

Parents

Meetings Year 1



Reflection & Prayer

I used to think that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things

St Teresa of Calcutta

Father,

We thank you for our school community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith. We pray for all those involved in our school, and that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen




Our Catholic School

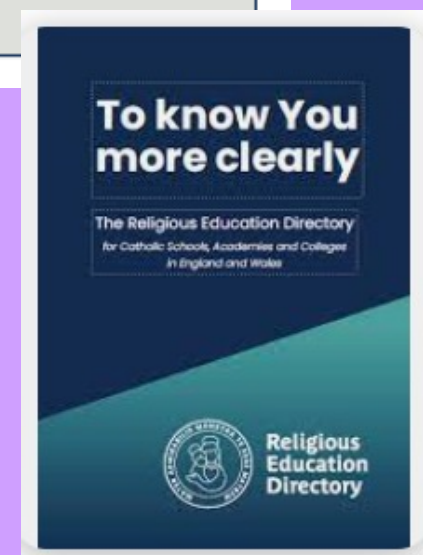
A Catholic school
'provides a rounded
education for the whole
person. And a good
Catholic school, over and
above this, should help
all its students to
become saints'

Pope Benedict XVI



What We Teach

Ways of Knowing		
Understand 	Discern 	Respond 
See	Judge	Act
What will I see and hear to help me understand?	How will I discover more?	What can I do now?



Catholic Life



Assemblies
Masses & Liturgies
Feast Days
Cathedral visits
Visits from Fr Alan
Class Prayer tables
10% Curriculum time for RE
Prayer Garden
Reconciliation
Junior Chaplaincy
CAFOD Club
Rosary Club



Key Skills - Personal

By the end of Year 1 we expect children to.....

Sit still on the carpet and listen for at least 20 minutes.

Put away and be responsible for their own belongings
e.g. book bag

Write their name using capital letters correctly.

Wash and dry their hands using soap and know the reasons why
this important.

Go to the toilet at a sensible time.

Follow at least 2 step instructions.

Complete tasks in a given time



Where To Find Information

Our website

Weekly What's On

Texts & e-mails



The Start & End of Day

The school day in Year 1 starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.15pm.

Please let us or the office know if your child is going to be late or if someone different is going to pick them up at the end of the day.



Growth Mindset

A key concept which shapes the ethos of our school is **Growth Mindset**. This is based on the work of psychologist Carol Dweck. The overriding principle of growth mindset is that all children (and adults) have the potential to learn and improve with effort, perseverance and high-quality teaching.

