

ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW
WE WERE HAVING FUN



We walk, learn, love and smile together with Jesus"

Friday 10th July 2026

"Attend today and achieve tomorrow"

Our attendance target is 97% or higher.

Mixed Classes	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Acorns 90%	Aspen 92%	Ash 96%	Hazel 95%
Apple 93%	Cedar 96%	Laurel 98%	Holly 96%
Olive 98%	Elm 94%	Maple 94%	Oak 91%
Pine 92%	Sycamore 98%	Willow 98%	Silverbirch 96%

See our Attendance and Punctuality information here: <https://www.stfrancisdesalesinfants.org.uk/parents/attendance>

A reminder that doors open at 8.45am and all children should be in school at this time when their learning begins.

Kidchella a Huge Success!

What a fantastic way to celebrate being almost at the end of another wonderful school year, with our annual festival! This year's theme 'Kidchella' was a huge success, with children enjoying a day full of music, dancing, games, bubbles and festival fun.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as the children sang, danced and celebrated with their friends. The colourful outfits, festival accessories and happy atmosphere made it a truly memorable event and a perfect way to mark all of the hard work and achievements of this year.

A huge thank you to our amazing staff, who worked so hard behind the scenes to organise such a special experience for the children, and to our families for supporting the event and helping the children embrace the festival spirit.

At St Francis de Sales, we believe that creating joyful memories is an important part of school life. Kidchella certainly did just that, and judging by the excitement and laughter throughout the day, our festivals have become a favourite annual tradition!

We will share photographs via our Instagram page – sfd.inf

One Week Left to Go!

Although Kidchella was a fantastic celebration, we are still very much in learning mode next week! We have lots of exciting activities planned to round off the school year, with plenty of opportunities for fun and learning with friends. We look forward to seeing all of the children in school every day from Monday to Thursday next week, so they don't miss out on these special experiences as we finish another wonderful year together.

Could You Be Our New Parent Governor?

We are looking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body and help shape the future of our school. Parent Governors play an important role in supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure that every child receives the very best education and opportunities. You don't need any special qualifications, just an interest in our school, a willingness to work as part of a team, and a commitment to helping our children thrive. If you would like to find out more, we will be emailing full details of the role and how to apply. We hope you will consider this rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to our school community.

Click for more information about the role of a school governor [Governors](#)

Summer Camp

Great News! Ultimate Kids will be hosting a camp at our school during the Summer. For more information on Ultimate Kids, please visit their website: [Welcome - Ultimate Kids Ltd](#) All spaces are for children aged 5-11 and the camp runs from 08:45-15:00. There are a limited number of places available; please be quick to book your child's place, these will sell out: <https://bookings.ultimatekidsltd.co.uk/event/336051>

Parent/Carer Engagement Questionnaire- Working Together for Your Child

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our Parent/Carer Engagement Questionnaire.

We have been delighted with the number of responses so far and are incredibly grateful for the thoughtful ideas and suggestions you have shared. It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers offering their skills, hobbies and interests to support our children.

If you've told us you have a talent, hobby or profession you'd be happy to share... don't be surprised if I come looking for you next year! We are excited about the opportunities this could create for our children.

If you haven't had a chance to complete the questionnaire yet, there is still time. Every response helps us plan activities and events that reflect what our families would like to see and makes our partnership even stronger.

Thank you for your continued support.

[Parent/Carer Engagement Questionnaire- Working Together for Your Child – Fill in form](#)

End of the School Day

Thank you for your support in reminding your child to dismount and walk their bike or scooter when entering and leaving the school grounds. A polite reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure that any snacks consumed on our playground after-school do NOT contain nuts or nut products.

School Places Available

We still have a number of Nursery and Reception places available for September 2026. Applications can be made via the school website, or you are welcome to pop into the main school office where staff will be happy to help.

Prayer and Liturgy

This week in our Prayer and Liturgy, the children reflected on the message that God watches over each of us with love. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His friends about the sparrows, reminding them that although God cares for every living creature, each one of us is even more precious to Him. During our prayer time, we thought about how we can draw close to God, knowing that He loves us, cares for us and is always with us.

Our Reflection

We reflected on how special we are in God's eyes and how His love gives us confidence to be kind, caring and compassionate towards others. We remembered that just as God looks at us with love, we should look after one another with kindness and respect.

