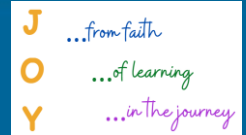




St. Francis

Church of England Primary School



Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

Week ending: 04.07.25

'I have told you this so my joy may be in you' John 15:11

Upcoming dates

Thursday 10th July:

Y6's Performance 7pm

Friday 11th July:

Rocksteady Concert 9.30 – 10.00am – parents/carers invited

OPAL Stay and Play 2.50pm

Reports to parents/carers

Monday 14th July:

Talent show 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th July:

Mrs Kolosova's Music Group performance – 9.15am - 9.45am; parents/carers invited

Friday 18th July:

Y6 Leaver's Service 9.15am

School closes for summer at 1.00pm

What a wonderful two weeks we have had at St Francis CE Primary, filled with joy, celebration and meaningful moments that truly capture the spirit of our school community.

Last week's Sports Day and Colour Run were absolutely fantastic occasions. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our children was remarkable, and it was particularly heart-warming to see so many parents in attendance, cheering on their children and celebrating their achievements. These events exemplify the strong sense of community that makes our school so special, bringing families together in support of our children's physical development and wellbeing.

This week, our worship has continued with a powerful focus on truthfulness, exploring the beautiful Parable of the Man and the Hidden Treasure. Through this meaningful story, our children have learned that Jesus is that precious hidden treasure, and that no earthly possession we might have is as valuable as our relationship with Him. This message resonates deeply with our Christian values and helps guide our children in understanding what truly matters in life.

Yesterday's Move-Up Morning was a delightful success. It was lovely to witness our children settling into their new classes with their new teachers, demonstrating the confidence and adaptability that we nurture here at St Francis. The excitement and anticipation on their faces as they explored their new learning environments was truly wonderful to see.

We also welcomed our newest members to the St Francis family with our Teddy Bear's Picnic for our new starters and their parents and carers. This special occasion provided a perfect opportunity for our incoming children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings whilst building those important early connections with both peers and staff.

Our new school vision

I am delighted to share our new school vision with you, born from meaningful consultation with our entire school community - children, parents, governors, and staff. This collaborative approach has created something truly aspirational, building upon the strong foundations of our previous vision while sharpening our focus on achieving excellence and aiming high.

From September, our vision will be: *'We aim to inspire our church school family to learn earnestly, care deeply, grow boldly and find joy in the journey nourished by faith, friendship, aspiration and love.'* Our accompanying strapline captures the essence of our purpose: *'Joy from faith, joy of learning, joy in the journey.'*

At the heart of our vision lie five core Christian values: joy, faith, aspiration, friendship and love. These values will guide every aspect of our school life, underpinned by the beautiful scripture from John chapter 15 verse 11: *'I have told you this so my joy may be in you.'*

This vision encapsulates our commitment to nurturing children who aim high, care deeply for each other and their world, grow in confidence, and discover joy in everything they do. It represents our continued dedication to excellence within our church school family.

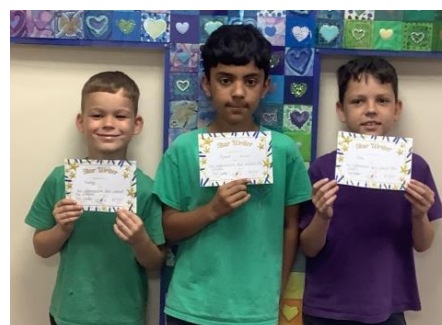
Y5 Award winners



Y4 Award winners



Y3 Award winners



Y2 Award winners



Y1 Award winners



Reception Class Award winners



Our Year 6 pupils have been visiting their new secondary schools this week, which is why we have no Award Winners today.

Class teams for September

I am so excited to finally be able to share news of each class team for September. As in all schools, these staffing structures may change from time to time due to unforeseen circumstances or a change in pupil provision.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3
Miss Kearney	Miss Ryding	Miss McGarrigle	Mrs Lovick
Miss Watson	Miss Miller	Mr Sutton	Mrs du Randt
Mrs Reed-Homer	Mrs Gallagher		Mrs Wilkinson
	Mrs Holdaway		Miss Downing
		Year 6	Mrs Bury
Year 4	Year 5	Mrs Carter	
Mr Turner	Mrs Farran	Mrs Musa	
Mrs Musa	Mrs Cook	Mrs Maginn	
Mrs Julkowska	Mrs Sheridan	Mrs Bhajji	

PE lessons

Mrs du Randt will be teaching our PE lessons while class teachers have their planning time each week.

Sadly, Mrs Aubrey-Williams will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has a new and exciting career move ahead and we wish her every success! She will be missed by us all and we thank her for her dedication to St. Francis.

Uniform 2025 – 2026

This is a reminder that from September, all children will be expected to be wearing the 'new' uniform every day, as specified on the following pages.

There is no distinction between boys and girls: either can wear the option of grey trousers/shorts or tartan skirt/pinafore.

The PE kit, which must be left in school on the child's cloakroom peg in a suitable bag, can be the current 'active uniform' or the new PE kit. Once the active uniform no longer fits your child, please ensure all future PE kits are comprised of a purple T-Shirt and navy shorts.

Please do shop around for the royal blue tartan skirt: there are cheaper options online, including the following vendors: 'TopMarks Schoolwear', Amazon retailers, eBay retailers, Rainbow Uniforms, to name but a few.

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

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

St Francis CE Primary School PE kit 2025–2026

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



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

**2025/
2026**

SAVE THE DATE FOR PTA

- **SPOOKY DISCO ~23RD OCTOBER**
- **KRISPY KREME ~24TH OCTOBER**
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR 5TH DECEMBER**
- **MOVIE NIGHT ~17TH DECEMBER**
- **CHANGE TRAIL 30TH JANUARY**
- **VALENTINES DISCO~12TH FEBRUARY**
- **CHOCOLATE BINGO ~26TH MARCH**
- **MESSY HAIR/BREAK THE RULES DAY 21ST MAY**
- **TALENT SHOW ~30TH MAY**



Calling all our parents/carers of children with SEND. Your views and thoughts are invited as part of the Blackburn with Darwen Parent Carer Forum. Please read below for details.

Information for Parent / Carers – Blackburn with Darwen's Parent Carer Forum Survey

Hello everyone! Just sharing the parent carer survey we've put together. This is now live and can be shared far and wide! The information we get back will help us prioritise the work of the parent carer forum. If you have networks please do send out ❤️

Have Your Say – Help Us Make a Difference!

At Blackburn with Darwen Parent Carer Forum, we're passionate about making sure the voices of parents and carers are heard. We need your help to better understand the experiences of families with children and young people who have SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities).

Please take a few minutes to fill in our Parent Carer Survey. Your feedback will help us influence and improve the services that matter most to you and your family.

Your voice matters

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/y7FJU8Eks0>

The survey can also be accessed via our Facebook Page - Blackburn with Darwen Parent Carer Forum



Look out for our Y6 Leavers' photo in the Lancashire Telegraph next week!

Year 5 trip to Go Ape!

By the time you read this, our Year 5 class will have been on their trip to Go Ape! at Witton Park.

We hope they have had an amazing time!

Photos will be shared next week!

