

St Francis' Newsletter



August and September 2025

Dear St Francis families,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for another exciting school year! Whether your summer was filled with new adventures, relaxation with loved ones, or opportunities to learn new skills, we hope you're returning refreshed and ready for the year ahead. This year promises to be full of growth, learning, and the creation of wonderful memories. Our dedicated staff is eager to support and guide you on this journey, and we look forward to working together to achieve great things. Let's make this school year one of our best yet—filled with enthusiasm, kindness, and a shared commitment to excellence. Here's to a fantastic start and a successful year for everyone! Welcome back!

Gemma Rutherford
Head Teacher

Welcome Back

As we begin a new school year, we would like to take a moment to remember Señor Dunn and the joy he brought to St Francis. His passion for music and the many songs he shared with our children will continue to be celebrated throughout the year, ensuring his legacy remains part of our school community.

New Staff

This term we are delighted new staff to our school, please see the new staffing update below:

						
Mrs Gemma Rutherford Head Teacher	Mrs Laura Shields Team Leader	Ms Rachel Hands P6a Class Teacher	Ms Sophie Wilson EAL Teacher	Rosyln Bonellie Support for Learning Worker	Adele Russell Support for Learning Worker	Ms Laura Dunsmore Support for Learning Worker


Ms Anne McFadden Line Manager for Nursery Class

Fluoride Varnishing

The Childsmile Nursery and School team from NHS GG&C will be visiting on the **15th, 16th and 17th of September** to apply Fluoride Varnish to the children's teeth.

Consent forms will be issued shortly to our Nursery – P4 children and must be returned. If you do not give consent, the Childsmile team will not be able to apply the fluoride varnish to your child's teeth.

Homework: Showbie and Seesaw

This year, Nursery and Primary 1 will be also be using our digital platform called **Showbie** to share learning experiences and set homework. You can access Showbie by downloading the Showbie app or by visiting the website linked below.

<https://my.showbie.com/a/signup>

Children who already have a Showbie account in P2-P7 can log in using their existing username and password. They will need to remove their previous class and join their new class using the code provided. For those new to Showbie, a step-by-step guide is available below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBMTTnuXdVg>

P1a	HEGV7	P4b	3BA4U
P1b	99JHZ	P5a	6KNAG
P2.1	DBCYU	P5b	8JP2C
P2a	C8J3B	P6a	4DGR7
P2b	PF75L	P6b	C2UQC
P3a	6GMSGQ	P7.6	J4UCD
P3b	YZ8NW	P7a	J8BL3
P4.3	GQT9E	P7b	2TMPJ
P4a	RE3G4		

We would also like to update you on homework arrangements for this term. All classes will officially begin homework week beginning **1st September**. Homework tasks will be uploaded to Showbie, and jotters will be sent home for your child to complete the tasks.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build a positive and productive homework routine.

Pick up and drop off

Just a gentle reminder: there is no adult supervision in our playground until 8:50 AM. Now that the children are familiar with their lineup locations, we kindly ask that adults refrain from entering the playground, except for families accessing the nursery. Starting this week, all Primary 1 children should arrive at school by 9:00 AM. P7 buddies and senior leaders will meet them at the entrance and walk them to their playground. Primary 1 and Primary 2 will be dismissed from the side gate, while Primary 3 through Primary 7 will exit from the front gate. During the first few weeks, our P1 and P2 staff will be at the side gate from around 2:50 PM to help everyone adjust to the routine. We kindly ask that you avoid blocking the exit, as it can be overwhelming for the children.

Lost Property

Please remind your children to collect any forgotten items, such as clothing or lunch boxes, from the lost property area, as staff may not be able to assist at the end of the day. Labelling items with names greatly helps in returning them to their owners.

Medication, data check and photo permission

If your child requires medication during school hours and has a medical care plan, Miss Lynch will be in touch over the next two weeks to ensure the information is up to date. If you are new to the school and need a medical care plan, please contact the school to arrange a meeting. Primary 1 pupils will also receive a data check form and a photo permission form. Please be sure to check their school bags, as these forms require parental signatures.