Supporting at Home

You can support your child by reminding them that they are deeply loved by God. Encourage them to notice the beauty of God's creation, spend a few quiet moments in prayer each day, and think about how they can show God's love through small acts of kindness at home, at school and in the community.

Our Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for loving us and watching over us each day.
Help us to remember that we are precious to You and to share Your love with everyone we meet.
Amen.

We encourage families to join us in prayer by following the link to our school prayers:
<https://www.stfrancisdesalesinfants.org.uk/re-and-catholic-life/our-prayers>

Our Parish

Please follow the link to our parish newsletter <https://www.stfrancisdesales-walton.co.uk/Newsletter>

Lunchtimes

Please note that we will be on **Week 6** of the Summer 2 menu. The menu is available on our website:
<https://www.stfrancisdesalesinfants.org.uk/parents/lunchtime>

Please be aware that we do not offer cakes and sweet desserts each day to the children. Fresh fruit is available daily.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jennings

Summer 1 2026	Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May – Friday 5 th June
Summer 2 2026	Monday 8 th June – Thursday 16 th July
Summer Holidays	Friday 17 th July – Wednesday 2 nd September

Inset Days (5)

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Friday 5th June 2026
Friday 17th July 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Bank Holidays

Good Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday 6th April
Early May Monday 4th May
Spring Monday 25th May

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together with Jesus every day'**



Term Time Holidays

All term time holidays **will** incur a fine.
Holidays **must** be taken outside of term-time.



Absence



It is a parent/carer's responsibility to inform school if your child will be absent. Please do this before 9am via telephone or our online form. Please call our attendance officer, Mrs Lavelle on **0151 525 8489**.



Regular Absence from school

If your child's absence falls below 95%, you will be invited to a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss what support we can offer to help improve your child's attendance.



Too many unauthorised absences could result in a fine.



There will be occasions when your child's absence will be **unauthorised**; when this occurs, previous patterns of absence are considered and meetings held with parents to discuss the decision. Please also note that episodes of sickness and diarrhoea will not be authorised.

Medical Appointments

Please endeavor to make all medical appointments outside of the school day. If this is not possible, please bring your child to school before and after the appointment.



Aiming for 97% and above!

We aim for 97% or above attendance to ensure your child has the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

The school day begins at 8:45am and learning begins promptly at this time.



**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Our Attendance Expectations

Have you read our attendance expectations?

Please click the link below to our website to view

[St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant And Nursery School - Home](#)



Term Dates 2026/27	
Autumn 1 2026	Wednesday 2 nd September – Thursday 22 nd October
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October- Friday 30 th October
Autumn 2 2026	Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January

Spring 1 2027	Monday 4 th January – Friday 12 th February
Spring Half Term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
Spring 2 2027	Monday 22 nd February – Thursday 25 th March
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 th March – Friday 2 nd April

Summer 1 2027	Monday 5 th April – Friday 21 st May
Summer Half Term	Monday 24 th May – Friday 4 th June
Summer 2 2027	Monday 7 th June – Friday 16 th July
Summer Holiday	Monday 19 th July – Wednesday 1 st September

Inset Days (5)

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays

Good Friday – 26th March 2027
Easter Monday – 29th March 2027
May Day - Monday 3rd May 2027

PLEASE DON'T TAKE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



Taking your child out
of school during term
time could harm
their education.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT**



Parents

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely. Just as they do when a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing is provided. When children arrive at the crossing point:



The Patrol will tell them to wait at the pavement and use the **STOP** sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward until they are called.



The Patrol will then use the **STOP** sign to instruct traffic to stop. The Patrol may need to wait for a safe gap in the traffic. **DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD.**



When the traffic has stopped, the Patrol will call you to cross over. Please walk in front of the Patrol so they can see you.



The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have crossed the road safely.

**PLEASE
SLOW DOWN
WHEN
APPROACHING
A PATROL**

A child struck at 20mph
is more likely to survive
but at 40mph they will
almost certainly die.

Drivers

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen. It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if cars park right next to the crossing location. Children may run into the road without thinking about the traffic.

If you are a driver, remember:

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a **STOP** sign
- Do not move forward and remain patient
- Do not park at the School Crossing Patrol location or close to where a Patrol is working
- Look out for signs, or flashing amber lights, which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead
- Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely



It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. If you do not stop the possible penalties include:

- A fine of up to £1000
- 3 penalty points
- Disqualification