



Week ending: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

### Upcoming dates

#### Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

Children's Mental Health Week

National Story-telling Week

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:

Y6 visit to St. Francis Church

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:

Messy Church after school – Candlemas

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:

EYFS charity event – NSPCC Number Day

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:

St. Francis Church Parade

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:

Internet Safety Day

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:

Rev'd Bryn will be leading worship today

Y1 Cherry Tree Library visit

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February: ♥

Business Partnerships afternoon with KS2

Last day of this half-term

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:

Return to school 'Spring 2'

Swimming timetable begins for all classes

### Week four of the Spring Term:

This week in worship we have thought about doing 'the right thing' even when it is hard. We learned that Jeremiah persevered with the message God had asked him to pass on to King Zedekiah about leaving his city, even though Jeremiah knew it wouldn't be received well. Jeremiah was right: King Zedekiah did not want to hear about God's plans, which resulted in Jeremiah being thrown down a well!

We considered times when we have kept going with a task that we knew was hard rather than giving up. We made a promise to ourselves to keep persevering when times are tricky and to turn to God for resilience and courage.

After greeting each other with 'привіт всім' (preevyet vsim) last week, this week we have been saying 'hoi mach' at the start of acts of worship, as taught by a child who speaks Dutch at home. As it is Lunar New Year, we will be saying 'Gong hei fat choy' next week!



Mrs. Foster

Reporters: Sophie, Elise and Hannah



Some of our Y4 pupils in Ancient Egypt!

### Year 4 trip to the World Museum, Liverpool

On Tuesday we went to the museum to see Ancient Egypt. At the museum we saw real life mummies, the map on Ancient Egypt and the River Nile... People acted and dressed up to show how mummification happened. We learned how to mummify a dead body in Ancient Egypt. We saw other exhibits like Dinosaurs and bugs. We put our hand in a thing to feel if it was bumpy or smooth – it was a scarab beetle. We all smelled a disgusting smell that mummies had on them. We had a great time!



We didn't have Celebration Worship today because we were being entertained by M&M Productions! They performed Sleeping Beauty for us and it was amazing! There was singing, dancing, cheering and booing, and some of our staff had to get up to do the Baby Shark!

It was a great way to end the month of January.



## National Storytelling Week

MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

The theme this year is 'Reimagine your World' and this week, to launch the event, our children were invited to come to our 'Magic Mirror' to imagine stepping through it. They were encouraged to think about what they would see, what would happen and how they would get back!

We have a number of activities planned for our classes to celebrate the week, including workshops and story-telling sessions. Look out for photographs on our Facebook page next week to see what we have been up to!



### Looking ahead:

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

World Book Day – information to follow

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

OPAL Stay and Play

PTA Spring Disco

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

St Francis Church Parade

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March:

Y6 SATs meeting for parents/carers 2.45 – 3.25pm

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

Y1 Charity Day – Comic Relief

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Reception Class's Mother's Day Service

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

Y4's Easter Performance – am

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

School closes for Easter at 3.25pm

### Petition

Thank you to the large number of parents/carers and friends of St. Francis, who have signed our petition. This is to request for traffic calming measures, a zebra crossing and/or a crossing patrol person, to help our children and families stay safe on our busy roads. The letters our Y6 children wrote to our parish council have been sent and replied to, and their opinions are being shared with Blackburn Council very soon.

Next week is also Children's Mental Health week. Miss Ryding will be delivering a special assembly and children will be learning about their own mental health. Mental Health support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/>