



Week ending: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Upcoming dates

#### 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 – see separate letter

#### 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

### Week five of the Spring Term:

Thank you to all those parents/carers and friends who have wished me congratulations on becoming the new Headteacher of our wonderful school.

We have a lovely school with dedicated and caring staff, and children who show kindness to each other, and welcome new friends with warmth. It is a privilege to lead such a special place.

I am both humbled and excited to take on this role, and I am committed to serving you and our wider community to the best of my ability.

I will always strive to be honest in my approach and I will work tirelessly to be the headteacher our school needs, as we continue our journey together.

My focus will always be on putting our children first, and I will do everything I can to ensure that their education, wellbeing and overall experience at St. Francis' School is the best they can be.

I firmly believe in the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers. You know your children! Your voices and concerns are important to us and I will make it a priority to listen and address any issues when they arise. Together, we can build upon the strong foundations of our school and increase our presence within the wider community.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. I look forward to meeting and collaborating with all of you in the days, weeks and months to come.

Mrs. Foster

Reporter: Ellie



### Year 6 visit to St Francis Church

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to St Francis Church. We went because in RE we are learning about the Eucharist and wanted to learn about it in more depth. We met Reverend Bryn there and he taught us about what happens in a Eucharist service and why. We learnt about equipment such as: the purifier and the chalice. We also learnt about the words said to bless the bread and wine. It was very helpful to learn more about the Eucharist service and why we do it.

Thank you Reverend Bryn!

### Y6 Award winners and special mentions



### Y5 Award winners and special mentions



### Y4 Award winners and special mentions



### Y3 Award winners



### Y2 Award winners and special mentions



### Y1 Award winners and special mentions



### Reception Class Award winner



**Well done to our award winners and special mentions this week!**

**Remember, if your child isn't on one of these photographs, reassure him/her that that doesn't mean they haven't been noticed!**

**Our staff celebrate achievements – great and small – every day in class, whether its through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.**

**To link with our value for this half term, the key is to persevere!**

## National Storytelling Week

MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Year 2 enjoyed coming up with their own ideas for a magical world. They got inspiration from different stories. They worked together to come up with a story about travelling through the Magical Mirror into their imaginary world. They also took part in the National Storytelling Week live workshop with Joseph Coelho.



After half-term we will be having a swimming pool in our school grounds for three weeks from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February up to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

This is to ensure our children fulfil the requirements of the PE national curriculum, which states that all should be able to swim 25m by the end of Y6.

To this end, all classes will have some time in the swimming pool during the course of the three weeks, with KS2 classes having the most sessions, and our KS1 classes and Reception class having some 'taster' sessions.

The swimming lessons will be taught by a qualified instructor, with a member of staff supervising at all times.

The 30-minute sessions will have no more than 10 children in them; therefore classes will be split into two or three groups, depending on the numbers in a year group.

Children will get changed in designated, single-sex rooms, with members of staff nearby but not in the room with the children.

Please look at the table below, which states which days your child(ren) will be having their lessons. On each day there will be six swimming sessions, roughly divided into three groups from one class and then three groups from another class.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> February – 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 and Y6	Y5 and Y6	Y5 and Y6	Y4 and Y3	Y4 and Y3
<b>Week Two</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 and Y6	Y5 and Y6	Y5 and Y6	Y4 and Y3	Y4 and Y3
<b>Week Three</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> March – 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 and Y3	Y4 and Y3	Y5 and Y6 – for those children who need more practice; Y2, Y1, Reception	Y5 and Y6 – for those children who need more practice; Y2, Y1, Reception	Y5 and Y6 – for those children who need more practice; Y2, Y1, Reception



On their swimming days, children will need to bring:

- a towel,
  - a swimming costume (not bikini) or swimming shorts,
  - swimming cap (girls and boys)
  - goggles (if needed)
  - sliders/flip flops/crocs
  - dry-robe/oodie/dressing gown etc
- all in a swimming bag/carrier bag

Our youngest children will be helped to get dry and dressed if this is needed, but any practice towards this at home would be appreciated.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements, please do speak to your child's class teacher.