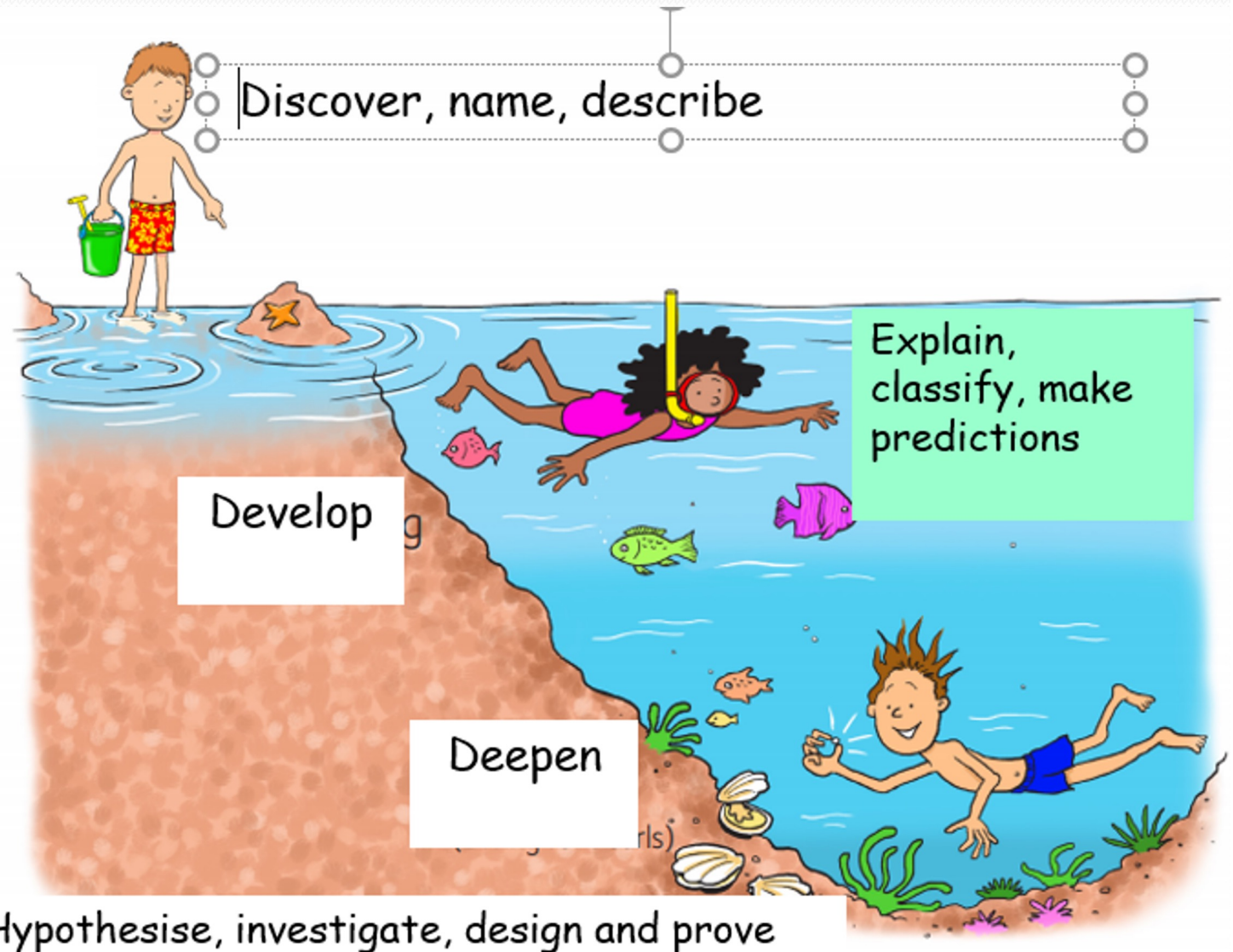


Children are taught and encouraged to embrace challenges, be resilient and keep going when things get difficult and see effort as the path to mastery. They reflect and learn from feedback, and learn from and find inspiration from the success of others. These children recognise that effort and persistence are what helps them develop and grow as learners.

Our Curriculum Rationale



FABULOUS



Our Curriculum Topics

Autumn Term 1 Wheels on the bus

Children to bring in photographs of their own house

Picture/postcard of places visited in the UK

R.E

- Creation
- God's Beautiful World
- Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Topic

- Geography- Who am I? What do I look like? What makes me special? How have I changed? Where do I live? How do I get to school? What route do I take? What is my house like? How is one home different from another? Where have you travelled in the UK? Is this Norwich? What makes Norwich a fine city? What buildings/land-uses are around my school?

RSE

(Relationships and Sex Education)



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Presentation to Parents

Information can be found on our school website, under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Our RSE policy and curriculum content has been developed by the Catholic Education Service, working in consultation with the DfE on the new national guidelines. The content of our curriculum has been advised and approved by the Bishop.

Each summer, parents are invited to a meeting in school to view the content of what their child is to be taught.

Working Together



Masses – all parents and friends are welcome to attend any masses taking place at school. Just let us know and we will make sure there is a chair for you.

Trips – please let us know if you would like to help on any of our scheduled trips.

Events – keep an eye out for any upcoming school events in Our Weekly What's On bulletin which is sent out every week.

Sharing Skills – if you have a particular skill or interest that you think you would like to share with the children, please let us know.

Working Parties – there are also opportunities for parents to take an active role in focussed working parties which work on key issues in school. Please come and let us know if you would like to volunteer.

