



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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Week ending: 13.06.25

Upcoming dates

Monday 16th June –
Athletics tournament at
Witton Park – after school

**Monday 16th June – Friday
20th June:**

Assessment week across
school (not Y6 or EYFS)

Tuesday 24th June:

Y1 – Y4 Road Safety
Workshops

Wednesday 25th June:

New Reception Class – Stay
and Play afternoon

Friday 27th June:

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

Monday 30th June:

Y6 Leavers' Service at
Blackburn Cathedral

Thursday 3rd July:

'Move-up Morning'

Thursday 10th July: Y6's
Performance 7pm

Friday 11th July: Rocksteady
Concert 9.30 – 10.00am

OPAL Stay and Play 2.50pm

Reports to parents/carers

Wednesday 16th July:

Mrs Kolosova's Music Group
performance

Friday 18th July:

Y6 Leaver's Service 9.15am

What an exciting week we've had at St. Francis! Our Year 1 pupils have been working incredibly hard demonstrating their understanding during the phonics screening check, and I'm so proud of their dedication and progress. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children have been tackling their multiplication tables check with real determination and confidence.

Our worship theme of 'telling the whole truth' has sparked some wonderful discussions across school, helping our pupils understand the importance of honesty in all aspects of life.

I'm particularly delighted with our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who have been organising charity events, showing true compassion and community spirit. Their enthusiasm for helping others really embodies our school values.

Teaching Staff – September

It is with sadness that I share the news that Mr. Carter will not be with us in September. He is leaving for new adventures and we thank him for the dedication and commitment he has shown to our school family for so many years. We will all certainly miss him and we pray that he will have an exciting and successful career in pastures new.

Mrs. Wrigley-Reynolds will also not be here next year – for those of you who have seen her, you will know why! Mrs. Wrigley-Reynolds will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term, awaiting the arrival of her first child. We do, of course, wish her and her husband well and we hope they soon get used to the nappies and sleepless nights.

In worship today, our children were told who their next teacher(s) will be. Please help your child to manage any nervousness or worry about their new class, with positive conversations wherever possible. If you are seen to be happy about your child moving up, then chances are your child will too!

Support staff in each class will be decided in due course.

Reception class teacher – Miss Kearney

Year One teacher – Miss Ryding

Year Two teacher – Miss McGarrigle

Year Three teachers – Mrs. Lovick (4 days), Mrs. du Randt (1 day)

Year Four teachers – Mr. Turner (3 days), Mrs. Musa (2 days)

Year Five teacher – Mrs. Farran

Year Six teachers – Mrs. Carter (4 days), Mrs. Musa (1 day)

Move-up Morning: Thursday 3rd July

Y6 Award winner



Y5 Award winner



Y4 Award winners



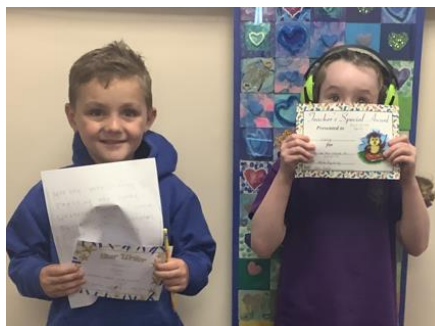
Y3 Award winner



Y2 Award winner



Y1 Award winners



Reception Class Award winner



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 its through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.

Sports Day and Colour Run

Join us if you can for our annual Sports Day and Colour Run on Friday 27th June (weather permitting).

The day will start at 9.30am with our Sports Day: a carousel of traditional activities including a bean bag throw, a wheelbarrow race and a high jump amongst other events.

Parents/carers can bring their own deck chairs to sit on while watching their children moving around the various zones. Tea and coffee will be available to buy from the PTA.

At lunchtime - 12.00–1.00pm - our PTA will be providing refreshments which can be purchased by parents/carers while our own children have their school dinner or packed lunch in class.

In the afternoon – from 1.15pm – we will continue the Sports Day on the race track with an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and the usual sprint races for children and adults!

After Sports Day we will move to the OPAL field and end the afternoon with the PTA Colour Run.

Children will need to wear a white T-Shirt on this day if they plan to take part in the Colour Run at the end.

Air Ambulance – Y4 Charity

Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to join Y4 for their charity afternoon yesterday.

We had an amazing turn-out and lots of cakes donated too!

It was wonderful to hear the positive comments from parents/carers and children after the event, explaining how much they had learned about the air ambulance service. Hopefully this will mean that even more of our families can support this worthy and important charity, in order to save even more lives.



Athletics Event at Witton Park

On Monday of next week, a team of athletes from our Y5 and Y6 classes will be representing St. Francis school at the Blackburn with Darwen inter-schools athletics tournament. We are very excited to be part of this, and we are hoping that the children from our school will enjoy the occasion as well as showcase their skills! A huge thanks goes to Mrs. Cook for sorting out the team, as well as to Mrs. du Randt and Mrs. Fielding for volunteering to accompany the children. Good luck all!

Closing date for the St Francis Postcard design competition is next Friday 20th June!



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ST. FRANCIS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS
2026 PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

"A warm and welcoming school with a big heart"
SIAMS, 2022

Wednesday 15th October 2025
Afternoon session from 13:30 to 15:30
or
Evening session from 17:00 to 19:00

To book a place please call 01254 201419

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Good

Postcard design competition for St Francis children

CLOSING DATE:
FRIDAY 20TH JUNE



Design the front of a postcard which can be used to share with visitors, our local community and church family.

The postcard could include our logo, our school colours, our values and anything else that represents our wonderful school!

Be as creative as possible - collage, paint, fabric, crayon, felt-tips - all can be used in the design.

The winning entries will have their postcards printed and used as our 'official' St. Francis postcard.

Postcard templates are available from the school office.
Hand in the finished designs to Mrs. Foster.

EYFS Father's Day Worship

A huge well done goes to our youngest children in school for yet another amazing act of worship this week!

Our Reception class presented their Father's Day worship to a packed hall of children, dads, grandads, mums and other family members.

The children made us all proud, and brought a tear to our eyes, as they shared why they love their daddies and grandads, sang some gorgeous songs, and shared their delightful daddy drawings!

Thank you - as always – to our PTA who were busy in the background providing refreshments for all our visitors.

Y5 Charity Day

Blackburn Hospital Children's Ward

Our Y5 class had an amazing time today selling cakes and plants to their grown-ups, to raise much-needed funds for Blackburn Children's Ward. The children had spent most of yesterday preparing for their special day making their products. Once again, we had lots of parents/carers joining us which meant that our children could share their knowledge and the lovely items they had made, with their visitors. Thank you for joining us!

School Closes for the summer holidays on Friday 18th July at 1.00pm.

We open again for children for the new academic year on

Tuesday 2nd September.

School Gate This is a plea to all parents, carers and visitors to school to make sure the school gate is closed fully behind them whenever they have been let in through the gate during the school day. Keeping our children safe within the premises is our utmost priority and it is essential that the gate is kept locked at all times once children are in school.