



# St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

*Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.*

Week ending: 16.05.25

## Upcoming dates

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May:**

Half-term holiday

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:**

School opens for Summer 2

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June:**

Messy Church

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June:**

Church Parade

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June:**

Y4's Multiplication Tables  
Check assessment day

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

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June:**

Assessment week across school (not Y6 or EYFS)

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June:**

Year 5's Charity event.  
Details to follow

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:**

Y1 – Y4 Road Safety  
Workshops

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:**

New Reception Class – Stay and Play afternoon

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June:**

Sports Day and PTA Colour Run – parents/carers invited. Details to follow

As we approach the end of another bustling week, I'm delighted to share with you the vibrant tapestry of learning and experiences that have been unfolding within our school walls. Our pupils have been engaging in a rich variety of activities, each one contributing to their growth and understanding of the world around them.

Our **Year 6** pupils have recently completed their SATs, and I couldn't be prouder of their dedication and resilience. These assessments are but one small part of their educational journey, and I'm confident that the skills and knowledge they've acquired will serve them well as they prepare for their next adventure in secondary school.

Our younger pupils have been equally busy. **Year 1** enjoyed a fascinating visit to St Francis Church, deepening their understanding of our local community and its spiritual heritage. Meanwhile, **Year 3** embarked on an exciting trip to Brockholes, where they had the opportunity to explore and learn about our natural environment first-hand. These experiences beyond the classroom are invaluable in broadening our pupils' horizons and bringing their learning to life.

We were honoured to welcome Mrs Gardner to speak with our **Year 5** pupils about RE. These interactions with members of our wider community enrich our curriculum and provide our pupils with diverse perspectives on faith and spirituality.

I'm particularly pleased to report on the recent meeting between our **School Council** and Mrs Duffy, our Chair of Governors. They engaged in a thoughtful discussion about our school vision, demonstrating the active role our pupils play in shaping the ethos and direction of St. Francis School. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to both the School Council and Mrs Duffy for their commitment to this important dialogue.

Our **Year 6** pupils have once again shown their compassion and community spirit by organising a charity afternoon in aid of Christian Aid. I'm grateful to all who contributed cakes for this worthy cause – your generosity is truly appreciated.

Many of you will have participated in today's **OPAL Stay and Play** session. These events are a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to engage with their children's learning environment, and we're always delighted to welcome you into our school community. A number of schools in Blackburn are excited to learn from us to see how they can also enhance their playtime provision and we have many headteachers due to visit us soon, to see for themselves!

Next week, we'll be welcoming the parents and carers of our new Reception starters for their first meeting in school. It's a pleasure to share that we'll be almost at full capacity in Reception for the next academic year – a testament to the trust our community places in St. Francis to nurture and educate their children.

## Y6 Award winners and special mentions



## Y5 Award winners



## Y4 Award winners



## Y3 Award winners



## Y2 Award winners



## Y1 Award winners



## Reception Class Award winner



### Request for GDPR-form completion

Parents/carers were recently sent a School Spider with a link to a GDPR form to fill in.

Please make sure this is completed, as it is essential that school holds up-to-date pupil and contact information in order to ensure communication gets through to the right people and the correct addresses.

### Staffing Updates

Looking ahead, I'm excited to share some staffing updates for September. We're currently in the process of interviewing for our new SENCo. While we're sad to bid farewell to Mrs Woodhouse as she returns to her substantive post at The Redeemer, we're immensely grateful for her contributions to St. Francis' School Family. As the new SENCo will be one of our own teachers, Mrs Woodhouse will be able to share her knowledge and expertise before she leaves.

I'm thrilled to announce that we've secured a temporary appointment for the role of Deputy Headteacher. Mr Simon Turner, from St. Paul's RC Primary School, will be joining our team. He'll be teaching for three days in one of our KS2 classes and bringing his expertise to our Senior Leadership Team. We're looking forward to the fresh perspectives and experience he'll bring to our school.

Further staffing changes and appointments will be shared as soon as decisions are made, following interviews over the next few weeks.