



St Francis R.C. Primary School

Happy New Year! We pray for a happy and healthy 2024 for our school community,



WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had the most wonderful time with your friends and families. We have had a lovely first week back; it has been a joy to see all the children and hear their stories from their break. They have all settled back into school routine beautifully and eager to learn.

WEATHER

What a cold week it has been! Fortunately, our school is lovely and warm and we are very grateful to Mrs Pettener, our caretaker, for making sure school is safe and ready to be opened for our children. Experiencing cold temperatures and seeing our local area looking so beautiful in the frost, is something we want the children to enjoy and not shy away from. As long as we are wrapped up warm, this rare weather gives us a unique opportunity to develop a sense of awe and wonder at the beautiful world God has created - this is certainly something we have reflected on in school this week.

**Friday 10th
January**

Prayer for the week...
Lord, bless all our children, teachers, families and school community as we start this new year together. May it be filled with love, kindness and friendship.

ATTENDANCE

You may have seen in the news that the national picture for school attendance is a concern, particularly since the pandemic. At St Francis, we know that being in school as much as possible is key—absence has a negative impact on all aspects of a child’s school experience.

As schools, it is our statutory duty to monitor the attendance of every child and ensure that any child who is not in school is safe and well. Should your child’s attendance start to become a concern we will be in touch with you through letters, phone calls and home visits. Please do not be offended - your child’s welfare is our upmost priority. We want to work with you to make sure your child is happily and safely in school.

Should we have another cold spell, please consider allowing extra time for your journey to and from school—congestion on the local roads was worse than ever this week. We will always do our very best to make sure school is open. If we were ever in a position where it was not safe to open, we would contact you as early as possible. Unless you hear from us, presume school is open.

This week's Attendance

- ☺ **Year 1:**
- ☺ **Year 2:**
- ☺ **Year 3:**
- ☺ **Year 4:**
- ☺ **Year 5:**
- ☺ **Year 6:**

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 17th January 9:15am	Year 4 Class Mass
Wednesday 22nd January 9am	Year 5 Class Assembly
Friday 24th January 9:15am	Year 3 Class Mass
Thursday 6th February 9am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12th February 9am	Year 1 Class Assembly



Stay with us Lord on our journey!