# Parents Meetings Year 1

**2026 2027**



# Reflection & Prayer

I used to think that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things

St Teresa of Calcutta

Father,
We thank you for our school community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith. We pray for all those involved in our school, and that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen

Learning and growing together in God's love

ASPIRATION · INNOVATION · DIVERSITY

Spirituality

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Be Kind

Be Brave

Be Involved








# Mission, Vision and Aims

**The family of St. Francis of Assisi is a school community following in the footsteps of Christ and built on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.**

## Mission – ***'Learning & Growing Together in God's Love'***

Inspired by the life of Christ we seek to provide an exceptional education which enables our children:

- to fully embrace all possibilities
- to flourish
- to develop their faith

and therefore to choose a path that enables them to be a positive influence upon our world.



An exceptional RE offer – pupils will leave St Francis with a high level of religious literacy and subject knowledge.

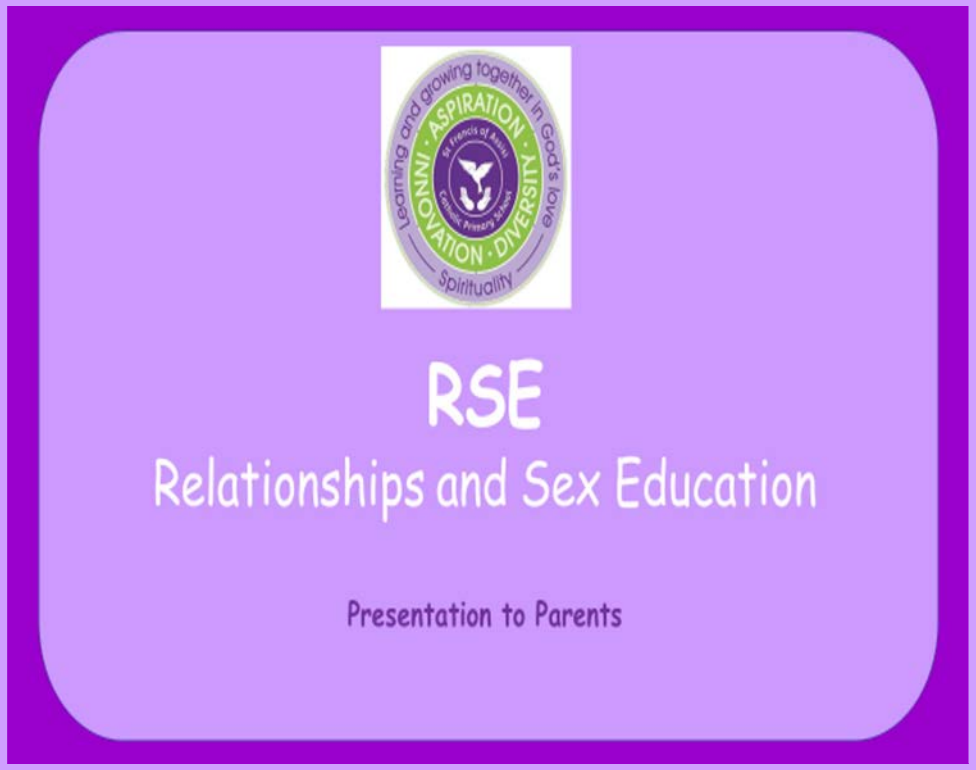


A deep knowledge of the prayer and liturgy traditions of the Catholic faith and an understanding of the importance of respect for, and dialogue and encounter with, those of other faiths or with none.



An understanding that their mission as human beings is to make a positive difference in the world that they live in.

# RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)




Information can be found on our school website, under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Our RSE policy and curriculum content has been developed by the Catholic Education Service, working in consultation with the DfE on the new national guidelines. The content of our curriculum has been advised and approved by the Bishop.

Each summer, parents are invited to a meeting in school to view the content of what their child is to be taught.

# Our Year One Team

## Teachers:

Mrs Katharine Ladbrooke – 1L
(Monday to Thursday)

Mrs Laura Palmer - 1PL
(Monday to Wednesday)

Mrs Louise Little - 1PL
(Wednesday to Friday)

## Teaching Assistants:

Miss Claudia McInally
(HTLA 1L Friday morning)

Miss Wanji Kitchener

Mrs Susan Boudejelal

# Where To Find Information






**Our website**

**Parents info – Absence letters, Newsletters, Term dates**

**Year Group information will also be sent via e-mails and letters.**

# Our Curriculum

Our Year 1 Curriculum can be found via the school website.

