



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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Week ending: 07.03. 2025

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

Upcoming dates

Sunday 9th March:

St Francis Church Parade

Monday 10th March:

Y6 SATs meeting for parents/carers 2.45 – 3.25pm

Wednesday 12th March:

Rev'd Bryn leading worship

Friday 14th March:

Y1 Charity Day – Comic Relief

Friday 21st March:

Rocksteady Workshops and Music Performance – whole school*

Y5/Y6 swimming gala

Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March:

Y6 Careers Week

Wednesday 2nd April:

Y4's Easter Performance 9.15am

Friday 4th April:

Easter Craft Day

Last day of this half-term

Happy Easter



Tuesday 22nd April:

School opens for Summer term

Week Two of Spring 2 Term:

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

On Monday in worship we learned that making fair, or *just* decisions, can be difficult, when there are two valid sides to a story. We considered the example of four men who had been told they had to go to jail for cutting down trees in a nature reserve, when they had lived on the land for generations, and needed it to provide food for their families. Half of our children thought they should go to jail, whereas the other half thought they should be spared. We considered how in life we often have these dilemmas where there is no easy answer. In these times, we can pray for courage, wisdom and patience, in order to come to the 'right' decision.

Thank you to Reverend Bryn for leading worship on Ash Wednesday this week. He talked to us about lent being a time for us to admit to ourselves that we might be 'lost', and to turn to Christ, in order to find our way. Children shared their ideas for what they could do during this time of lent, in order to turn to Jesus. Not many said they would be prepared to 'give up' chocolate!

Goodbye

We will sadly be saying thank you and goodbye to Miss Asad next week as she takes up a new role. Miss Asad has supported a number of our children over the last couple of years, and she will be missed. We wish her well in her new job!

Mrs. Foster

Happy Ramadan
Ramadan Mubarak

* Rocksteady Workshops – exciting news to come next week for this. HINT: would your child like to be in a rock band?

Cross-Country

On Monday, we had a Year 5 and 6 cross-country race. It was the first time the majority of us had done a cross-country race. We are all very pleased with ourselves and Mr. and Mrs. Carter are also very pleased with how well we coped. First there was a girls' race, here are the scores. Scarlett came 10th and Isla came 37th. Next there was the boys' race and here are the scores for theirs: Gianluca came 5th, Noah came 19th and finally Harry came 22nd. We all ran 1 ½ miles each. There were about 50 children in the whole race so I say we all did amazingly well. I think we would all gladly do it again.

Reporter: Isla, Y6.

Y6 award winners



Y5 Award winners



Y4 Award winner



Y3 Award winners and special mention



Y2 Award winners



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

VE Day Celebrations

On 8th May we will be having a huge party to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day and you are all invited! So too will our church members and community.

Mrs. Lovick and her team of organisers are planning for an amazing day of fun for us all. The PTA are getting involved too. Details will be shared once they have been finalised, but for now please look for red, white and blue clothes, or fancy dress from the 1940s era.

Swimming Timetable for next week

Next week's swimming timetable is as follows:

Monday and Tuesday – Y3 and Y4 children

Wednesday - Friday – named Y5 and Y6 children; Y2, Y1, EYFS children – each day

Once again our swimming instructors have commented almost daily, on the excellent behaviour and attitudes shown by all our swimmers. Well done St Francis children!



Spring Disco – Tonight!

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.

Parents/carers, please join us
Friday 7th March at 2.50pm
for our termly 'OPAL Stay
and Play!'

Thank you to all our parents/carers/grandparents for
coming to play with us today during our OPAL Stay
and Play!



Y1 Class – Red Nose Day

On Friday 14th 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.



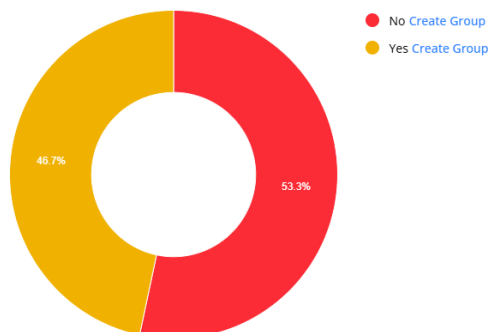
A HUGE THANK YOU goes to our PTA who have recently paid for a number of prizes, events and resources across school. We are VERY grateful!

Uniform Survey

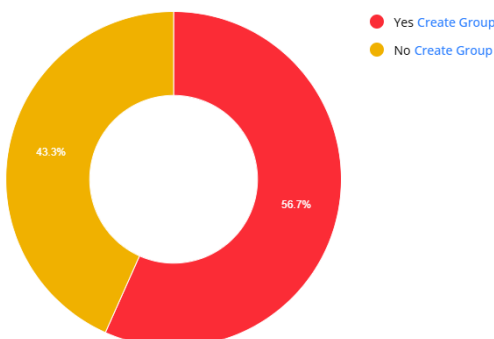
Thank you to all those parents/carers for sharing their views about our school uniforms. The survey has now closed. We had 90 responses – which is possibly the highest number we have had to a parent survey for a long time. This highlights how strongly our parents/carers feel about this aspect of school, unsurprisingly, as what children wear makes a statement about the school itself.

No decisions have been made yet with regards to the uniform for September 2025, but the Senior Leadership Team will be discussing this very soon. Until then, here are some of the headline findings from the survey:

Do you think our 'active' uniform looks smart enough to be worn everyday?



Do you think our 'traditional' uniform allows children to play freely outside in all our different OPAL areas?



Do you like that we have choices of polo shirt/T-shirt colours?

Yes – 64.6%

No 35.6%

Do you think our uniforms are value for money?

Yes – 80%

No 20%

World Book Day

We had lots of fun yesterday to celebrate a love of books and reading as part of World Book Day. Some classes took part in an online quiz – and we got a mention! Y3 had a 'booknic' outside, and other classes participated in book challenges and other events.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Potato Book Character competition. Videos of each class' potato creations are on our Facebook page.

The following children were judged to be our winners and they each received a prize from our wonderful PTA.





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Sporting Events

Coming up:

Blackburn Primary Schools Swimming Gala – Friday 21st March.

We have 7 swimmers in our team and they will shortly be hearing which swimming events they have been selected for.

Let's hope we come back from the gala with some medals!

Year 5 and 6 Football Festival – Tuesday 25th March.

Mr. Carter is organising this – details will be shared soon!

ParentPay Accounts

Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts on your child's ParentPay accounts are cleared by Friday 21st March at the latest. It is important that any debts are cleared before the end of the financial year. If you have any questions regarding your accounts please speak to a member of the office staff.