

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!

We continued our thinking about our focus value – THANKFULNESS.

We looked at what we are truly thankful for. Mrs Foster discussed a game where children name something for each alphabet letter.

Mrs Foster shared that she is thankful for Autumn, (her) Boys and (her) Coat.

The children were encouraged to think of things they were thankful for that covered many different letters in the alphabet. Some letters were more challenging than others!

We looked at these quotes and linked them to our thinking.

'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16



Have a go at singing:

I am **THANKFUL** & Thankful

Talk to your child(ren) about...



- What are you thankful for?
- Challenge – Can you think of something you are thankful for to cover each letter of the alphabet?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?

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Picture News (Link to Website)



What do you think?

What are the rules of your house to uphold your family values?



Rule of Law

The ministerial code is a set of rules that exists to ensure ministers act in the best interests of the general public. Rules can guide us on how to uphold values such as honesty and integrity.

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

Protected Characteristics

UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is British; this is his nationality. As leader of the government, he must ensure that people of all nationalities living in the UK are treated fairly.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming Dates....

WB 14 th October	13:30-15:00	Open Afternoons for EYFS 2025 starters	New starters
Tuesday 15 th October	17:30-19:00	Open Evening for EYFS 2024 starters	New starters
Friday 18 th October	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Donut Sale	Whole School
Friday 18 th October	15:25	School closes for Half Term	Whole School
WB 21 st October – October Half-Term			
Monday 28 th October	08:45	School re-opens	Whole School

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](#)

Parent/Carer Survey

With the extended deadline (Friday, 18th October) to increase the parent/carer view, I would be grateful for a few minutes of your time to complete a survey. Please complete the survey to share what we do well and what you think we could improve on. We will use the collated information to support our school self-evaluation and to improve St. Francis further! Thank you in advance, it is much appreciated. Survey: Click [here](#).

Breakfast Club Resources

Do you have any games and/or toys in excellent condition that we could have for our breakfast club? Please bring them to the office.

Lost Property

We continue to collect a large amount of lost property daily, much of it unnamed. Please can you ensure that your child's clothing is named? This will allow us to quickly return it to the correct child.

Poppy Appeal 2024

From Monday, 28th October, Poppies will be available in school for a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Autumn/Winter Menu

The new Autumn/Winter 24/25 menu is available for booking through ParentPay. The new menu will start from Monday 11th November. Please remember to book your child's meals in advance.

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure that all school meals and breakfast club payments are paid in advance per our charging and remissions policy. Please clear any outstanding balances by 31 October 2024 at the latest.

Blackburn Foodbank Donations – THANKS!

Thank you to all the families who brought in donations for Blackburn Foodbank.

The donations were taken to St. Francis Church for their Harvest Service and be collected by Blackburn Foodbank.



Autumn 2 Afterschool Clubs

Booking for next half terms after school sports clubs go live this Friday (18th October) at 19:00. Places are limited to 20 pupils and can be booked through your SchoolSpider account.

Please contact the school office before Friday if you have any challenges with your School Spider account.

If you attempt to book your child but cannot, it is because the club is already full. We are not able to accept bookings outside of School Spider. Once the club reaches 20 children, it will not accept any more bookings, and we will not add manual bookings.

The following sessions will be running:

Monday - Y4,Y5,Y6 Multisport

Tuesday - EYFS, Y1,Y2 and Y3 Multisport

Thursday - EYFS, Y1,Y2 and Y3 Multisport

Friday - Y4,Y5,Y6 Multisport

Harvest – Sunday

Thanks for coming to support St. Francis Harvest Service yesterday!



Executive Functions

We are teaching our children more about the learning process and the various skills supporting excellent learning. Here are some vital skills required for outstanding learning.

Please review the different Executive Functions below and think about how your child. What are their strengths? What are their areas for development? If you find an area for development for your child, please review the following website as it provides excellent activity ideas to support your child at different ages. <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/activities-guide-enhancing-and-practicing-executive-function-skills-with-children-from-infancy-to-adolescence/>

Executive Functions

Impulse control

Your ability to stop and think before acting.

Task initiation

Your ability to start tasks.

Self monitoring

Your ability to self evaluate your own behaviour.

Organisation

Your ability to keep track of information and tasks.



Attentional control

Your ability to regulate and direct your attention.

Emotional control

Your ability to manage your emotions to direct your behaviour.

Planning & prioritisation

Your ability to plan steps to reach your goals.

Working memory

Your ability to hold information in your mind to complete tasks.

ASDA Cashpot

We are signed up to ASDA Cashpot. If you shop at ASDA, please link your account to our school so we can raise some additional funds, hassle free!

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REMINDER: 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 31st October 2024. For EYFS places, applications should be completed by 15th of January 2025.

REMINDER: OPEN WEEK – WB 14th October 2024

Our OPEN WEEK has arrived. Each afternoon between 1:30-3 pm, prospective families for September 2025 are welcome to come and view our school. In addition, there will be an Open Evening on Tuesday 15th, 5:30-7 p.m. Please spread this information to ensure good attendance.



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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For September 2025

Primary school applications are open	Secondary school applications are open
3rd September 2024 to 15th January 2025	3rd September 2024 to 31st October 2024

If you need help contact the school admissions team:
tel: 01254 666605
email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions





**Family
Hub**



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



Free October Half Term Activities at the Family Hubs and Children Centre's

Monday 21st October

Wensley fold Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding support group
Higher croft Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Family hub Darwen	1.00pm-2.00pm	Autumn Nature Trail

Tuesday 22nd October

Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Pumpkin Spice and All Thing's Nice
Hancock St Children's Centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Messy Magic
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.30pm-2.30pm	Autumn Nature Trail

Wednesday 23rd October

Family Hub Shadsworth	9.30am-11:00am	Magical Woodland Adventure
Family Hub Shadsworth	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group

Thursday 24th October

Family Hub Shadsworth	11.00am-12.00am	Messy Magic
Family Hub Little Harwood	12:30pm-1:30pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice

Friday 25th October

Family Hub Livesey	10.00am-11.00am	Autumn Nature Trail
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Thing's Nice
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