

St. Francis Church of England Primary School



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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.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

Happy New Year – we spoke about new beginnings today. In Roman mythology, Janus was the god of gates and doorways, beginnings and endings. He was often pictured with two faces, one looking forward, the other looking back. New Year is naturally a time for looking forward and looking back. Children reflected on achievements and memories from 2023.



JANUS

Turning our heads to the left - let's remember the year that has passed and all the friends who have shared it with us. Let's be thankful for all that we have learned and achieved.

Now, turning our heads to the right - let's look forward to the year that has begun and resolve to live each day fully and well. Let's be thankful for new beginnings and not be afraid to make the most of all the opportunities that lie ahead.

Talk to your child(ren) about...

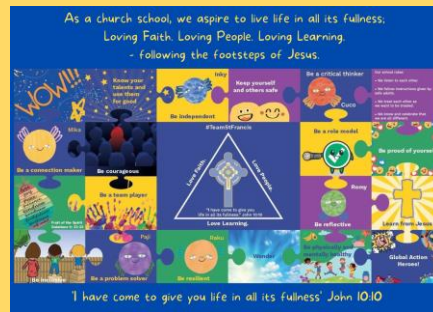
What are your greatest memories from 2023?

What are you going to focus on in 2024?

What are your family values and rules?

How do your family values and rules link to the school's values and rules?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News (Link to Website)



Are emojis an important part of communication?

What do you think?

Why is it important to respect?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different. Learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another. Emojis should represent our diverse world and be inclusive.

[Click here for more information about British Values.](#)



We should all feel like we can be represented through emojis no matter who we are, where we live or what we believe.

Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming Dates....

Date	Time	Event	Participants
Monday 8 th January	08:45	School Re-opens	Whole School
Sunday 14 th January	10:30-11:15	St. Francis Church Parade	All welcome
Monday 15 th January	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Dance Club starts - first of 4 weeks	Year1
Tuesday 16 th January	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Dance Club starts - first of 4 weeks	Year2
Tuesday 16 th January	15:30-16:30	Mrs Foster's Art Club starts - first of 4 weeks	Year5 and Year6
Wednesday 17 th January	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year2
Wednesday 17 th January	13:30-19:00	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings	Whole School
Thursday 18 th January	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Gymnastics Club - first of 4 weeks	Year3
Friday 19 th January	14:30-15:20	OPAL Stay and Play	Whole School
Friday 19 th January	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Gymnastics Club- first of 4 weeks	Year4



Science day on Friday!

- 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.

Please continue to speak about our school rules with your child(ren), including the importance of following them.

[Click here to download the complete Spring Term dates.](#) We will release the Summer Term dates around the February half-term.

Some Key Website Links

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

Happy New Year

Welcome back! I hope and pray that you have experienced peace and joy over Christmas and New Year. Please help your children quickly settle into school routines by ensuring they are 'school ready' each morning – whole night's sleep, breakfast, correct uniform and relevant equipment. Please take time to look over our new uniform policy that was sent out before the Christmas holidays. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform, not jewellery, etc. Please ensure your child is at school daily and on time—8:45 am at the gate.

Driving / Parking

May I remind you that the law states there should be no stopping or parking on the school's yellow zig-zag road markings. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking. I have had several concerns raised around drivers mounting the pavement to drive. I have contacted the council and Police for support to ensure we all take responsibility for keeping one another safe as we journey to and from school.

Anything Changed?

Have your contact details changed? (telephone number/address/email, etc.) – if so, please get in touch with the office to update the details we hold. Has anything happened within your family that would be useful to tell us so we can appropriately support your child? If so, please speak to a staff member at the gate or email your child's class teacher. Please remember that staff members do not have a significant amount of time to check emails daily, so if it is urgent, please telephone the school office.