

# St. Francis Church of England Primary School



## School Newsletter 09.09.24

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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! WELCOME AND HAPPY NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

It has been an absolute joy to get #TeamStFrancis back together! I hope and pray that you are settling back into the rhythms and routines of term-time well.

I am incredibly thankful to the St. Francis staff team for their time and energy in preparing for the new academic year. The children have had a strong start, and I have been impressed with the behaviour and learning I have seen in the school.

Thank you to parents/carers for all the support you have given your child(ren) to prepare for the new academic year, such as promoting good sleep, effective morning routines, providing snacks and a water bottle, and ensuring your child is in the correct uniform.

This half-term, we are focusing on the value 'THANKFULNESS'.

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

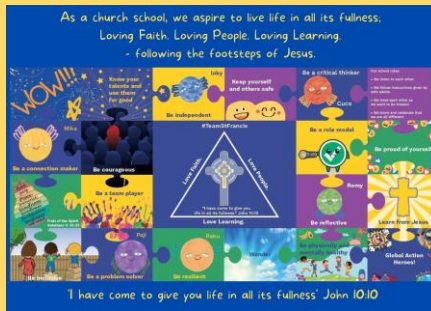
#### THANKFULNESS

'Always be thankful.' (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

What does 'thankfulness' mean?  
 How do you show 'thankfulness'?  
 What does this biblical verse mean to you?

What does this biblical verse mean for your family?  
 How does this biblical verse link to your family values?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



### Picture News (Link to Website)



What do you think?

How can we respond to unexpected events?

How do you respond to an unexpected event?



#### Individual Liberty

Unexpected events and situations happen in life that we cannot control. We can, however, choose how we respond to them and be responsible for our actions.

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

#### Protected Characteristics

Some people's religion or belief can help them navigate through an unexpected or difficult time. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

### Upcoming Dates....

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Multisport Club starts – first of 6 weeks	EYFS, Year1, Year2 & Year3
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Multisport Club starts – first of 6 weeks	Year4, Year5 & Year6
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Afternoon	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year2 & Year3
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	Sports Competition Training	Selected children.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Multisport Club starts – first of 6 weeks	Year4, Year5 & Year6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Afternoon	It's PANTO time!	Whole School
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	FUNDA Multisport Club starts – first of 6 weeks	EYFS, Year1, Year2 & Year3
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	3:45-4:45	Welcome Meetings – Find key information about your child's year group.	Whole School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	08:50-09:30	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn: Phonics and Reading	Year1
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Afternoon	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year5 & Year6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	08:00-11:30	School Photos – siblings, individual and class photos	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Afternoon	Class Business Partnerships	Whole School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Polling Day – Children's Leadership Roles	Whole School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30-16:30	Messy Church	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30-15:30	OPAL Presentation and Stay and Play	Whole School

### Meet the Teacher Meetings – 16.09.24

Please put this date into your diary! These meetings are crucial. They set out the long-term learning plan and key priorities for your child's academic year. These meetings will let you know what your child is learning over the year and how best to help at home.

Session 1: 3:45-4:15 pm

Session 2: 4:20-4:50 pm



Click [here](#) to download the complete Autumn Term dates. (Please note: The most up-to-date version is dated 09.09.24)

### Some Key Website Links

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

### Staffing Update

After 16 years of working at St. Francis Primary School, I'm saddened to say that Mrs Havard is taking some time away from teaching to concentrate on her recovery following a recent period of ill health. We would like to thank her for her time with us and wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Havard would like to thank all the pupils, staff and parents she has met a long the way.

#TeamStFrancis!

### Parent/Carer Survey

I would be grateful for a few minutes of your time. We want our school to be as healthy and effective as it can be and your insights are helpful for us to do this. Please complete the survey to share what we do well and what you think we could improve on. Please complete the form before Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 11 am. We will use this information to support our school self-evaluation and to further improve St. Francis! Thank you in advance, it is much appreciated. Survey: Click [here](#).

## Uniform

Please put names on your children's clothes. Over two days, I collected 11 jumpers/hoodies from the field, but only three had names on them. The other eight are now lost property.