St Francis of Assisi Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)



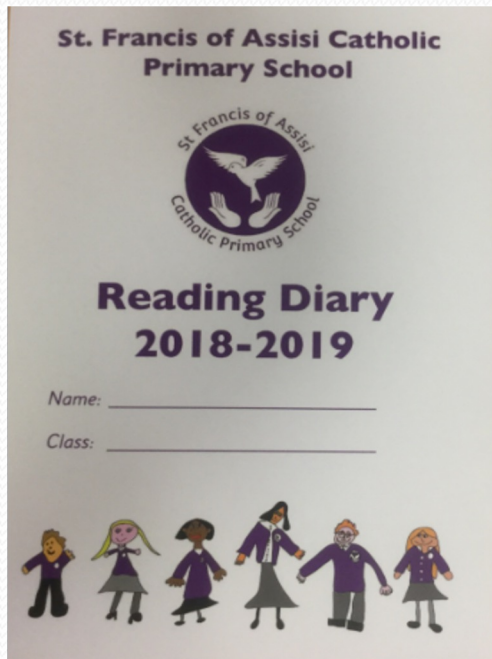
The PTFA is a small group of parents, friends and staff who join together to raise money to buy special things for our school. We organise several events during the year and would love it if you could get involved - no offer of help / support is ever too small!

PTFA funded projects

We have contributed or paid for the following items in our school but we'd love to offer more – for this to happen we need more volunteers! If you would like to join our happy team, please see Emily Palmer in the office to pass on your contact details. Thank you



Reading Diary



- Our expectation is that you read with your child everyday for about 10 minutes.
- Please sign and date in the diary every time you read with your child. We keep a central whole school log to show when reading is happening at home. Also if there is any thing important to note about your child's reading please do. We will look at these comments every Tuesday

You may wish to note that your child has:

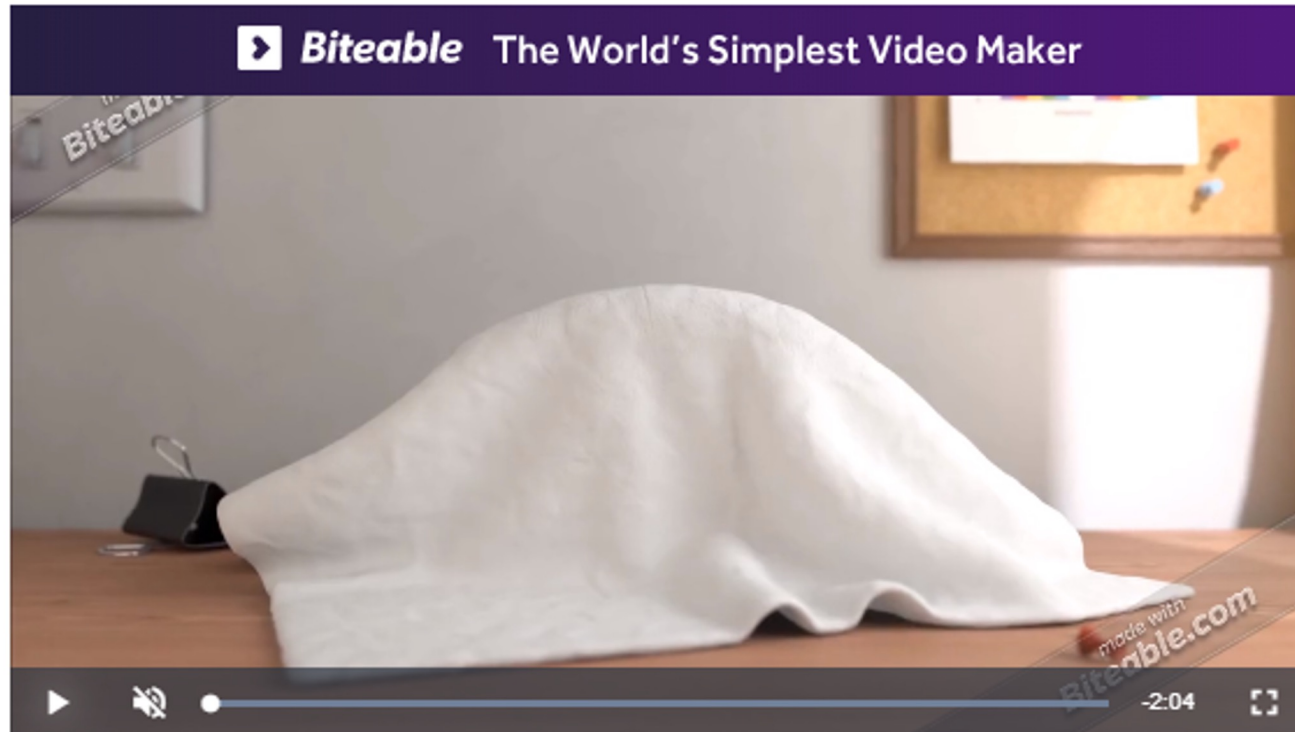
- read independently
- worked out new words by sounding them out
- enjoyed reading this book
- struggled to concentrate
- became frustrated and gave up reading

