

St Francis' Newsletter



May & June 2025

Dear St Francis families,

Welcome back, and a very Happy Easter to you all! We hope you had a restful and joyful break. As we begin Term 4, we enter a particularly busy and exciting time at St Francis, with a strong focus on transition activities and the celebration of our P4 sacraments. This newsletter will give you a glimpse into the months ahead, highlighting the key events and learning opportunities taking place in January and February.

Joanne Martin
Head Teacher

Class Newsletters

Our teachers have prepared this term's curriculum newsletters, which are now available on our school website under the '**Class Newsletter**' section. We hope you find them informative and helpful in supporting your child's learning.

Glasgow 850 years

This year, Glasgow is proudly celebrating its 850th anniversary! Throughout the year, a variety of events and activities will take place across the city to mark this special milestone. To mark this occasion our school will join in the celebrations and learn more about the rich history and heritage of Glasgow through a variety of activities!

PE and Dress Down Days

We have noticed that on dress down days, some children are arriving at school wearing clothing or footwear that is not suitable for physical activity, particularly when it coincides with their PE day. To ensure all children can participate safely and comfortably in PE, please make sure they wear appropriate clothing and footwear on dress down days if it is also their scheduled PE day.

End of Year Reports

Our end of year reports for school and nursery will be sent home week beginning **23rd June**, please check school bags for these!

End of Year Show

We are excited to share that rehearsals for our production of '*There's No Place Like Home*' are well underway! This project has been a fantastic learning experience for our Primary 5 to Primary 7 pupils, with each stage taking responsibility for a different aspect of the production — including scenery, music, lighting, and more. Our scheduled performance date is **18th June**, with both an afternoon show at 1.30pm and an evening show at 6pm. More details will follow soon.

P4 First Communion

We extend our best wishes to all our First Communicants as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during the 11.00 am Mass on **10th May**.

Sports Day

On **29th May** at 12.45pm the school will come together for our Sports Day! It's a day for our children to take part in a range of sports.

Glasgow Green Fun Run

Primary 6 and 7 will be taking part in a fun run at Glasgow Green on **21st May** at 10am. It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils to enjoy physical activity, build team spirit, and represent our school with pride.

PEPASS Champions

Representatives from Primary 6 and Primary 7 will compete at Crown Point on **27th May** in a range of athletic events, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship against pupils from other schools.

Laudato Si Week

Laudato Si' Week begins on Tuesday **6th May**. The children will engage in a range of activities to inspire students to care for creation, hands-on projects that promote environmental awareness, kindness, and stewardship.

Sports Congratulations

Congratulations to our four Primary 4 pupils who were runners-up in the recent tennis competition, competing against schools from across Glasgow—an excellent achievement! A huge well done also to the football team who secured a fantastic 4–0 win against Blackfriars. We're excited to announce a rematch is scheduled on **20th May** at 1.15pm, with a team featuring P5 boys and girls from P5, P6, and P7.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on **29th May 2025** and will serve as our Annual General Meeting.

Transition from Stage to Stage

As part of our preparation for the following year, we will prepare children by having an afternoon where they will move to their new class and meet their new class teacher. This will take place on the **17th of June**. Any children requiring an enhanced transition will receive this week beginning **9th June**.

Transition (Secondary)

Our primary seven children who are moving on to Holyrood will be going for a three-day Transition experience on **10th, 11th and 12th June**. Mrs Johnston will share details about this closer to the time. Primary 7 and parent induction information evening at Holyrood will take place on **12th June at 6.30pm**.

Sponsored Dance

All children will be invited to take part in a sponsored dance on **27th May**, children will bring home sponsor forms on Tuesday **6th May**.

Neurodiversity (Autism) Parent Workshop

As part of our development work, we are looking to improve our approaches to supporting children with Autism. We are also planning to create a Parent/carer network and offer sessions to support your child at home and in school. We would like to invite you to an information workshop on Wednesday **21st May** at 9.15 am or 5.15pm. There will

also be a questionnaire sent out next week which we would encourage ALL parents to complete to inform our planning.

Primary 7 Graduation and Prom

P7 will celebrate the end of their journey at St Francis on Monday **16th June**. We will begin their special day with mass here in the school hall at 9.30am. This will be followed by their graduation ceremony. Prom will be in the evening 6.45pm-9.00pm.

Primary 1 Induction days

Our Induction Days for all children starting Primary 1 in August will be held on the **28th May** and the **4th June**, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. These sessions will give children a valuable opportunity to meet their teacher, get to know their new classmates, and take part in some fun activities. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Nursery Graduation and End of Year Party

We have planned an end of year trip for all children, a letter with more information will follow. Our end of year parties has been organised for the **23rd June**. All pre-school children will attend in the morning and all anti pre-school children in the afternoon. Our nursery graduation will take place on the **20th June at 10am**. All pre-school children should attend in the morning only. All anti pre-school children should attend in the afternoon from 1pm.

Returning Children to Nursery August 2025

We look forward to welcoming back some of our nursery children in August 25. We will be in touch soon to discuss any changes to morning and afternoon sessions and key workers.


Right of the Month

Article 24 of the UNCRC says that healthcare for children and young people should be as good as possible and also goes further than this by saying children and young people have the right to be both physically and mentally fulfilled.

Among other things, this implies that children and young people:

- should have good enough nourishment from their food
- should be able to live in a safe and healthy environment
- shouldn't be in danger at work.

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Dates to Remember

DATE	STAGE	EVENT
6 th May – 9 th May	P7	Residential trip
6 th May	All stages	Laudato Si week
7 th May	All stages	Class newsletters available on school website
10 th May	P4 @ 11am	P4 First Communion at Blessed John Duns Scotus
19 th May	P3.2	Trip to Kelvingrove
21 st May	P6 & P7	Glasgow Green Fun Run @ 10am
21 st May	All stages	Neurodiversity (Autism) parent workshop 9.15am and 5.15pm
22 nd May	All stages	INSET day – school and nursery closed
23 rd May	All stages	May Bank Holiday – school and nursery closed
26 th May	All stages	May Bank Holiday – school and nursery closed
27 th May	P6 & P7	PEPASS Champions
27 th May	All stages	Sponsored Dance
28 th May	New P1 entrants @ 1.30pm	P1 Induction Day 1
29 th May	P1-P7 @ 12.45pm	Sports Day for Primary stages
29 th May	P1-P7 @ 10am	Ascension Thursday Mass at BJDS Mass
29 th May	6pm	Parent Council AGM
4 th June	New P1 entrants @ 1.30pm	P1 Induction Day 2
10 th , 11 th and 12 th June	P7	Transition days at Holyrood
12 th June	P7 @ 6.30pm	Parent Induction evening
16 th June	P7 Mass – 9.30am Prom – 6.45pm- 9.00pm	Graduation Mass and Prom
17 th June	All stages	Transition afternoon
18 th June	1.30pm 6pm	Summer Show – There's No Place Like Home'
20 th June	All stages	End of Term parties
20 th June	Nursery @ 10am	Nursery Graduation
23 rd June	All stages	Reports sent home this week
23 rd June	All stages	Transition – moving classrooms
23 rd June	Nursery	End of term party
25 th June	All stages	School and Nursery close @ 1pm for the summer break