Go to the Curriculum Tab on the Homepage and click on Year Group Plans.
Click on the purple tab "Termly Plans with Knowledge Organisers".
You will find links to all our Year 1 topic plans there:




https://www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk/curriculum/year-group-plans/

## Autumn Term 1 Wheels on the bus

# Our Curriculum Topics

## Autumn Term 1 Wheels on the bus

Drawings or photographs of places visited in Norwich.

**R.E**

- Creation and Covenant
- Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day

**Topic**

Geography-

Where is Norwich?

Why is it a city?

Where is our school?

What land use is around our school?

Where is the UK? What four countries make up the UK? What is a city? What would you find in a city? Where is Norwich located? What different buildings are in Norwich? Where is our school located in Norwich? What land use is around our school? What are their uses?

# Key Skills - Personal

By the end of Year 1 we expect children to……

Sit on the carpet and listen for at least 20 minutes.
Be able to take off and put on their own coat and jumper.
Be able to tie shoe laces if applicable.
Put away and be responsible for their own belongings
e.g. book bag/water bottle/jumper
Write their name using capital letters correctly e.g. Ben not BEn
Wash and dry their hands using soap and know the reasons why this important.
Go to the toilet at a sensible time.
Follow at least 2 step instructions.
Complete tasks in a given time.





# The Start & End of Day

The school day in Year 1 starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.15pm.

Please let us or the office know if your child is going to be late or if someone different is going to pick them up at the end of the day.



In September, we will send out a form asking you to fill in the details of anyone who has permission to pick up your child. If this changes and they no longer have permission, it is your responsibility to let us know.

# Growth Mindset

A key concept which shapes the ethos of our school is Growth Mindset. This is based on the work of psychologist Carol Dweck. The overriding principle of growth mindset is that all children (and adults) have the potential to learn and improve with effort, perseverance and high-quality teaching.




Children are taught and encouraged to embrace challenges, be resilient and keep going when things get difficult and see effort as the path to mastery. They reflect and learn from feedback, and learn from and find inspiration from the success of others. These children recognise that effort and persistence are what helps them develop and grow as learners.

# Developing resilience in Primary aged children

There are points in the school year where your child may experience a disappointment or setback.

Although this is sometimes upsetting for them, there are practical things you can do to support their emotional development through managing these feelings.

**DO**

- Listen and acknowledge your child's feelings.
- Comfort and support them (without saying that you will fix the problem).
- Remind them that challenges and disappointments are a part of life and the important thing is how we deal with them
- Seek clarification if needed from school

**TRY TO AVOID**

- Minimalising how they are feeling
- Reinforcing the "fairness" narrative by blaming others – focus on helping them to manage their emotions.
- Jumping to conclusions about how or why the disappointment occurred, or reacting immediately to try to fix the problem – this is hard when your child is upset but remember we are their front line role models for their future choices

# Working Together



Masses – all parents and friends are welcome to attend any masses taking place at school. Just let us know and we will make sure there is a chair for you.

Events – keep an eye out for any upcoming school events in Our Weekly What's On bulletin which is sent out every week.

Sharing Skills – if you have a particular skill or interest that you think you would like to share with the children, please let us know.

Working Parties – there are also opportunities for parents to take an active role in focussed working parties which work on key issues in school. Please come and let us know if you would like to volunteer.

# St Francis of Assisi Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)









The PTFA is a small group of parents, friends and staff who join together to raise money to buy special things for our school. We organise several events during the year and would love it if you could get involved – no offer of help / support is ever too small!

# PTFA funded projects

We have contributed or paid for the following items in our school but we'd love to offer more – for this to happen we need more volunteers! If you would like to join our happy team, please see Emily Palmer in the office to pass on your contact details. Thank you





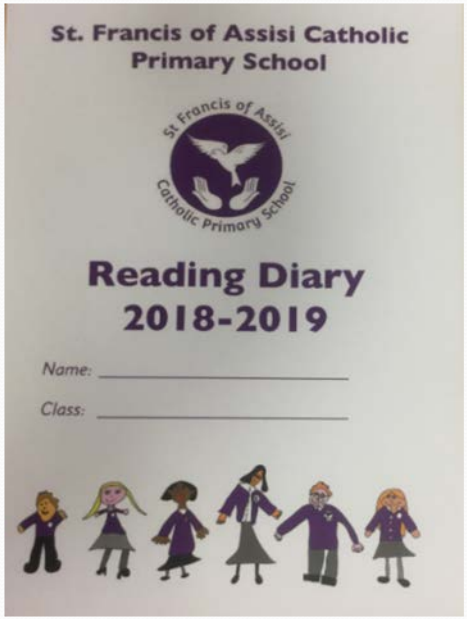









# Reading Diary




- Our expectation is that you read with your child everyday for about 10 minutes.

