



# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter

**School Vision:** As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

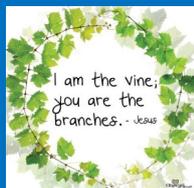
*'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.'* John 10:10

**School Values:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Date: 08.03.23

### Collective Worship - This week...

We started the week linking in with the Blackburn Diocese resource—thinking about the times Jesus said “I am...” We looked and thought about the time Jesus said “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in him, much fruit will grow” *John 15:5* Children quickly linked this to our vision jigsaw and our ‘Love Faith’ and ‘Love Learning’ element. They also spoke about the Fruit of the Spirit. Children reflected on how they demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit. Children challenged themselves in terms of their behaviour and their connection with others—thinking about what they could improve.



### Talk to your child(ren) about...

What are the 9 Fruits of the Spirit?

It's Time To Talk.

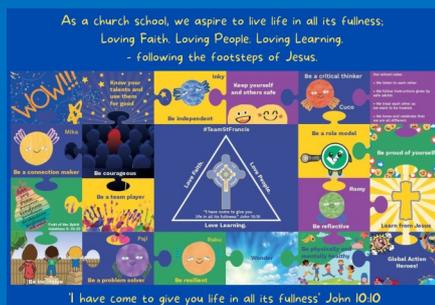
Why is it important to show the Fruits of the Spirit?

How do the British Values and Fruits of the Spirit link?

What act of kindness could you do this week?

Is there anyone you would like to think about or pray about?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



### Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>)



Could you do more to protect your local area?



### Democracy

We all have a voice and our opinions should be heard. If we want to help care for and protect natural habitats, we can use our voice and take action.

### Upcoming Dates

Thursday 9th March - Year 5 Let's Go Sing at King George's Hall

Tuesday 14th March - EYFS Mothers' Day Worship at 9am. 9:30-10am - Art and Craft for those who can stay. (This is a change of date to originally published because of strike action)

Friday 17th March - Year 1 Red Nose Day Fun Run - 9-10am (More information to follow)

Monday 20th March - Viewing work in class and teachers available to answer questions - 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday 28th March - Year 3 class and Mr Higginson's music tuition pupils performance - 2:30-3:15pm

Thursday 30th March - Year 4 Easter Performance - 2-3pm

For more dates, please go to: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/parentcarer-partnership/128152>

### Children's Attainment and Progress - Key Dates

Please attend your child's class on Monday 20th March between 3:30-4:30pm to see your child's work. Please note, the class teacher will be present to speak to you about any aspects of your child's work.

Spring Term data reports will be sent home on Wednesday 19th April.

### Strike Action—National Action—15th and 16th March

With the information I have at present, St. Francis will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March because of national strike action between trade unions and government. A number of unions have paused strike action and if the NEU make this decision, then I will alert you as soon as possible. Please note, your child's attendance mark will not be negatively impacted. School will close on Tuesday 14th March and re-open on Friday 17th March.

### Assessment Week

A number of end of term and unit assessments will take place WB 13th March. If your child is absent from school, they will have to complete these assessments on their return to school.

### World Book Day

Thank you to all parents/carers who supported our World Book Day activities - we had a blast! Lots of various reading activities took place across the school.

### Facebook

You will have noticed that our school Facebook account has not had many recent updates - sorry about this! Watch out over the coming week as I will ensure this is updated so you continue to have a flavour of what St. Francis life is like.

### Parent/Carer Survey / Comments

Our parent/carers partnership lead, Miss Ryding, has been standing at the gate this week seeking feedback from parents/carers. Thank you to everyone who has engaged in a conversation. She will be there tomorrow and Friday if you would like to catch her! A survey will be sent to you via school spider soon. This all helps to celebrate our success as #TeamStFrancis and where we can work together to improve and be a stronger community.

#### Our school rules:

- We listen to each other.
- We follow instructions given by safe adults.
- We treat each other as we want to be treated.
- We know and celebrate that we are all different.

