



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

Joy from faith, joy of learning, joy in the journey

Week ending: 18.07.25

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

Upcoming dates



Enjoy the summer holidays!

Tuesday 2nd September:

School opens for children Y1 – Y6

Wednesday 3rd September:

'Group 1' Reception starters

Thursday 4th September:

'Group 2' Reception starters

Friday 5th September:

All Reception new starters in school

Monday 15th September:

Meet the Teacher welcome meeting in each class
3.30 – 4.00pm

Thursday 18th September:

Individual and class photos

Friday 20th September:

Rev'd Bryn and Archdeacon David Picken leading a
special Mission Weekend service 1.30pm

Saturday 21st September:

Mission Weekend – Community Fun Day at St
Francis school (see below)

Sunday 22nd September:

Our school choir to sing at St Francis Church
10.45am

As we reach the conclusion of another remarkable academic year, I find myself reflecting on the tremendous journey we have all shared together. Today marks a particularly poignant moment as we bid farewell to our exceptional Year 6 class, who have been nothing short of amazing throughout their time with us. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and remarkable achievements have been a source of immense pride for our entire school community.

Change is an inevitable part of school life, and today we also say goodbye to valued members of our staff family. Mrs Aubrey-Williams departs with our deepest gratitude for her contributions to our school. We extend our warm appreciation to Mr Carter, whose unwavering loyalty and dedication over twelve years will be profoundly missed. His commitment to our children and our school has been exemplary, and we wish him every success in his future endeavours. Additionally, Mrs Wrigley-Reynolds begins her maternity leave today as she prepares to welcome her firstborn child. We shall share updates about this joyous occasion once we receive them.

I must take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our incredible staff, who work tirelessly to ensure every single child can journey through our school happy, safe, and achieving the best they can. Their professional dedication and genuine care for our children's wellbeing and academic progress remains the cornerstone of our school's success.

Thank you also to you, our wonderful parents and carers, who continue to support us and work with us in positive and productive partnerships.

School Attendance

Attendance monitoring has become increasingly stringent under government requirements for all schools. Where attendance falls below ninety percent, this constitutes persistent absence, and we have a statutory duty to work collaboratively with families to improve these figures. We understand that letters, meetings, and fines are unwelcome for families, but we have no alternative. All schools face the same pressures and accountability in seeking as close to 100% attendance for all pupils as possible, but we will always try to support families in whatever way we can if there are challenges with getting children into school each day.

Some reminders and requests

Uniform

When purchasing new school uniforms, please ensure you label them with your child's name. We accumulate considerable lost property, and naming items significantly facilitates reuniting them with their owners. Children become understandably distressed when losing their belongings, and named items can be swiftly returned if we can see who they belong to.

Laptops

I am delighted to acknowledge the generosity of Mr Hornby and the team at Haydock Finance, who have kindly donated twenty-four laptops to our school. Our children and staff are tremendously grateful for this wonderful contribution to their learning experience.

ParentPay

Please ensure all outstanding ParentPay balances are cleared by Monday, twenty-first July. Additionally, remember to pre-book your child's school meals in preparation for the new academic year.

Robinwood 2025

Parents and carers of children attending the Year 6 Robinwood residential in November 2025 should ensure payments align with the established payment schedules. Please contact our school office with any payment-related enquiries.

Respectful Communication

A gentle reminder to our wonderful school community: please ensure all communication with and about our dedicated staff and each other remains respectful and supportive. Our hardworking team deserves this courtesy, and our school should exemplify the respectful behaviour we teach our children daily.

WOW Walk-to-School Challenge

Sadly, we are still no nearer to getting our zebra crossing, but we are about to embark on a project that will hopefully get us a step closer!

From September we will be taking part in the Living Streets WOW Walk to School programme, which is a pre-cursor to being considered for additional road safety measures.

WOW is Living Street's [Walk-to-School challenge](#), designed to encourage more children to walk or travel actively to school each day and reap the many benefits this simple act can bring to their health, the environment and road congestion around the school gates.



At the end of each month children are rewarded with a collectible WOW badge if they have walked or travelled actively to school at least once a week. The Travel Tracker identifies who the badge winners are in each class.

Clubs for Autumn 1

We are pleased to be able to offer the following after-school clubs, starting the week beginning Monday 8th September:

(KS2) Drama Club with Mrs. Foster – Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm;
(Y5/6) Boys' Football Club with Mr. Turner – Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm *
(Y1, Y2, Y3) Gardening Club with Mrs. Fielding – Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm;
(KS2) Sewing Club with Mrs Julkowska – Thursdays 3.30 – 4.15pm

* There will be a girls' football club during Autumn 2.

The clubs can be booked on a first-come-first-served basis using the School Spider app once the system goes 'live' next Monday, 21st July, at 7pm. Once the clubs are full the surveys will no longer be visible on the system. Clubs for Autumn 2 will be shared in later in September.

Walking Home

Could Y6 parents please complete the survey on School Spider to give their child permission to walk home if appropriate?

Year 5 children will not be able to walk home from school on their own for at least the Autumn term, in keeping with previous years.

This will be reviewed for the Spring term.

A letter to our Year 6 leavers

Dear Y6,

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your incredible contributions to our school community. Over the years, you have brought such energy, creativity, and kindness into our classrooms and playground. You have helped to shape the spirit of this school, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Watching you grow has been one of the greatest joys of our time together. You have developed so much, not just academically, but as individuals with wonderful values, attitudes, and behaviour. Your respect for one another, your resilience in the face of challenges, and your willingness to support your classmates have been inspiring. You have learned from your mistakes and moved on.

These qualities will serve you well as you move forward.

As you prepare to leave us and step into the next chapter of your journey, I encourage you to find joy in everyday life. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in big goals or worries, but never forget to pause and appreciate the small moments that bring happiness. Whether it's a kind word, a new friendship, or discovering something new, these are the things that make life truly meaningful.

I also want to remind you—never let yourself be less than your best. Strive always to give your best effort, not because of pressure or expectation, but because you owe that to yourself. Believe in your abilities, embrace challenges, and be proud of every step you take.

In addition to these thoughts, I want to share a few more reflections. Remember that mistakes are not failures; they are opportunities to learn and grow. Don't be afraid to take risks and try new things, because that is how you will discover your strengths, talents and passions. And finally, always value the friendships you have made here—they will be an important source of support and joy as you move forward.

Parents, thank you for the vital role you have played in supporting your children and our school. Your encouragement and partnership have been essential in helping these children flourish.

To our Year 6 children, as you leave us today, know that you carry with you not only knowledge but also our confidence and belief in all that you can achieve. Enjoy your journey ahead, and never forget the wonderful potential that lies within each of you.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Thank you,

Mrs. Foster



IMMANUEL & ST. FRANCIS CHURCHES

INVITE YOU TO OUR

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
20TH SEPTEMBER
11:00AM - 2:00PM

ST. FRANCIS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHERRY TREE LANE

**FREE
ENTRY**

**ALL
WELCOME!**

 **FENISCOWLES**
Immanuel
AND FENISCLIFFE
St. Francis

LIVE MUSIC



FACE PAINTING



CRAFTS



FUN AND GAMES



FOOD



STALLS



**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**

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**RUMMAGE RESCUERS
THOMAS STREET
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**SATURDAY 9TH
AUGUST
10AM-2PM**



**PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED,
DROP OFF WHAT YOU CAN**