both schools have come together for concerts, governor training and staff training, utilising many expertise across two schools. We look forward to having another successful year working alongside St. Mary's.

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Clubs run from **3:20pm – 4:20pm** on a first come first serve basis. They will run **for 6 weeks of this half term, from week beginning the 09/09/24 to 14/10/23**

Tuesday: Football: **Years 3-6** *Mr. McGill - FULL*

Thursday: Glee Club: **Year 1 – Year 6** *Mrs Davies*

Please pick your child up at 4:20pm, or arrangements for your child to join the school's after school club care.

Nut Free School!

We have children with severe nut allergies in school and it is vitally important that no nuts or snacks that contain nuts come into school. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2024/2025

Senior Leadership Team

Miss Deakin (Executive Headteacher)

Mr. Gilmour (Deputy Headteacher and SENCo)

Office Staff

Mrs. Nuttall

Mrs. Holden

Nursery/Pre-School

Mrs. Luke (Nursery Manager)

Mrs. Holden

Reception Class (Pendle Class)

Mr. McGill - teacher

Miss. McCrone – teaching assistant

Year 1/2 Class (Parlick Class)

Mrs. Davies - teacher

Mrs. Devine – teaching assistant

Year 3/4 Class (Fairsnape Class)

Mrs. Silvester - teacher

Mrs. Davis – teaching assistant

Miss. O’Kane – teaching assistant

Year 5/6 Class (Beacon Class)

Mrs. Rossall - teacher

Mrs. Riley – teaching assistant

Mrs. Blair – teaching assistant

After School Club

Mrs. Eccles

Miss. McCrone

Mrs. Kirkham

Welfare Staff

Miss. Kirkham

Miss O’Kane

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Devine

Mrs. Blair

Site Supervisor

Mr. Robinson

Dates for Your Diary:	
Sun 22nd September	Family Mass at 10.30am – welcome Reception Class
Tues 24th September	Year 3 / 4 Mini Skills
Tues 1st October	Reception class vision screening
Wed 4th October	Whole School Mass in school– Feast of St. Francis at 9:30am
Fri 11th October	Macmillan Music Concert
Week of 14th October	Parent Meetings Week
Week of 14th October	Learning about Diwali Week
Fri 18th October	Break up for half term at 3.20pm
Mon 28th October	INSET Day – children at home
Tues 29th October	Children return to school
Weds 30th October	Nasal Flu spray in school

Wednesday Word

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THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School

Wednesday 11th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

Even though the disciples had witnessed Jesus' many miracles, they were still slow to understand Jesus' true identity. For us too, it takes time to get to know who Jesus really is, just as it takes time to get to know other friends.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, during his time on earth, Jesus was many things to many people. He was a teacher, a healer, a leader and, to some people, simply a very good person. But Peter finally realises the truth about Jesus and professes his faith in him as the Christ – the Son of the living God.

Make a great start to this new school year by listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **JESUS**.

Don Henry Walsbrough

A Word from Pope Francis "Jesus loves us without limits. Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th September 2024

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way Jesus put this question to his disciples, "who do people say I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist," they said; "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

Adapted from Mark 8:27-35
The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

Good News for Everyone Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. The more we know about Jesus through praying and reading about him in the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise and follow him. The special "together time" overleaf is a great opportunity to be with Jesus, and to enhance family life together throughout the school year.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring GOOD NEWS to your friends by sharing THE WEDNESDAY WORD