- Please sign and date in the diary every time you read with your child. We keep a central whole school log to show when reading is happening at home. Also if there is any thing important to note about your child's reading please do. We will look at these comments every Tuesday

<u>You may wish to note that your child has:</u>

•read independently
•worked out new words by sounding them out
•enjoyed reading this book
•struggled to concentrate
•became frustrated and gave up reading

Your child's reading book is changed every Tuesday.

# Uniform

Uniform is worn at St Francis of Assisi to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the school community. It is expected that all children will wear the school uniform.

**R-Y2 Boys**
black/dark grey trousers (or shorts in summer)
white shirt/ polo shirt
school sweatshirt

**R-Y2 Girls**
black/dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
white shirt/polo shirt
purple gingham dress (summer)
school sweatshirt/cardigan

Summer uniform may be worn from September if the weather is still warm.
Shoes should be black and appropriate for school i.e. not trainers, high heels, flip flops etc.

PE kits
white t-shirt and black shorts
**black jogging/track suit trousers**
**a pair of trainers for PE on the field or playground (plimsolls/pumps are not required)**
All uniform should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name

**Jewellery should not be worn, except earrings, which must be small plain studs only, never hoops or dangly earrings.**

# Contact Forms

Don't forget to make sure the contact details you have given school are correct. This is incredibly important to enable us to contact you in an emergency but also to inform you of school and year group news and updates.






# Trips

In Year 1 we arrange trips to places of interest during the year. These trips enhance the school curriculum and enrich the children's learning experiences.

When trips incur a cost, please make sure payments are made using WisePay. If insufficient funds are received, trips will sometimes have to be cancelled. Any concerns about these payments please see Mrs Hope or Mrs Furness for advice.

Please check your emails as consent forms for trips are now sent digitally. Make sure you complete these promptly as without these your child will be not be able to go on their visit.

# PE



Year 1 children have P.E twice a week. Tuesday/Friday

Please make sure that your child has the correct kit each week. PE kit must be a white t-shirt or polo with black trousers/shorts. Their jumper must be a St Francis hoodie, fleece or jumper

Remember that some P.E lessons are taught outside and during the winter months **your child will need** trainers and jogging/tracksuit trousers and a jumper.

**Remember no jewellery on PE days except for plain stud earrings.**

Also your child must have a water bottle everyday.

**Please don't buy plimsolls if you child doesn't own them already - we do not wear them during PE, we go barefoot or we wear trainers.**

# Year One Classroom

Every morning children will say goodbye to their parents and carers at the school gates and will come into school independently. We have found this way of starting the day to be really successful.

Children then hang up their coats and put their book bags away independently.

Their water bottles stay in a special box but they are free to have a drink whenever they need.

At the end of the day we will bring the children out to meet you at the Year One doors.

# How we work...

In Year One we are a team! We spend lots of time as a year group and so long as operationally possible, play is across both rooms.

We spend lots of time working in small groups whilst children have opportunities to play to ease transition and to help us to meet everyone's needs.

# Book Bags

Year 1 children bring their book bags to school **every day.**

Please check your child's book bag everyday**,** to see if there are letters or important things inside to take out.

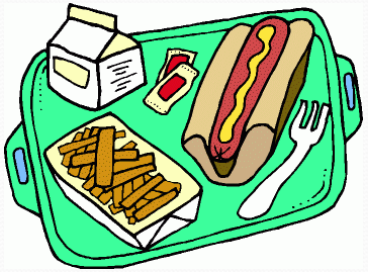
Children bring school reading books to school in their book bags, every Tuesday.

No key rings please!





# Additional Information



Please make sure you book a lunch for your child if required as currently they can only choose from the main hot dinner option if nothing has been selected. This can be ordered using 'Select'.

Make sure what you select for your child's lunch is something that they are going to eat.

Also please do not play on the climbing frame before or after school. Please note that due to our After School Club, the field needs to be vacated by **3.45pm.**



# Pupil Premium

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals which means that the school will be given £1,515 as an additional source of income that will be used to support your child. We will pay for your first school uniform and then pay for all school trips (excluding residential ones). We will use the money to improve classroom teaching but also to provide support in the classroom and by offering extra intervention.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

. Universal Credit

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)

Please go onto our website to download a form to complete if you are eligible.

# Parents Evenings & Reports

Two formal Parents' Evening (Autumn and Summer Term).

One full written report (Spring Term).




Additional meetings when needed, for example to support learning or behaviour.

We are normally available at the end of the day if you wish for a quick word or to arrange another meeting.

