



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

Week ending: 28.03.25

Upcoming dates

Saturday 29th March:

Church Spring Fair

Monday 31st March:

Eid-al-Fitr



Tuesday 1st April:

Y6 Football Festival at Witton Park

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



Tuesday 22nd April:

School reopens for the summer term

Thursday 24th April:

EYFS and Y1 class trips

Friday 25th April:

Spring Term data reports sent home

Tuesday 6th May:

Blackburn with Darwen Schools' Netball Tournament

Thursday 8th May:

VE Day party

As we approach the end of another busy week, I'm delighted to share with you some of the wonderful happenings at our school. It's been a time of spiritual growth, cultural understanding, sporting achievements, and community engagement.

Our week began with a powerful Monday worship led by Miss Ryding, focusing on the importance of following God's rules. Our pupils were reminded of the Ten Commandments, with particular emphasis on the greatest of these - to love one another. It's heartening to see our children embracing these timeless values and applying them in their daily lives.

Tuesday's worship, led by Mrs Musa, provided a valuable insight into Ramadan and Eid. This session not only educated our pupils about these significant Islamic observances but also fostered a spirit of inclusivity and respect for diverse cultural traditions within our school community.

Yesterday's worship was an absolute treat, when our EYFS children led their Mother's Day worship. They sang beautifully, shared some gorgeous drawings and told us why they love their mummies. It was a lovely morning.

On a more serious note, I met with Rory and Les from Livesey Parish Council to discuss our request for a zebra crossing this week. I'm pleased to report that they have taken our petition, boasting nearly a thousand signatures across more than 25 pages, to present to Blackburn Council. The council have now returned to inform us that a zebra crossing is absolutely appropriate and they will hopefully be making plans to install one in the near future. Thanks to everyone for their support with this: at long last our school family will be able to cross the busy main road in safety!



...to all our mums and grandmas on Sunday.

Rocksteady Rockbands

There are still some places available for our rockbands, which will start on the first Friday after the Easter holidays, on Friday 25th April. Remember to look for 'Livesey Saint Francis Church of England Primary School' when you go to book your child on. You will need to indicate which instrument your child would prefer to learn: electric drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or vocals.

Depending on numbers, there will then be five groups (or rock bands) who rehearse together every Friday morning. Each band will include up to eight musicians and they will choose their own rock group name as well as a song they wish to learn to perform.

We will all be invited to a termly concert from the five rockbands.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Y6 award winners



Y5 Award winners



Y4 Award winners



What a lot of winners and special mentions this week!

We are always so proud of everyone at St. Francis - and they are clearly demonstrating our vision, to 'Love Learning'!

Y3 Award winners



Y2 Award winners and special mentions



Y1 Award winners and special mention



Y1 Award winner



Reception Class Award winners



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.

Thank you to our amazing OPAL volunteer staff for painting tyres, planting flowers and shifting tons of soil in their own time.



Sporting Events

Coming up:

Year 6 Football Festival - Tuesday 1st April. Mr Carter has been organising this and the children have been practising with him at lunchtimes. Good luck for next week!

Year 5 and Year 6 Netball Tournament – Tuesday 6th May. Coach Caitlin has been practising with the team in readiness for the tournament. Their netball skills are improving every time!

Well done:

Our swimming team made Mrs. Barton and I feel very proud last Friday, swimming in their first school gala. Well done all!

PTA TUCK SHOP

80P SWEET BAGS 20P CHOCOLATE 50P

PRINGLES

ICE POPS

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£1

4TH APRIL

PLEASE BRING SOME POCKET CHANGE TO OUR TUCK SHOP. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL.



Uniform Decision for September 2025

All our stakeholders – parents/carers, children, staff and governors - have now been consulted with regards to the uniform at St. Francis CE School.

The surveys and questionnaires are being collated, with a decision to be shared in next week's newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the survey and shared their views.

FUNDA Easter Club

Sadly, due to low numbers, our FUNDA staff are not able to hold the Easter Club as advertised.

Please do look on their website for other Easter Clubs at other school sites.

Start of the school day – from the summer term

In response to a number of parents/carers expressing their wish for us to reopen the school gate for parents/carers and children to walk through in the mornings, I can confirm that this will begin next term.

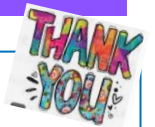
The Senior Leadership and staff team will need to clarify some 'dos' and 'don'ts' for this, to make sure that all children (including pre-schoolers!) are kept safe on the school site at the start of each day.

We will also need to make sure that parents/carers dropping off their child(ren) know the times they are allowed to be on the school premises.

These details will be shared in next week's newsletter.

We are requesting your help to provide food parcels for some of our families. If you have any spare tins, boxes of cereal, tea bags, biscuits etc. and are able to, please do drop these off at school as often as you can so that parcels can be distributed each week.

PTA thanks



We received another PTA 'gift' this week - the sandpit diggers! They have been a hit with the children, providing lots of fun and imaginative play. Your efforts in enhancing our pupils' school experiences, through the fundraising events, are truly appreciated.

Looking further ahead:

Sunday 11th May:

Church Parade

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May:

Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 13th May:

Y3 trip to Brockholes

Friday 16th May:

Y6 Charity Day event

OPAL Stay and Play

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May:

Half-term holiday