

St Francis Primary School Newsletter September 2024



Welcome to our latest newsletter! We're thrilled to have you as part of our school community. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed and engaged with all the exciting activities, important updates, and valuable resources that our school has to offer. Your involvement and support play a vital role in your child's success, and we look forward to working together for a wonderful school year ahead.

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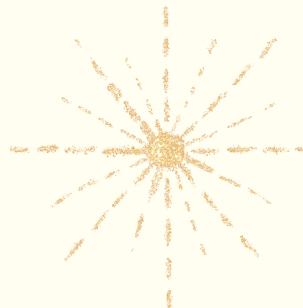
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Primary Information and Achievements

Open Morning

We are excited to invite you to our 'Open morning' on the 18th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, explore their classroom, and learn more about what this school year holds. To ensure that everyone has a comfortable experience, we have staggered the event times based on your child's class. You will receive a detailed letter with your specific time slot shortly. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make this a successful year for your child!



Showbie & Seesaw

We are pleased to offer information drop-in sessions to help you get started with Showbie and Seesaw, two platforms we'll be using this year to support your child's learning. These sessions are designed to guide you through setting up an account, navigating the features, and understanding how you can use these tools to assist your child at home. Whether you're new to these platforms or just need a refresher, our team will be on hand to provide support. We encourage you to attend and look forward to helping you get the most out of these valuable resources!

Showbie - 27th August @ 2.15pm Primary 2

Seesaw - 3rd September @ 2.15pm Primary 1



Parental forms

This is a friendly reminder to please complete and return any parent forms that have been sent home as soon as possible. These forms are essential for ensuring that we have up-to-date information to best support your child. If your child has a care plan or medical care plan, these documents will be sent home for you to review and update. Additionally, if your child's medication has expired, please send a replacement to school at your earliest convenience. Your prompt attention to these matters helps us provide the safest and most effective care for your child. Thank you for your cooperation!



PE Dates



Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
P1a	Tuesday	-
P1b	Wednesday	-
P1c	Monday	-
P2a	Wednesday	Friday
P2b	Thursday	Friday
P3.2	Tuesday	Friday
P3a	Wednesday	Thursday
P3b	Wednesday	Friday
P4a	Tuesday	Wednesday
P4b	Tuesday	Wednesday
P5a	Tuesday	Friday
P5b	Monday	Friday
P6.5	Monday	Friday
P6a	Monday	Wednesday
P6b	Tuesday	Wednesday
P6.7	Thursday	Friday
P7a	Wednesday	Thursday
P7b	Tuesday	Thursday



Homework



We wanted to update you on our homework for this term. While some classes have already started, all classes will officially begin homework next week. Homework tasks will be uploaded to Showbie, and jotters will be sent home for your child to complete these tasks. Please note that for our Primary 1 pupils, all homework will be sent home directly in a jotter, making it easy for you to support your child's learning. We appreciate your support in helping your child establish a productive homework routine!

Digital update



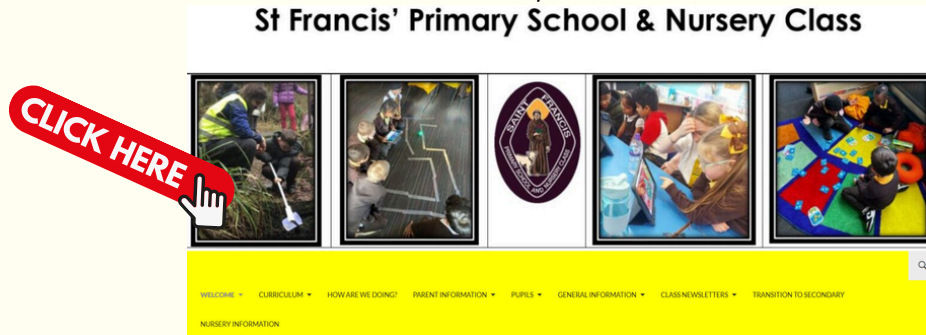
This year, our digital journey will continue to grow. Primary 5 to Primary 7 pupils will each have their own iPad for classroom work, while Primary 1 to Primary 4 will continue to share iPads throughout the week. We're excited to explore new digital skills and will be inviting parents to join us for information sessions. Additionally, we've updated our school website to make it more useful for you, including new features like class newsletters and our school handbook. We hope you find these updates helpful as we work together to support our pupils' learning.

God's Loving Plan

Ms. McFadden will provide an information evening for our P6 and P7 families this term with an overview of the "God's Loving Plan" programme. This session will cover the specific learning outcomes for Primary 6 and Primary 7, as well as provide a review of the materials that will be used in the curriculum.

Website relaunch

We are thrilled to announce that we have been working closely with a dedicated group of parents to refresh our school website! Our goal has been to make the site more user-friendly, accessible, and informative for our entire school community. We invite you to check out the updated website and explore the new features and improvements. Thank you for your continued support and feedback. We hope you find the changes helpful!



