



St. Francis Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Peear

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone has had a lovely and relaxing summer holiday.

A particular welcome goes to our new pupils joining us in EYFS and their families. We hope that your time at St Francis will be a happy, enjoyable and successful one. We look forward to getting to know you and working together over the coming years.

Building Works

During the summer holidays, a number of building and improvement projects have taken place across the school site.

The pillars in the hall have been repaired and treated following the identification of some cracks. The existing steelwork has also been treated, and new concrete has been applied.

As many of you will be aware, drainage on the playground can be a significant problem during periods of heavy rainfall—although we have not had much of that recently! Large streams can appear across the infant playground and, previously, around the Astro area. New pipework has now been installed in the hope that this will improve the efficiency of the soakaways and drains. Time will tell!

Finally, having gained planning permission, the new pergola was installed over the summer, and we are hoping to develop this into an additional outdoor classroom space. While the final design is different from the original plans that were displayed, we have worked carefully within the school's available budget to create a space that will enhance learning opportunities for all of our children, while retaining as much as possible of the outdoor space they enjoy using for play.

We are hoping that this will be completed over the coming weeks so that we can start using it with the children.

The total cost of these projects has been approximately **£197,000**. The school was able to secure some assistance from the Local Authority towards the outdoor classroom, as well as a significant contribution from the Diocese through VASCA funding towards the work on the hall pillars.

However, the school will need to continue fundraising to replenish the funds available for future capital projects. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our families and the wider school community in helping us to maintain and improve our school environment.

Initial Parent Meetings with Class Teachers

The dates for the initial parent meetings with class teachers are as follows:

Tuesday 8th September at 3:30pm - Year 6

Monday 14th September at 3:00pm - Year 1

Monday 14th September at 3:45pm - Year 5

Tuesday 15th September at 3:00pm - Year 2

Tuesday 15th September at 3:45pm - Year 3

Thursday 17th September at 3:45pm - Year 4

Friday 18th September at 3:00pm - EYFS

Please do your best to attend, as these meetings are an important opportunity to receive key information about class routines, homework, important dates and how to contact your child's teachers. We hope that as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us.

Home/School Records

Finally, your child **should*** be coming home today with their Home/School Record. We have taken time to review the contents and make some changes based on feedback from parents, as well as to ensure that the information reflects what is happening in school.

Please encourage your child to take care of their Home/School Record and ensure that they bring it into school every day.

This year, we are asking parents for a contribution towards the cost of the Home/School Record, which can be paid via ParentPay. Please take some time to read through the information pages at the front of the book and complete and sign the relevant agreements.

Log-in details for your child's Google Classroom and, where relevant, Ed Shed and Squeebles accounts will be provided in the notes section of the record book.

Communication

Our main school communication will continue to be sent via MyEd messages and email. Please check your apps and email to make sure that you have started to receive messages this week.

Teachers will continue to post class-specific information on Google Classroom and have uploaded information about the topics the children will be learning this term.

Should you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We are looking forward to a positive start to the new academic year and to working in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes and experiences for all our children.

Kind regards,



Mrs C. Ppear
Headteacher

*At the time of sending this letter we have not taken delivery of the Home/School Record and so for your reference please note that P.E. will begin on Monday and will be on the following days for each year group:

P.E. Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS	☑				☑
Year 1	☑			☑	
Year 2	☑				☑
Year 3			☑		☑
Year 4		☑			☑
Year 5			☑	☑	
Year 6		☑			☑