Your child's reading book is changed every Tuesday.

Developing Language Skills

The link below contains a short and great video to guide parent-child dialogue at home.

<https://www.tes.com/news/viral-video-shows-how-parents-can-boost-pupils-language-skills>



The Library



In school we have a fantastic library. Every week your child will have the opportunity to go and read books in the here.

Uniform

Uniform is worn at St Francis of Assisi to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the school community. It is expected that all children will wear the school uniform.

R-Y2 Boys

black/dark grey trousers (or shorts in summer)
white shirt/ polo shirt
school sweatshirt

R-Y2 Girls

black/dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
white shirt/polo shirt
purple gingham dress (summer)
school sweatshirt/cardigan

Summer uniform may be worn from September if the weather is still warm.

Shoes should be black and appropriate for school i.e. not trainers, high heels, flip flops etc.

PE kits

white t-shirt and black shorts

black jogging/track suit trousers

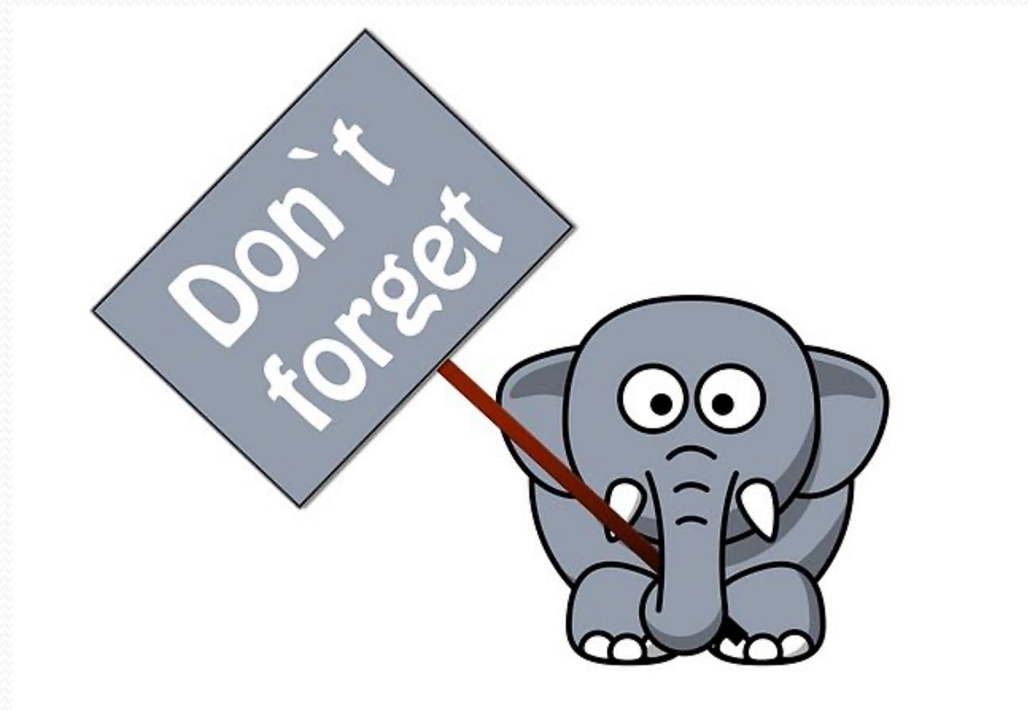
a pair of trainers for PE on the field or playground (plimsolls/pumps are not required)

All uniform should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name

Jewellery should not be worn, except earrings, which must be plain studs only.

