



# 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:** 16.10.23

### Collective Worship - Our thinking!

Generosity continues to be our topic of thought and discussion. This week, we have thought about how we can offer our time generously. We have thought about the collective impact if everyone gave up some time to meet with someone, clear some rubbish or tidy up an area. We discussed the importance of everyone being responsible for their time, not the few. We looked at a story from the Old Testament from the book of Nehemiah. God's people travelled back to Jerusalem, but the outside wall to protect their city had been smashed when they arrived. They worried about rebuilding taking forever to repair, but Nehemiah had a great idea - "let each family build a bit of the wall...if everyone is generous with their time and strength, the wall will soon be finished." We concluded that if everyone does their bit, it all adds up and shows love in action.

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

Have a look at the poster below.

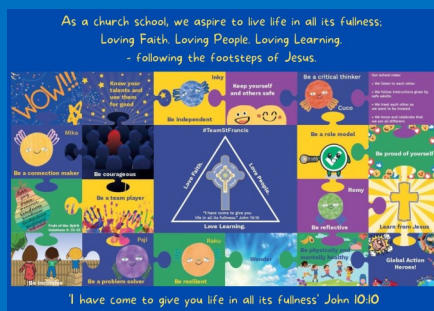
**Generosity is...**  
 Encouraging the best in each other  
 Never selfish  
 Enjoying helping others  
 Raising support for a good cause  
 Offering what we can  
 Sharing our time and talents  
 Inviting someone to join in  
 Taking care of God's creation for future generations  
 You first, me last.

Does this poster describe you?

How?

Why is it important to show generosity in these different ways?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



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



What do you think?

Why is it important to remember our actions have consequences?



**Individual Liberty**  
 We can choose whether to care for and protect the places and things that are special to ourselves or others. It is important to remember our actions have consequences.

Click here for more information on British Values

### Protected Characteristics

The things that we value can form part of our beliefs and shape how we choose to live. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

### Upcoming dates...

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Donut Sale	Whole School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	15:25	School closes for Half Term	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		Staff Inset Day – School closed to children	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	08:45	School re-opens	Whole School
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year5
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	18:00	PTA Firework Night	Whole School
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	09:00-10:00	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning	Whole School
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> November	N/A	Robinwood Residential	Year6

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.



Click [here](#) to access the website containing more dates.

### Jewellery

Please remember that no earrings, including stud earrings, should be worn in school. The use of retainers is accepted.

### Some Key Website Links

[Term Dates](#) / [PE Days](#) / [Curriculum information](#) / [How to contact us](#) / [Breakfast Club](#) / [After School Club](#) / [Policies](#)

### Can you help fill some spaces in school?

We have spaces in our EYFS and Year 1 classes. If you know of families wanting to change schools or move into the area, please put them in contact with us. If a year group is full, we can support an appeal if we deem it right.

### Year 6 SATs briefing

Thank you to the Year 6 parents/carers who attended today's SATs briefing. If you missed it, please contact Miss Reynolds for the relevant information.

### Attendance

Please remember that we aim for children to have at least 96% attendance across an academic year. Children who have attendance below 96% are of concern. Children below 90% are classed as 'Persistent Absence'. Mrs Forrest will be contacting families to arrange support as required. If you need to request 'Discretionary Leave of Absence', please read our policies and complete the two applications, which can be found on our [school website](#). Minor Illness and attendance advice can be found [here](#).

### Punctuality

Punctuality - Please ensure children arrive at 8:45 a.m. to start their 'Do Now' tasks, an essential part of our retrieval practice. It aids the children in their learning that day. If they miss it, they are at a disadvantage to their peers who arrive on time. Minutes late each day soon add up. Five minutes late each day is equivalent to missing three days of learning across a year.