



# St. Francis

## Church of England Primary School

*Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.*

Week ending: 23.05.25

### 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.

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June:**

Year 5's Charity event.  
Details to follow

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

Assessment week across school (not Y6 or EYFS)

#### **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 this half term, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful events and achievements that have taken place in our school. It's been a busy and productive time, filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and community engagement.

This week, our worship focused on a theme that lies at the heart of our school's 'Love People' ethos: serving others with no strings attached. This powerful message reminds us of the importance of kindness, compassion, and selflessness in our daily lives. It's a value we strive to instil in our pupils, encouraging them to make a positive difference in the world around them.

Wednesday marked a significant milestone for our school community as we welcomed a full hall of new Reception parents. The meeting was a great success, providing an opportunity for these families to become acquainted with our school and routines. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated PTA, whose support was invaluable. We were also fortunate to have Kelly, our school nurse, on hand to address any health-related queries. The team from Live and Kicking added an extra dimension to the event, and our uniform suppliers, Grays and Whittakers had sent examples of our new uniform. The enthusiasm and engagement from our new parents were truly heartening, and we look forward to embarking on this educational journey with them and their children.

I'm also delighted to share news of our pupils' sporting achievements. Our cross country runners participated in their third and final race of the season. A special thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Carter for their dedication in accompanying and supporting our young athletes. To all the children who took part - well done! Your commitment, perseverance, and team spirit are commendable, regardless of the outcome. You've made us all incredibly proud.

As we wrap up this half term, I'm filled with pride at the accomplishments of our pupils and the unwavering support of our school community. The dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the involvement of our parents continue to make St. Francis CE Primary a vibrant and nurturing place of learning.

### Staffing Update

Following interviews this week, I am excited to be able to announce that as of September we will have our own SENCO. Mrs. Lovick will be taking on this important role, as well as continuing as a class teacher four days a week. We are in the privileged position of still having Mrs Woodhouse with us until the end of the summer term, and so this gives Mrs Lovick the opportunity to learn from Mrs Woodhouse while we still have her. Congratulations Mrs. Lovick!

Further staffing changes and appointments will be shared as soon as decisions are made, following interviews straight after the half-term break.

#### Y6 Award winners and special mentions



#### Y5 Award winners and special mentions



#### Y4 Award winner



#### Y3 Award winner



#### Y2 Award winner



#### Y1 Award winners



#### Reception Class Award winner



#### Holiday requests and absences

As we come towards the final half-term, special leave requests for holidays and absence notifications always increase significantly.

The gov.uk website states:

“Local councils and schools can use various legal powers if your child is missing school without a good reason. They can give you:

- a Parenting Order
- an Education Supervision Order
- a School Attendance Order
- a fine (sometimes known as a ‘penalty notice’)

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>

Where children are to be taken out of school on an unauthorised holiday, we would ask that parents/carers are honest about this. We normally know, because children obviously get excited about their trip and tell us, or their friends about it before they go, or once they have returned! We seem to be having an increasing number of pupils who are not attending school on their birthdays, often due to going on special days out to celebrate. Please can you ensure that even if it is your child’s birthday, they attend school and celebrate in the evening or at the weekend.

#### Uniform Reminders

Our new uniform expectations for 2025-2026 are shared below on the next few pages.

In the meantime however, it is important that for the remainder of this academic year, children continue to come to school in the correct uniform; and uniform reminders and slips will be given out to those children not following our expectations next half term.

As a reminder:

- Trainers and school shoes must be plain black
- Joggers, shorts and hoodies are not to be branded
- If worn, cycle shorts must be knee-length or just above the knee – also not branded
- Hair braids and ‘extreme’ styles are not allowed
- Earrings and other forms of jewellery are not to be worn

Thank you for helping us to maintain good standards of uniform and appearance right up to the end of the year.

# **St Francis CE Primary School**

## **Uniform**

### **2025–2026**



**Royal blue jumper  
or cardigan**

**Light blue polo  
shirt**

**Tartan pleated  
skirt or pinafore  
dress**

**Grey trousers or  
grey tailored  
shorts**



**The  
jumper/cardigan  
and polo shirts do  
not need to have  
our school logo**



**Black school shoes, white/black/grey socks/tights**

These are available from Grays and Whittakers, but the poloshirts, jumpers and trousers can also be purchased from other suitable retailers.



# **St Francis CE Primary School**

## **Uniform**

### **2025–2026**



**Blue checked or striped dresses can be worn in the summer months**

**Long hair must be tied up**

**A small blue bow, headband or bobble can be worn**



#### **Not Allowed:**

- **Extreme hair styles such as ultra-shaved styles or unnatural colours**
- **Coloured braids**
- **Jewellery - including earrings. Plastic earring retainers can be worn**
- **Make-up**
- **Nail varnish**
- **False nails or long natural nails**

ASDA and other retailers now sell uniforms for children with sensory needs, with softer collars and seams. Base layers can also be worn if appropriate.

# **St Francis CE Primary School**

## **PE kit**

### **2025–2026**



**Purple t-shirt (does not need to have the school logo)**  
**Navy shorts**  
**Black pumps/trainers**



**The PE kit must be brought into school in a PE bag and hung on your child's coat peg**

**The current 'active uniform' can be worn as the PE kit until your child has grown out of it.**



## Year 5 children

Reverend Bryn is inviting all interested Year 5 children to come along to the confirmation preparation sessions, as detailed below. If parents/carers have any questions about the sessions, please do contact Rev'd Bryn.

# Confirmation at Immanuel and St. Francis

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 we'll be having a joint confirmation service at St. Francis Church at 10.45am. If you or your child is interested in being confirmed or finding out more about Christianity, you'd be very welcome at our confirmation preparation sessions: 6.15pm on Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June at Immanuel Church. Please contact Rev. Bryn to sign up: [rev.bryn@outlook.com](mailto:rev.bryn@outlook.com)

### Payment reminder

Please could all parents/carers ensure they clear their outstanding balances for lunches and breakfast club? We have a growing number of large debts from some of our families which will need to be pursued.

### Save the Dates

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** 'Move up Morning' for children in school and our new reception children

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6's Performance 7pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports to parents/carers

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** School finishes for summer at 1pm

We end this half term with another thank you to our amazing staff, for their relentless hard work, and for those of them who recently repainted the main office and main entrance to school! A number of our new and current parents have commented on how lovely and welcoming it looks now.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement. I wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting chapter in our school year on 2<sup>nd</sup> June!