



# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter

**School Vision:** As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

*'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.'* John 10:10

**School Values:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Date: 05.12.22

### Collective Worship - This week...

We have lit the second candle on our advent wreath.

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar.

It means 'coming' and it's the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

It is all about preparing for Christmas Day.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Bishop Philip spoke to us about Mary being a person of bravery today. He spoke to us about Christians believing God has a plan for each one of us and we can choose to say to following God. He explained that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, said 'yes' to following God's plan for her life. It took bravery. We linked this to the value 'faithfulness'.

### Talk to your child(ren about...

Discuss with your child the following questions:

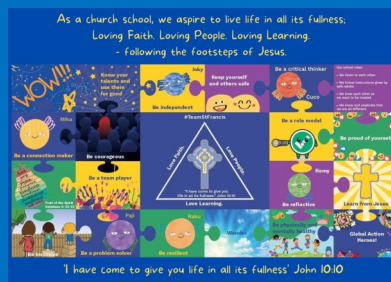


How do you prepare for Christmas?

Who do you know that has shown bravery?

What do you think about Mary's bravery as she followed God's plan for her life?

Is there anyone you want to think about or pray for?



What have you done this week that links to our vision, in order to live a fulfilling life?

### Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>)



### Individual Liberty

With such a huge variety of entertainment available on our screens, we can choose what to watch. We can take some responsibility for our viewing to ensure we have a healthy amount of screen time.



### Upcoming Dates

Year 5 RE Lesson Visit 'Christmas around the World' - Tuesday 6th December 2:30-3:30pm

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December 3:30-5:30pm

Year 6 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 13th December 7-8pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

Mrs Kolosova's music tuition pupils - Wednesday 14th December 9-9:45am

Year 1 Nativity - Wednesday 14th December 2-3pm

For more dates, please go to: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/parentcarer-partnership/128152>

### Reminder: Christmas Holiday

Just to remind you that school closes on Thursday 15th December at 1pm. Term dates can be found on our [website](#).

### Christmas Tree Service

Thank you so much for joining us at our Christmas Tree Service last Friday. What a special and fun time we had!

### SIAMS Inspection

A school spider was sent out last Friday morning explaining that we have our SIAMS inspection this Thursday. If you would like anything passing to the inspector, please do let me know. This inspection will focus on the impact of our Christian vision and how it allows #TeamStFrancis to flourish. There was an attached letter from the inspector.

### PTA Christmas Fair

COME AND JOIN US for our Christmas Fair - this Friday (9th December) as close to 3:30pm as possible. Please refer back to a School Spider sent a week ago ('Christmas Fair Ticket Information and Sales') so you know how to purchase game tickets through ParentPay. These can be bought up to Wednesday 7th December. Don't miss out!

### Reminder: Online Safety Parent/Carer Support

We have signed up to the National Online Safety platform so parents/carers can have access. This means you can complete courses around how to keep your child safe as they connect using the online world and download supporting resources. More information about this can be found on our [website](#). The link to sign up to the platform as a parent/carers is: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-francis-of-e-primary-school>

### ParentPay Accounts

As we come to the end of a term, please double check any outstanding balances are paid off.

### Uniform Shop

We have put together a Uniform Shop in the office entrance way. All clothing found in school with no name will be added to this rack. No payment needed - please just take anything you need. If you can, you may wish to add some uniform that your children have grown out of so others can benefit. Please make uniform in good condition and washed before handing in.



