



# St. Francis

## Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 05.09.2025

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

### Upcoming dates

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

3.30 – 4.00pm – Meet the Teacher for Reception, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Year 5 classes.

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

3.30 – 4.00pm – Meet the Teacher – Y6 class.

(Y2's Meet the Teacher will be at the end of September)

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Individual, family and class photographs by Tempest

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

A special worship with Rev'd Bryn and Archdeacon David Picken – 1.30pm - parents/carers welcome

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

St Francis Church Community Fun Day – see below

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

School choir to sing in church 10.45 – 12.00

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have experienced at St Francis CE Primary. The energy and enthusiasm that fills our corridors is truly remarkable, and I am delighted to share with you the positive beginnings of what promises to be an exceptional year ahead.

I must commend every single child on their impeccable presentation. Everyone looks so smart in their new uniforms, demonstrating the pride they take in being part of our school community. This attention to detail sets the tone for the high standards we maintain throughout all aspects of school life.

A particularly warm welcome extends to our new Reception starters, who have settled remarkably well into their new environment. Their confidence and eagerness to learn has been wonderful to see, and they are already becoming valued members of our school family. Thank you to the Reception class team for working so hard to make this week a success for our youngest children.

We are also delighted to welcome new members to our dedicated support staff team. Mrs Reed-Homer joins us in Reception class, Mrs Holdaway and Mrs Gallagher bring their expertise to Year 1, and Mrs Sheridan will be supporting our Year 5 children. Their commitment and professionalism will undoubtedly enhance the educational experience for all our children. Mr Turner is also establishing himself very quickly as an excellent Year 4 teacher and acting Deputy Headteacher!

### Clubs – this half term

Start next week (week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September)

**Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm:** KS2 Drama (in the hall) with Mrs. Foster

**Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm:** Y5/Y6 Boy's Football with Mr. Turner

**Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm:** Y1/Y2/Y3 Gardening Club with Mrs. Fielding and Mr. Sutton

**Thursdays 3.30 – 4.15pm:** KS2 Sewing Club with Mrs Julkowska (in Y4 classroom)

Children will be brought to the main entrance to be picked up at the end of their club.

### Snacks

This is a polite reminder to send your child with a healthy snack each day, as well as a bottle of water or watered-down juice.

Pieces of fruit, cereal bars or tubes of yoghurt are generally more nutritious than chocolate, sweets and crisps.

**Year 1 award winner and special mentions**



**Year 2 award winner**



**Year 3 winner and special mention**



**Year 4 award winners**



**Year 5 award winner**



**Year 6 winner and special mentions**



**Our new Reception class will be joining us in Celebration Worship a little later in the term.**

#### **House teams for September**

Your child(ren) will now have been assigned to their house team, as have our staff. Can your child remember which house he/she is in?

From next week we will be celebrating the house with the best attendance data each week in Celebration Worship.

Our new school councillors and Y6 house captains will also help us to decide on other ways we use our house teams to celebrate achievements as we move through the year.

#### **Children's Leadership Roles**

Children will find out in worship on Monday, if they have been voted on to one of our leadership teams. We have been voting for school councillors, worship wardens, OPAL Play Leaders (Y5), plus a range of other roles in Y6.

### Parking on the zigzags outside of school

Please be mindful that parking on the zigzags outside of school is dangerous for our children and parents/carers.

We don't want to have to revert to using cones if at all possible, but these will be used if necessary, to keep everyone as safe as possible.



### Handlebars!

One of our parents has asked for us all to be vigilant, when sending our children on bikes to school, to check that they have suitable, intact hand grips on them.

Injuries from bare metal piercing skin can be very serious and there has been an incident (outside of school) where one of our children was cut quite badly through bumping into someone else's handlebars without a rubber grip.



### Mural

A huge THANK YOU goes to Max's dad Wayne, for the extraordinary talent shared with us through his painting of the mural on two of our school walls. He has spent the full summer holiday painting a beautiful woodland scene, in keeping with our school grounds, and we are all amazed by it! It truly is stunning!



### Harvest Worship – Y3

Year 3 parents/carers, please add **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** to your calendars, as our Y3 children will be presenting the Harvest Worship on this day, 9.15am. Details to follow.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning – Y2

Year 2 parents/carers, please add Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to your calendars, as our Y2 children will be hosting the MacMillan Coffee Morning straight after Celebration Worship on this day. Details to follow.



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From the Direct Communications Unit

18 July 2025

Mrs Siddiqah Musa and the Pupils of Year 4  
St. Francis Primary School  
Cherry Tree Lane  
Blackburn  
BB2 5NX

Dear Mrs Musa and Pupils,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letters about North West Air Ambulance Charity (NWAA).

It was very good of you to get in touch about NWAA and highlighting the invaluable work they do. As the Department for Culture, Media and Sport is the part of the Government responsible for charities, I have sent your letters to them so that they are made aware of your views.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Officer

### Letter from 10 Downing Street

Well done to last year's Year 4 class, who wrote to Sir Kier Starmer, to request additional funding for their charity, North West Air Ambulance. This was following their charity event, which inspired them so much, they wanted to help even more. They believed that by not receiving government funding for such an important service, people's lives continue to be in danger if they have an accident.

Please have a read of the reply they received.

Let's hope their request does indeed help this important charity to save more lives.

### Classroom Door Competition

Each class has decorated their classroom door for the start of term this week.

Yesterday everyone was able to vote for their favourite door and the winner was... Y3!

Well done to our Y3 class – your classroom door is beautiful!



I hope you show off your winning rosette with pride!

Thank you to our lovely staff for their hard work to get their classrooms ready for the start of the new term. School looks Fantastic!

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR PTA

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

# 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!**



LIVE MUSIC



FACE PAINTING



CRAFTS



FUN AND GAMES



FOOD



STALLS

