



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I am delighted to be leading St Francis as the Executive Headteacher this year, alongside Mrs Marsh, who has taken the role of 'Head of School'. This week, it has been lovely seeing all of the children return to school looking so smart and ready to begin their new school year. I hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed lots of family time despite the Cornish weather!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us and hope that you will enjoy being a part of our community. We are very much looking forward to our Reception children starting with us for their first full day on Tuesday.

All of us here at St Francis are looking forward to the year ahead, and as part of our commitment to providing lots of opportunities to inspire our pupils, I know that the staff have many exciting learning experiences planned. We will continue to share these with you via our website and Facebook page. To keep you informed, there is a parents evening scheduled for the week beginning the 16th October, where you will be able to formally meet with your child's class teacher to see how they have settled into their new class and find out more about how they are progressing with their learning.

We operate an open door policy here at St Francis so please feel free to stop and chat whenever you see me, Mrs Marsh or any of staff out and about at the beginning and end of the school days, or if you have a suggestion or concern you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I am confident we are all going to enjoy a wonderful year which will culminate with our whole school musical – Miss Sutton is very excited and keen to get going! Information about auditions, etc will be shared with the children soon.

With my very best wishes,

Hannah Stevens

Executive Headteacher



The deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2024 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

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Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: **School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY**

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

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Mobile Phone Policy for Years 5 & 6

We are aware that some children in years 5 and 6 use a mobile phone to communicate with parents if they are walking to and from school. All mobile phones must be switched off when children arrive on the school site and handed into the class teacher when entering their classroom. Phones are handed back at the end of the day. Children in years 5 and 6 were given a copy of this policy for parents and pupils to read, sign and hand back to their class teacher. If you need another copy of this letter, this can be asked for at the school office.



Safe Access to the school site

The main exit gate for the school car park is currently broken and out of use. Cars and large delivery vehicles are using the entrance gate to both enter and exit the school, significantly increasing risk in the area at the front of school. Please continue to use the safe pedestrian access when entering the school, situated on the Mungleath Road side or the Longfield side.

As always, safety is our primary concern.

Thank you.



P.E. Days

P.E will happen on the below days. Children are to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

Monday – Year 3 and Year 5

Tuesday – Year 3 and Year 6

Wednesday – Year 1 and Year 4

Thursday – Year 1 and Year 2

Friday – Year 4



New reception children will start their PE lesson on Friday 29th September and will then continue to be every Friday. They do not need to wear their PE kit until their first PE lesson.



**10th September, 8th October,
5th November, 3rd December at 10am**

Wild Church is for people who want to explore Christianity in an outdoor setting. It's for children and adults, and it's accessible for all. There are a range of activities to choose from, or you can simply sit still and immerse yourself in creation.

Please wear suitable outdoor clothes and bring a picnic blanket/chair to sit on.

www.budockchurch.org



What's on at St Francis

September

Monday 1st – Reception class 'Teddy Bears Picnic' starting together session, group 1, 9am-11.30am and group 2 12.30pm-3pm

Tuesday 12th – Reception class start date

October

Tuesday 3rd – Year 1 Hearing Screening

Tuesday 17th – Year 4 Maritime Museum Trip

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – HALF TERM

Monday 30th – INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 31st – Return to school

Tuesday 31st – Secondary school application deadline



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Key Dates 2023/2024

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023- INSET Days- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Wednesday 6th September 2023- Autumn Term begins

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023- HALF TERM

Monday 30th October 2023- INSET Day- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 19th December 2023- Break up for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 20th December 2023- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Thursday 4th January 2024- Spring Term begins

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024- HALF TERM

Monday 19th February 2024 INSET Day- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Thursday 28th March 2024- Break up for Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024- EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 15th April 2024 INSET Day- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 16th April 2024- Summer Term begins

Monday 6th May 2024- BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May 2024- Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024- HALF TERM

Wednesday 24th July 2024- Break up for Summer Holidays

Thursday 25th July – Friday 30th August 2024- SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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