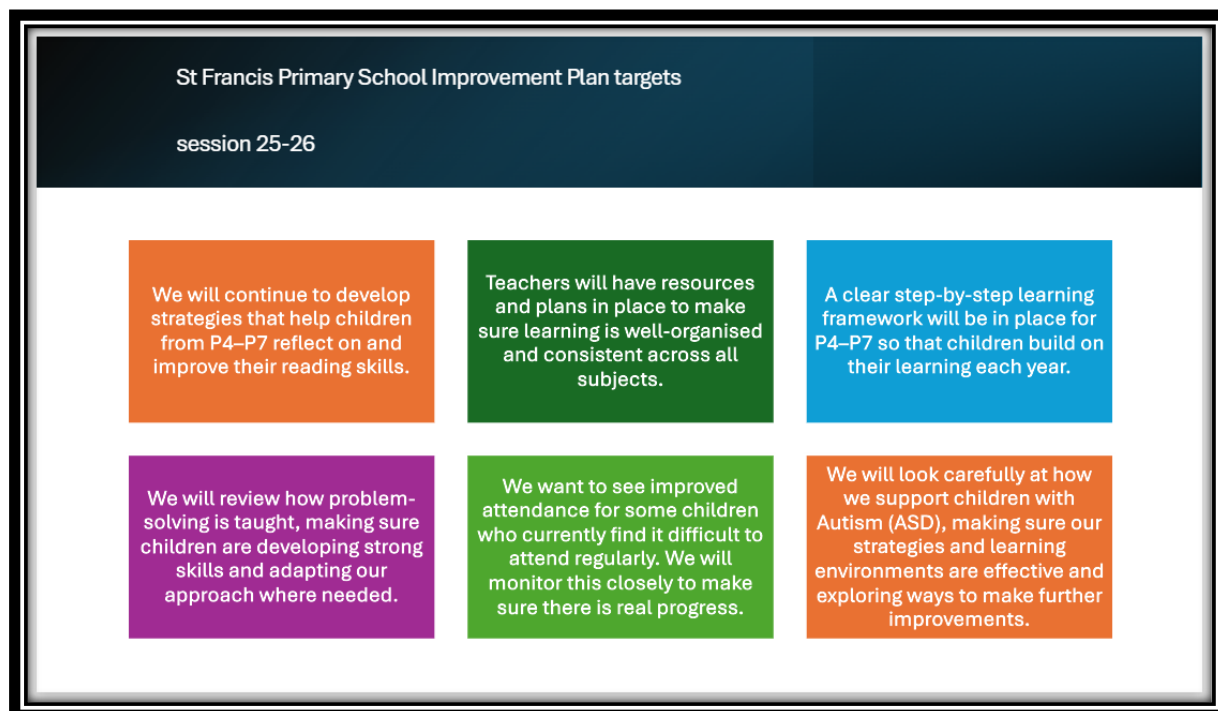
PE Dates

A gentle reminder that our PE kit consists of a yellow polo shirt and black shorts or joggers. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the days listed below

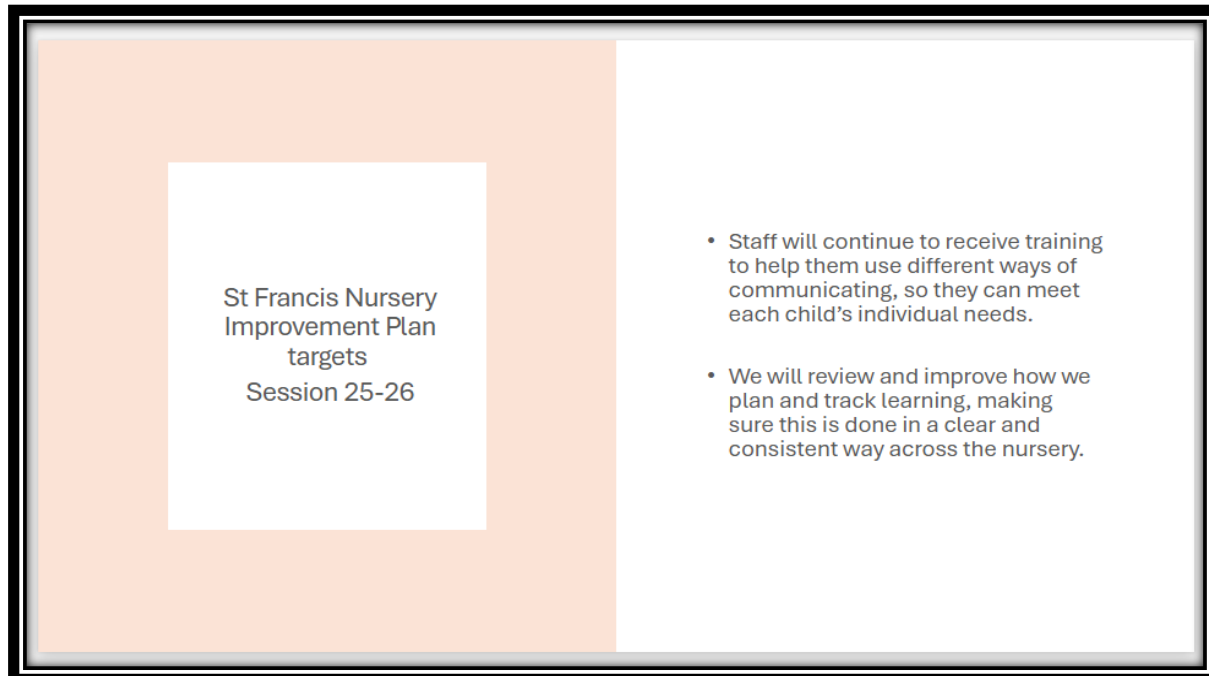
Class	Days
P1a	Monday and Wednesday
P1b	Tuesday and Thursday
P2.1	Monday and Thursday
P2a	Tuesday and Friday
P2b	Tuesday and Friday
P3a	Monday and Friday
P3b	Wednesday and Thursday
P4a	Wednesday and Friday
P4b	Tuesday and Friday
P4.3	Thursday and Friday
P5a	Thursday and Friday
P5b	Tuesday and Thursday
P6a	Tuesday and Friday
P6b	Tuesday and Friday
P7.6	Wednesday
P7a	Tuesday
P7b	Wednesday and Friday

School and Nursery 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 will find an overview of our goals for improvement this year.



Our Nursery Improvement Plan



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

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th August at 6.00pm** in St Francis' Primary. If you are interested in joining, we would be delighted to see you there.

To welcome families back to the new school year, we are also hosting a Family Fun Night on **12th September**. Tickets for this event will be on sale next week, before and after school.

As part of the evening, there will be a Tombola stall. If you would like to donate any items for this, please hand them into the school office.

Nut Free School

As a reminder, our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all our children. 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.

Dates to Remember

DATE	STAGE	EVENT
25th of August at 7pm	Everyone	Vocation Mass - St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow
29 th Aug 25	All stages	Non uniform day
12 th September 25	All stages	Family Fun Night (please see tickets for information)
15th, 16th and 17th of September	Nursery, P1, P2, P3 & P4	Fluoride Varnishing
19 th Sept 25	All stages	Non uniform day
26 th and 29 th Sept 25	All stages	School and Nursery closed