



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

Week ending: 21.03.25

We didn't have celebration worship today because of our Rocksteady Assembly and workshops.

Upcoming dates

Thursday 27th March:

Worship for Mothering Sunday – EYFS class
9.15am – EYFS parents/carers invited

Monday 31st March:

Eid-al-Fitr

Wednesday 2nd April:

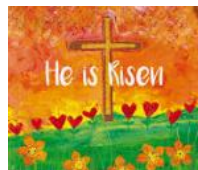
Y4's Easter Performance 9.15am – Y4
parents/carers invited

Friday 4th April:

Easter Craft Day

Last day of this half-term

Happy Easter



Tuesday 22nd April:

School reopens for the summer term

Friday 25th April:

Spring Term data reports sent home

Tuesday 6th May:

Blackburn with Darwen Schools' Netball
Tournament

Sunday 11th May:

Church Parade

Monday 12th May – 15th May:

Y6 SATS week

Week Four of Spring 2 Term:

What a bustling week we've had at our school! Our pupils have been immersed in a whirlwind of activities, each one enriching their learning journey in unique ways.

This week saw our school-wide Assessment Week, including Year 6 Mock SATs. These assessments provide valuable insights into our pupils' progress and help us tailor our teaching to their needs. I'm incredibly proud of the focus and determination shown by all our pupils during this time.

Our Reception class has been abuzz with excitement as they welcomed some fluffy visitors - chicks! This hands-on experience has brought their learning about life cycles vividly to life, sparking curiosity and wonder in our youngest learners.

In our worship sessions, we've been exploring the importance of perspective. Our children have been encouraged to consider different viewpoints, fostering empathy and understanding - vital skills in our diverse world.

To round off the week, we were treated to a thrilling taster session of life in a rock band. The enthusiasm was palpable as our budding musicians got a glimpse into this exciting world of music. Even more exciting, is that from the summer term, children will be able to join a rock band at school! Details for singing up are on the next page.

Welcome!

We now have our permanent member of FUNDA staff sorted. Coach Caitlin has had an amazing first week with us, teaching every class their PE lessons, and providing sporting activities every lunchtime. She is also here to lead our after-school clubs. Caitlin is very keen on making sure that the children of St. Francis will be participating in every sporting tournament and competition in the summer term as she has already seen some very talented children who deserve to shine!

**ROCK
STEADY**



We've had an incredible morning with Rocksteady!

Firstly, we were treated to Jacob, the Rocksteady band leader, showing us the different instruments in a rock band and he played songs from all eras: Elton John, Taylor Swift, Nirvana, Queen....and many more! We loved it!

We then had our turn to play the instruments and who knew Mrs. Du Randt, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Aubrey-Williams were so talented on the drums, bass guitar and keyboard?!

Children from all classes then formed their own bands and showed what they could do on the various instruments. They definitely did rock us! What a fabulous end to a hard-working week!



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN
THEIR OWN ROCK BAND AT SCHOOL?**

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Hi Parent or Guardian,

Do you want your child to experience the magic of playing music in their very own band? Rocksteady Music School is the leading provider of in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary age children – and we're delighted to let you know we're teaching in your child's school!

How does it work?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through weekly band lessons. It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing social skills and even academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and **all instruments for lessons are provided**.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are professional musicians who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education



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(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



WHEN Closed for Bank Holidays 18th April
7th-11th & 14th-17th April

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WHY? ENGAGE-INSPIRE-
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Swimming Gala

Good luck to our swimming team for tonight's Blackburn with Darwen Schools Swimming Gala at Darwen Leisure Centre. It will be the first time they have represented our school in a gala, and the first time they will have been swimming together.



Easter treats from the PTA!

We had an early visit from the Easter bunny this week, but instead of Easter eggs, they left bundles of shiny new resources for each class and our OPAL areas. Thanks to all our parents/carers for contributing to PTA fundraising schemes and events, your donations have brought many smiles to the faces of staff and our children.



Fox Group Colouring Competition

EYFS and KS1

Quite recently we had a visit from Fox Group (the people who have kindly helped us to move tons of soil around our OPAL field) during one of our OPAL Stay and Play afternoons.

They kindly left us some toy trucks to use as prizes for a colouring competition for EYFS and KS1.

If your child wants to take part in the colouring competition to win one of the toy trucks, please send them into the office for a colouring sheet.

The competition will close on Friday 4th April so all pictures need to be in by then. The winners will be announced in Celebration Worship that day!

ParentPay Accounts

Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts on your child's ParentPay accounts are cleared by today. 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.