



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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Week ending: 02.05.25

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Upcoming dates

Monday 5th May:

School closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May:

Blackburn with Darwen Schools' Netball Tournament

Thursday 8th May:

VE Day party – information below

Monday 12th May – 15th May:

Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 13th May:

Y3 trip to Brockholes

Sunday 11th May:

Church Parade

Friday 16th May:

Y6 Charity Day event

OPAL Stay and Play

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May:

Half-term holiday

Thursday 5th June:

Messy Church

Sunday 8th June:

Church Parade

Wednesday 11th June:

Y4's Multiplication Tables Check assessment day

Summer Term week 2

Worship this week began to look at how we serve others through the talents and skills we have. Miss Ryding helped us to consider what we are good at, and the ways in which these strengths can be used for good. We thought about those of us who have beautiful singing voices – could they join a choir so that other people could enjoy their gift? Christians believe such talents are God-given, and in order to honour God in giving them to us, we should use them to serve others. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10.

As a perfect example of this, our Rocksteady rock groups had their second session this week, with their teacher sharing that there are some very talented musicians in the bands. We look forward to hearing them, in their first concert in July. Details will be sent out later.

The three children who took part in the second Cross-Country event on Monday provided another example of using our talents for good. The three runners were an absolute credit to our school, showing values such as determination, resilience and enthusiasm. Mr and Mrs Carter were impressed, as always, with their behaviour. Well done to !

Next week we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Details are provided below. This will be an amazing opportunity to show thanks to those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of justice and freedom of our nations. It will also be a time where we can come together as a community to have some fun while we remember the joy that Victory in Europe Day in 1945 brought to people across the continent all those years ago, after such hardship and struggle. Lest we forget.

New Start-of-the-day Routines

Since opening the school gate five minutes earlier for parents/carers to accompany their child(ren) to wait outside their classroom, there does seem to be a positive reduction in the amount of congestion on the lane outside school. However, there is a growing number of parents/carers who are parking on the zigzag lines once again. Stopping, even for a couple of minutes, on the zigzags, is not allowed, during the beginning and end of a school day.

Please also remember that unaccompanied children must not be sent into the school grounds before 8.45am as a matter of safety. The classroom doors only open at 8.45am and until this time, staff are not responsible for supervising children outside their classrooms.

Request for Painter(s)

Do we have any painters available, to paint two of our school walls white? We are excited to be getting a large mural designed and painted, but first we need to create a 'blank canvas'. If you are interested, please give us a call!

Year 6 Award Winners



Year 5 Award Winners



Year 4 Award Winners



Y3 Award winners



Y2 Award winners



Y1 Award winners



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.

Review of our school vision

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already shared their views about our school vision through the School Spider survey.

As you may be aware, we are reviewing our school vision to make sure that it still reflects our aims for each and every child at our lovely school.

We always value the opinions of our parents/carers and although we cannot please everyone, we do listen to all those who share their thoughts.

If you haven't already, please do add your views to the survey and together we can ensure our school vision is something we can all get behind and aspire towards!

Looking further ahead:

Thursday 12th June: Our Reception class will be leading Father's Day worship. Details to follow.

Monday 16th June – Friday 20th June:

Assessment week across school (not Y6 or EYFS)

Friday 27th June:

Sports Day and PTA Colour Run

Wednesday 2nd July – Friday 4th July:

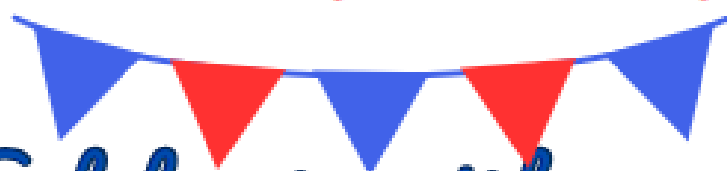
Most high schools have their transition days for Y6 pupils during these dates. Details to follow.

Thursday 3rd July:

'Move-up Morning' (Each class move up to their next class for a taster of things to come!)

VE DAY 80

Thursday 8th May



Celebrate with us at
St Francis
Primary School,
Cherry Tree Lane,
Blackburn.

From 10:30 am to 3pm.
Free entry for all.

Join us for games, activities,
music, food, stalls, dancing
and lots of fun!

Traditional 1940's costumes or
red, white and blue clothing optional.

Payments for food, games and
activities will be cash only.



Morning

- 10:20- 10:30 open to families and visitors
wristband/sign in
- 10:30 children outside on playground in year
group order.
- 10:35 VE Day Choir + National Anthem
- 10:40- 11:45 morning activities
- 11:45 Choir perform as children gather before
lunch

Lunch

- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch. Parents may bring a picnic
or purchase refreshments. Parents will be invited
to eat on the top field
- 12:00- 1:20 refreshments hotdogs and chips
- 1:00 children ready outside. Choir sing again
whilst children/ adults find seats.

Afternoon

- 1:05- 1:35 KS2 children listen to Bolderstones
band
- 1:35- 2pm Ks1 children listen to band
- Afternoon activities wrapping up for 2:45 and
back to classes.
- Choir sing at 2:30ish
- 3pm children may go home with parents if so
wish
- 3:25 official home time

Refreshments are for adults only. Our children will be having a picnic lunch on this day, provided by our lunch staff (or their usual packed lunch from home). Hotdogs, chips and hot drinks are strictly just for adults to purchase and consume.