



# St. Francis

## Church of England Primary School

*Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.*

Week ending: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*There is a vacancy in our kitchen for an assistant. Please see LCC's job section for info.*

### Upcoming dates

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

Y5/Y6 children - Cross-country

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:

Rev'd Bryn leading our Ash Wednesday worship

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

World Book Day

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for some  
EXCITING news  
about VE Day!

#### 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

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

Rev'd Bryn leading worship

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

Y1 Charity Day – Comic Relief

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

Y5/Y6 swimming gala

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

Y6 Careers Week

### Week One of Spring 2 Term:

#### Ramadan Mubarak! Wishing you all blessings in this Islamic holy month.

We have had the first of our swimming sessions in the on-site pool and these have been amazing! Our Key Stage Two children have had week one of their sessions – the same timetable will be in operation next week. Some of our younger children have had a sneaky peak of the pool too, and all have come away feeling very excited for their turn, in week three.

On Wednesday we had the Lancashire Bus Library visit us and our Y6 librarians took on the very important role of choosing a range of books for our school library. Thanks librarians! Our youngest children had yet another sneaky peak, this time in the bus, and they were amazed at the huge number of new books in there. They liked the stickers they got too!

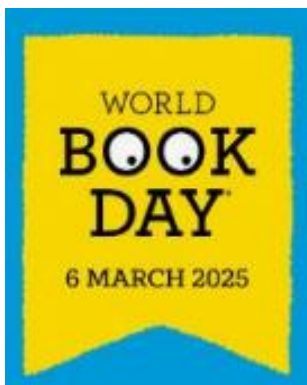
Our value in worship this half term is 'justice'. We began by thinking about what justice means and we related it to one of our 'jigsaw pieces' which shows three children looking over a fence. We talked about how treating people fairly and justly, didn't necessarily mean to treat everyone the same.

We thought about how sometimes some children need a special adult to help them learn, whereas some children do not. This is an example of justice: having the right support to have the same opportunities as everyone else.



Happy Ramadan  
Ramadan Mubarak

Mrs. Foster



We are holding a 'potato book character' competition for each class with the winners receiving a prize donated by our PTA. Send your child in on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March with a book character made from a potato (or a drawing of one). We will display all the designs in the hall on this day.

Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in a 'Footy and Booky' online quiz in the morning. EYFS – Y3 will be having an 'Ultimate Character Champion Battle' in their classes.



**Y6 Award winners and special mentions**



**Y5 Award winners and special mentions**



**Y4 Award winner**



**Y3 Award winners and special mentions**



**Y2 Award winners**



**Y1 Award winners and special mentions**



**Reception Class Award winners and special mentions**



**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 it's through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.**

**Petition**

We have pages and pages of signatures now, to petition the council for a school crossing patrol and/or zebra crossing. Local schools are also helping us to get more signatures and local businesses too. After all, a safe community benefits us all. If you still want to sign our sheet, or have links to local businesses who may want to, please do come into the school office.

Thanks again to Lucy's grandma for her huge efforts with this.

**Swimming Timetable for next week**

Next week's swimming timetable is the same as this week's:

Monday to Wednesday – Y5 and Y6 children

Thursday and Friday – Y4 and Y3 children

(EYFS and KS1 have their sessions in the final week – 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March - along with those KS2 children needing additional sessions in the pool)



**Spring Disco - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

EYFS and KS1 – 6.00pm - 7.00pm £5 entry includes a goody bag;

KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm £3.50 entry includes free drinks. Treats on sale to buy.

Please pay via ParentPay



Parents/carers, please join us  
Friday 7th March at 2.50pm  
for our termly 'stay and play'  
OPAL session.



### Y1 Class – Red Nose Day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March our Year 1 children will be celebrating Red Nose Day with a party 9.30 – 10.30am. Parents/carers are invited too!

Year 1 children can wear red on this day.

Red Noses will be on sale to all children at home time on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March for £2. Cash only please.

### Uniform Survey

We know there have been several changes to our school uniform over the last few years which have often resulted in parents/carers being unsure as to what is or is not, allowed.

The changes from a 'traditional' uniform worn all the time, to a choice of two uniforms, was controversial when they were first introduced, and certainly not welcomed by all. These changes were made with every good intention, with the aim of ensuring our children could play outside with more-appropriate clothing as well as to sit in their classrooms potentially feeling more comfortable.

It is because of this ongoing debate that a uniform survey was sent out last week. If you haven't done so far, please make sure you tell us your thoughts about our uniform through our survey, so we can make a timely decision as to what needs to change (if anything) for September.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed the survey: we have already read some compelling arguments for keeping our active uniform, as well as understandable reasons for returning to our traditional one.

Whatever is decided, we will try to give you as much warning as possible in time for the new academic year.



We now have 'Made for Stage' using our school hall most evenings after school. Simon Robinson, who runs it, is keen to extend an invitation to any of our children who want to sing, dance and act, to get involved!

Have a look on their website: [madeforstage.co.uk](http://madeforstage.co.uk) to find information about joining and to see how much it costs.

Mrs Wrigley-Reynolds and I watched the 'tiny tots' rehearsing on Tuesday evening, and we were very impressed with their talent and enthusiasm!

### Swimming

What a fabulous week of swimming we have had this week! Our KS2 children have all had their first sessions, and the swimming instructors as well as our own staff, have commented on the excellent behaviour and attitudes from the children. We've seen some amazing progress already!

### Sporting Events

Some of our Y5 and Y6 children will be representing our school at the inter-school's cross-country event on Monday next week at Witton Park.

We also have a team of children who will be taking part in the Blackburn Primary Schools Swimming Gala on Friday 21st March at Darwen Leisure Centre.

We know they will represent St Francis impeccably, and do their best in all the competitions. Good Luck!



### VE Day School Celebration

8<sup>th</sup> May

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, we will be holding a day of celebrations in school and parents/carers as well as our community are all invited! More news on this will be shared next week.