Contact Forms

Don't forget to make sure the contact details you have given school are correct. This is incredibly important to enable us to contact you in an emergency but also to inform you of school and year group news and updates.



Trips

In Year 1 we arrange trips to places of interest during each school term. These trips enhance the school curriculum and enrich the children's learning experiences.

When trips incur a cost, please make sure payments are made using WisePay. If insufficient funds are received, trips will sometimes have to be cancelled. Any concerns about these payments please see Mrs Hope or Miss Furness for advice.

Please return all consent forms as promptly as possible as without these your child will be not be able to go on their visit.



PE



Year 1 children have P.E twice a week. We will let you know when the timetables have been arranged.

Please make sure that your child has the correct kit each week. PE kit must be a white t-shirt or polo with black trousers/shorts. Their jumper must be a St Francis hoodie, fleece or jumper

Remember that some P.E lessons are taught outside and during the winter months **your child will need** trainers and jogging/tracksuit trousers and a jumper.

Remember no jewellery on PE days except for plain stud earrings.

Also your child must have a water bottle everyday.

Please don't buy plimsolls if you child doesn't own them already - we do not wear them during PE, we go barefoot or we wear trainers.

Year One classroom

Every morning children will say goodbye to their parents and carers at the school gates and will come into school independently. We have found this way of starting the day to be really successful this year.

Children then hang up their coats and put their book bags away independently.

Their water bottles stay in a special box but they are free to have a drink whenever they need.

At the end of the day we will bring the children out to meet you at the Year One doors.

Book Bags

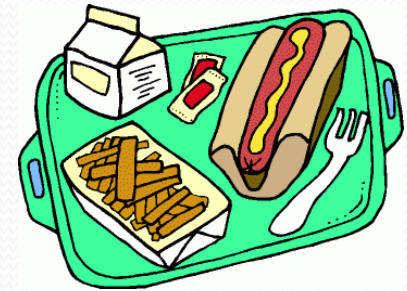
Year 1 children bring their book bags to school **every day**.

Please check your child's book bag everyday, to see if there are letters or important things inside to take out.

Children bring school reading books to school in their book bags, every Tuesday.



Additional Information



Please make sure you book a lunch for your child if required as currently they can only choose from the main hot dinner option if nothing has been selected. This can be ordered using 'Select'.

Make sure what you select for your child's lunch is something that they are going to eat.

Also please do not play on the climbing frame before or after school. Please note that due to our After School Club, the field needs to be vacated by 4pm.



Pupil Premium

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals which means that the school will be given £1,300 as an additional source of income that will be used to support your child. We will pay for your first school uniform and then pay for all school trips (excluding residential ones). We will use the money to improve classroom teaching but also to provide support in the classroom and by offering extra intervention.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Please go onto our website to download a form to complete if you are eligible.

Parents Evenings & Reports

One formal Parents' Evening (Spring Term).

One full written report (Summer Term).

Additional meetings when needed, for example to support learning or behaviour.