Digital Strategy



We are excited to share that we have been working on an updated digital strategy for our school, outlining our goals and expectations for our digital journey this year. This strategy has been shaped through valuable input from parents, staff, and students to ensure it meets the needs of our entire school community. We look forward to sharing the full plan with you soon and working together to enhance our digital experience this year!

Nut Free school

As a reminder, our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all our students. Due to several children with severe nut allergies, we kindly ask that no food items containing nuts, such as Snickers bars, Nutella, peanut butter, or any other nut-based products, be brought to or consumed at school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone.



Rights Respecting Schools




We are a Silver accreditation School




This section of our newsletter is dedicated to keeping our families informed about the specific aspect of children's rights that we are focusing on each month. Stay tuned for updates on how we are incorporating these important themes into our learning and activities, and how you can support your child's understanding and engagement at home.

School Improvement Plan targets

This year, our School Improvement Plan focuses on three key areas: enhancing Reading, strengthening Problem-Solving skills in Numeracy, and promoting Nurture while fostering a more inclusive learning environment. Below, you'll find an overview of our specific goals for improvement this year.



St Francis Primary & Nursery Class Our School Improvement Plan 2024-2025




Pupils

- Continue to build on our Rights Respecting School targets to ensure all children are heard in line with UNCR
- Provide opportunities to lead their own learning
- Children will be supported with Health and Wellbeing to ensure their needs are met

Teaching and Learning

- Continue to focus on reading to increase attainment
- Build upon our creative approaches using outdoor learning, digital and active experiences
- Focus on developing problem-solving skills in numeracy
- Continue to develop our whole school approach to nurture and neuro diverse learners
- Develop a consistent approach to the teaching of religious education



The diagram is a circular wheel with 10 segments, each representing a target. Starting from the top and moving clockwise: 'Nurtured', 'Active', 'Respected', 'Responsible', 'Included', 'Effective citizens', 'Safe', 'Healthy', 'Achieving', and 'Successful learners'. The center of the wheel features the school's logo.

Staff

- Continue to ensure the needs of all learners are met
- Continue to provide inclusive classroom environments
- Continue to promote restorative approaches when managing distressed behaviours

Parents

- Offer a range of information sessions to support learning at home and school
- Provide opportunities to actively and meaningfully engage in the life of the school



Nursery Information and Achievements



Care plans

We are in the process of updating all our nursery care plans to ensure that we continue to work closely with our families in planning for each child's learning journey. Your collaboration is essential in setting meaningful and achievable targets for your child's Literacy, Numeracy, and Health and Wellbeing.

Please also remember that the children are in new groups so their peg in the cloakroom may have changed from last year.

Nursery Improvement Plan

This year, our Nursery Improvement Plan is centered on three key areas: enhancing Literacy, promoting Health and Wellbeing, and fostering a more inclusive learning environment, especially for children who have English as an Additional Language. Our goal is to create a supportive environment that strengthens communication skills for all children. We've already made significant improvements, which you can see in the photos below.



St Francis Primary & Nursery Class Our Nursery Improvement Plan 2024-2025



Pupils

- Continue to build on our Rights Respecting School targets to ensure all children are heard in line with UNCRC
- Continue to provide opportunities to lead their own learning
- Children will be supported with Health and Wellbeing to ensure their needs are met

Teaching and Learning

- Improve our reading resources and reading corner to make it more engaging for all children
- Develop our care plan to include enhanced support for our English as an Additional Language learners
- Further develop our playroom resources and strategies in line with Language and Communication Friendly guidelines



Staff

- Continue to ensure the needs of all learners are met
- Continue to provide inclusive playroom environments
- Develop our communication strategies for our English as an Additional Language learners
- Further develop our planning to ensure a consistent approach to planning experiences

Parents

- Offer a range of information sessions to support learning at home and school
- Provide opportunities to actively and meaningfully engage in the life of the nursery

Parent Council



We're pleased to share that the P1 WhatsApp group is going well! It's been a great way for parents to stay updated and receive important information about P1. If you haven't joined yet and would like to stay connected, please scan the QR codes below to access the group and stay informed.

Ms Keenan



P1 A

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

Miss McKirgan



P1 B

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

Miss McHugh



P1 C

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

School Website and Contact Details



Please find below the link to our school website where you can explore details about our school, including our school and nursery handbook, curriculum information, and nursery details. We are currently refreshing the website to make it even more informative and user-friendly.

The school address: St. Francis' Primary School and Nursery Class
430 Old Rutherglen Road
Glasgow
G5 0PA

Telephone no: 0141-429 3687

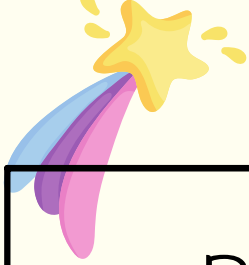
School email: headteacher@st-francis-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

School Website: www.st-francis-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

School X Account: [@StFrancis_PS](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancis_PS)

Parent Council contact email: stfrancisprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary



Date & Time	Event
30th August	Non uniform day
3rd September @2.15pm	PI Seesaw Information afternoon
6th September @7pm	Family Fun Night
18th September	Open morning
20th September	Non uniform day
27th September - 30th September	School and Nursery closed

