



Nursery NEWSLETTER – Autumn I

Welcome to St Francis of Assisi Nursery

We have had a very busy start to the term. Lots of children returned and we have made some new friends who have joined us this year. Everybody has been very happy to see the Early Years unit and new outdoor area; the children have had lots of fun exploring. We have started to settle into our new routines and have begun to start our learning journey through laughter, play and prayer. Please remember to keep checking Twitter and the school website as we post pictures and videos of your child's learning on there.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Fabulous Friends'. The children will look at several focusing books: 'Mr Big', 'Dogger', 'A Great Big Cuddle' and 'Lost and Found'. The themes of these books encourage us to build strong friendships as we begin our learning journey in Nursery.

Weather

As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child comes in suitable clothing (labelled raincoat and wellies if possible). It may be sunny in the morning but rain can come later and we will be encouraging the children to play outside in all weathers. In nursery we enjoy getting quite messy during indoor play too, so your child may need to bring spare clothes.

The Outside Area

We hope you're enjoying seeing our new outdoor area continue to grow and develop. Over the summer the far end of the playground was extended with more soft wood chip for the children to play on safely. We have added bouldering holds to help the children improve their physical development and it is wonderful to see them using their strength to climb and move. There is also a new mud kitchen providing superb imaginative play opportunities. We are hoping to create an outdoor music area and we will be asking you soon for donations to help make this area even better. For the children's safety we kindly ask you to wait outside the gate on a morning as we will be setting up resources for the day; similarly please do not let your child (or other siblings) play on the equipment as it can be dangerous when unsupervised. Thank you for your support.

How you can help at home

<u>Phonics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk to your child to help them increase their vocabulary.• Read a bedtime story every night, ask questions about the pictures, ask your child to predict the ending of the story.• Sing traditional British nursery rhymes such as Baa Baa Black Sheep, Wheels on the Bus, Wind the Bobbin Up etc.	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sing songs which include counting and naming the numbers. Eg, 10 Green Bottles; 5 Fat sausages; 5 Little Ducks.• Focus on learning the value of numbers 1-5, count out everyday objects from your home and say the numbers.
<u>General</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help your child to learn to put on their coat by themselves and to start the zip or buttons• If your child stays for lunch please cut food into small chunks, especially grapes which should be cut down the length.	



RE Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	1 st October	St Theresa of Lisieux
14 th September	Exaltation of the Cross	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
21 st September	St Matthew, Apostle	10 th October	St Paulinus
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	12 th October	St. Wilfrid, Diocesan patron
27 th September	St. Vincent de Paul	13 th October	St. Edward the Confessor
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
	Archangels	17 th October	St. Ignatius of Antioch
30 th September	St Jerome	18 th October	St. Luke, Evangelist

Nursery & Reception - God's World

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God's world.

Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it.



They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

At home

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.