Don't forget
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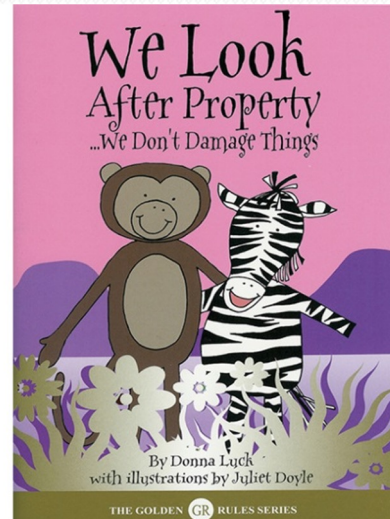
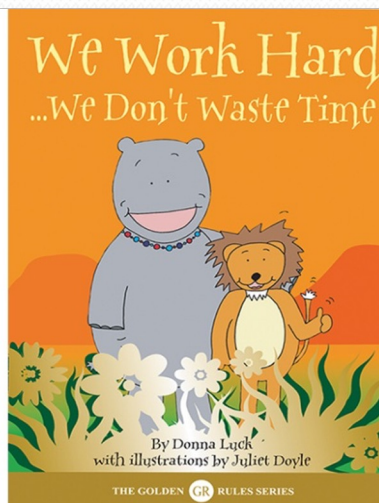
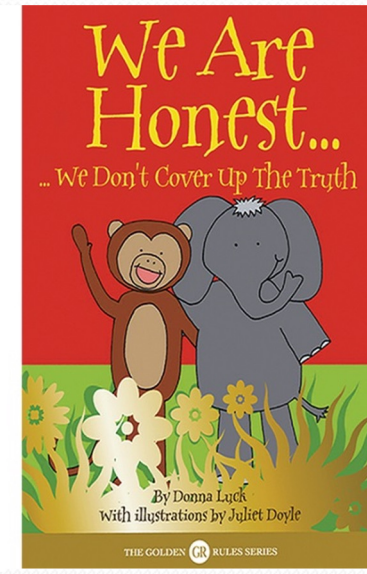
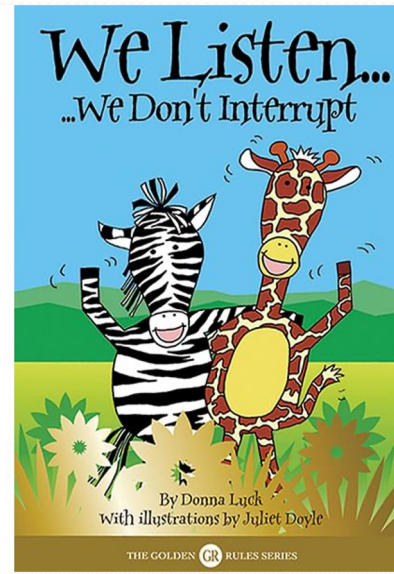
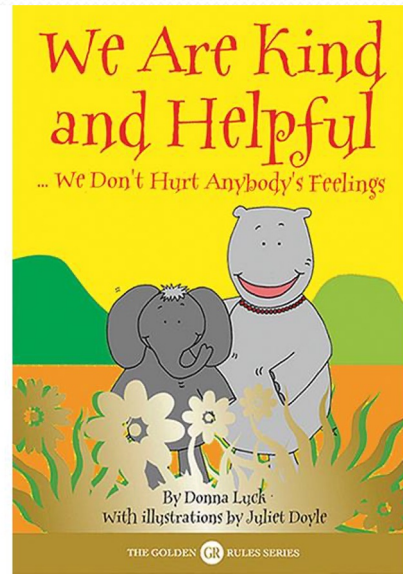
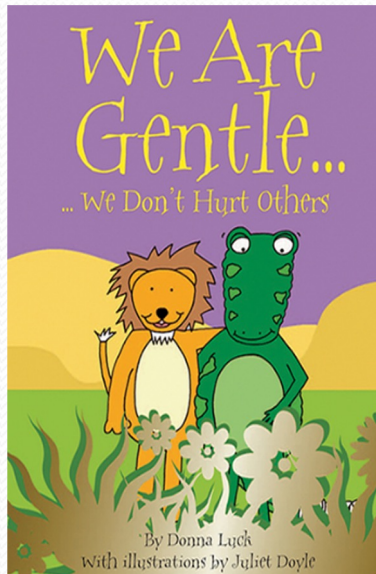
Learning Support



Rachel Bowen is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator or SENCO. She is responsible for co-ordinating the provision for all pupils requiring additional support at Saint Francis and works very closely with families and class teachers.

Please come and see us if you have concerns about your child and we will get in contact with Rachel for you. Or if you prefer you can email her direct on rbowen5nry@nsix.org.uk

Golden Rules



We have Golden Rules to keep our school a happy and safe place.

We must try very hard not to break them.

Your Concerns

If something is worrying you or you have concerns about anything please let us know. We are here to help.

Arrange a meeting with us

Send an E-mail to the school office

office@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

Write us a letter

Phone the school and leave a message



Clubs



Year 1 children can join a number of clubs throughout the year. Some of these clubs have limited availability so make sure you return any letters back to school as soon as possible. Some clubs might also require you to pay a fee using WisePay.