(We won't all be available everyday but come and speak to whoever is on the door or email us if it is urgent.)

# Learning Support

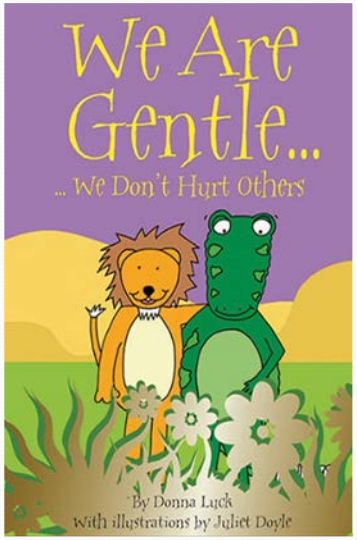


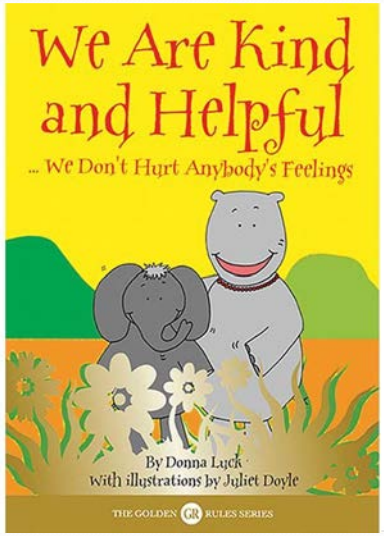
Rachel Bowen is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator or SENCO. She is responsible for co-ordinating the provision for all pupils requiring additional support at Saint Francis and works very closely with families and class teachers.

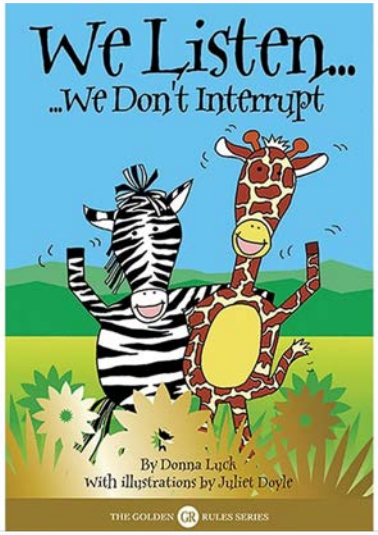
Please come and see us if you have concerns about your child and we will get in contact with Rachel for you. Or if you prefer you can email her direct on rbowen5nry@nsix.org.uk

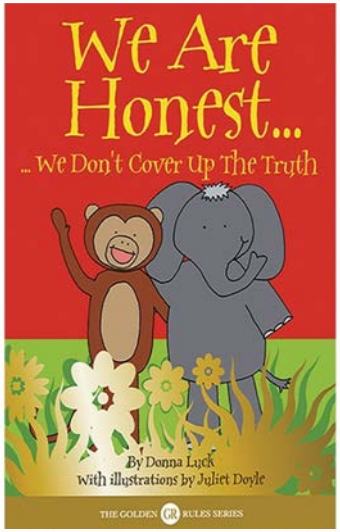
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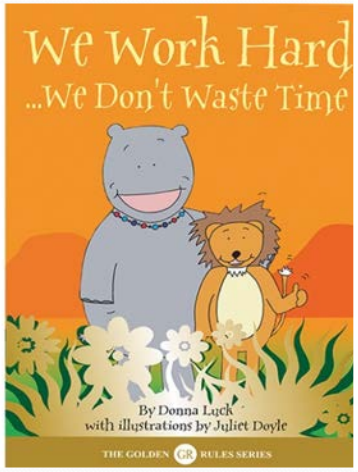


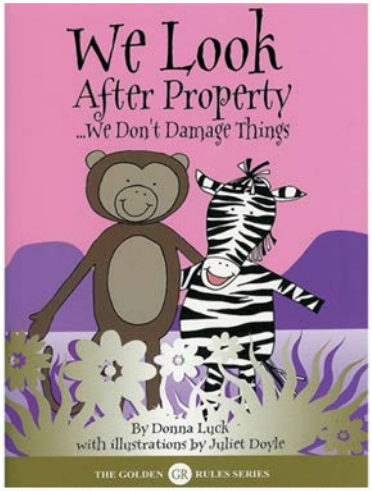



We have Golden Rules to keep our school a happy and safe place.

We must try very hard not to break them.

# Your Concerns

If something is worrying you or you have concerns about anything please let us know. We are here to help.




Arrange a meeting with us

Send an E-mail to the school office

office@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

Write us a letter

Phone the school and leave a message