Please continue to use the image below (linking to our Uniform Policy sent out in December 2023) to ensure you are sending children to school in the correct uniform.

Please remember our Uniform Shop in the front entrance. It is very full with a range of uniform and sizes. There is no cost to any item. Please just come and take as many items that are needed.

# Uniform



There are two uniform options for all classes: EYFS to Y6.

**Option One:** Active Uniform - can be worn everyday.

**Option Two:** 'Traditional' Uniform can be worn on non-PE days; Active Uniform on PE days.



Active Uniform



Traditional Uniform

Gold, purple or green cotton T-Shirt  
Royal blue hoody (with or without a zip)  
Plain (unbranded) navy or black joggers or leggings  
Plain (unbranded) navy or black shorts or skirts  
Plain (unbranded) black or navy trainers or pumps

White, blue or gold polo shirt  
Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan  
Navy blue or tartan skirt or pinafore dress  
Blue check dress can be worn in summer  
Grey trousers or shorts  
White, navy or blue socks or tights  
Plain black shoes



No jewellery is allowed. This includes earrings, friendship bracelets or necklaces. Watches can be worn but not for PE.

Long hair must be tied up with a small, plain bobble.

No extreme hair cuts including shaved styles, braids or hair colours are allowed.

No make-up or false nails are allowed. Nails should be kept short.

From September 2024, Y6 do not have a separate uniform.



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## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For September 2025

Primary school applications are open

3rd September 2024 to 15th January 2025

Secondary school applications are open

3rd September 2024 to 31st October 2024

If you need help contact the school admissions team:

tel: 01254 666605

email: [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)

online: [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)



## School Admissions 2025

Please note the important dates on the poster surrounding EYFS and Year 7 school places for September 2025. For Year 7 places, you must complete your application by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. For EYFS places, applications should be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### OPEN WEEK – WB 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

During the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October, we are hosting an OPEN WEEK for prospective families starting September 2025.

Please spread this information to ensure we have a good attendance. Prospective families can view the school each afternoon between 1:30-3 pm. On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will host an open evening between 5:30-7 pm.

### After-School Club – Childcare Provision

As you are aware, we currently do not have an external after-school club as part of wrap-around care. This was because of low demand for the PALS after-school club.

To bridge this gap, we are advertising 'Live and Kicking', who would happily take bookings from our families.

I believe using Live and Kicking would allow families to continue with after-school childcare to support working hours.

For more information and bookings, please contact Live and Kicking directly.

Some families have said that Live and Kicking are full, however, a telephone call with the Live and Kicking manager explains that this is not the case.

To support this, we have also reorganised our after-school club offer. Each week will consist of two sessions up to 4:30 pm for EYFS to Year 3 and two sessions up to 4:30 pm for Years 4-6. There is a maximum of 20 places per club. We are hoping that this arrangement will help.

**LIVE AND KICKING**  
2025 HOLIDAY CLUB

ALL INFORMATION Church Hall  
700 Preston Rd St. Francis, Blackburn, BB1 1SD

We provide the highest quality of childcare and aim to offer for children the take part in providing childcare excellence in a safe and nurturing environment. With engaging activities, nutritious meals and qualified staff.

**BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS AT 7:15AM  
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FINISHES AT 6:00PM

Follow us on Facebook: [liveandkicking20](https://www.facebook.com/liveandkicking20)  
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[liveandkicking20@hotmail.com](mailto:liveandkicking20@hotmail.com)

**LIVE AND KICKING**  
2025 HOLIDAY CLUB

**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
FULL DAY SESSIONS 7:30AM - 6PM  
HALF DAY SESSIONS 9AM - 3PM

Out of School and Holiday Clubs provide your children with a safe and fun environment. We offer a variety of activities, fun activities and nutritious meals. We are also able to provide a breakfast and lunch service. We are also able to provide a breakfast and lunch service. We are also able to provide a breakfast and lunch service.

WE ARE AN ASD CLUB  
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HOLIDAY CLUB

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