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

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 22nd September:

Week ending: 19.09.2025

School Council's first meeting at 2.45pm

Thursday 25th September (changed from Wednesday):

WOW Walk to School launch assembly

Friday 26th September:

MacMillan Coffee Morning Y2 9.30 – 11.00am, parents/carers of Y2 children invited

Wednesday 1st October:

PCSO visit in Y5 class

Tuesday 7th October:

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

Thursday 9th October:

Y3 Harvest Worship 9.15am, parents/carers of Y3 children invited

Wednesday 15th October:

Open Afternoon 1.30pm- 3.00pm

Clubs – next half term

You will soon receive a School Spider to tell you about the clubs we will be having on offer next half term, after the October break. Please sign up as soon as you can as places are limited. I hope this newsletter finds you well. I am delighted to share some wonderful moments and important updates from our school community this week.

Our *Meet the Teacher* meetings on Monday were a fantastic opportunity for families to connect with our dedicated staff. I extend my sincere thanks to all parents who attended and showed such commitment to their child's education.

Yesterday was our annual Photograph Day, and I was immensely proud to see our children looking so smart in their new uniforms. Each child represented St Francis CE Primary with such dignity and pride.

We were honoured to welcome Archdeacon David Picken and Rev'd Bryn this afternoon, who led a special worship session for our children. These moments of spiritual reflection are integral to our church school's ethos and values.

I am thrilled to share an exciting piece of news that demonstrates the incredible support we receive from our local community. Livesey Parish Council has generously presented us with a cheque to fund a brand-new Sports Kit for our children. This wonderful contribution will enable our children to participate in sporting activities with renewed enthusiasm and pride. My heartfelt thanks go to Mr. Cade and Mrs. du Randt for their efforts in securing this fantastic opportunity.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you of two important upcoming events:

Tomorrow, we have our church's Fun Day at the school, running from 11.00am to 2.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you all.

On Sunday, we hope to see as many of you as possible joining our school choir. They will be performing this half-term's song, *Joy*, between 10.45am and 12.00 midday. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's musical talents.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures were slightly lower this week compared to last week. But the percentages were as follows:

Autumn - 92%; Winter – 95%; Spring – 96.6%; Summer – 96.7% Well done to our Summer house team for winning by a tenth of a percentage!

Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winners



Year 3 award winners



Year 4 award winners



Year 5 award winner



Year 6 award winners



Y6 Leadership Roles









Unexpected items in school

Please could you make sure your child is bringing to school what you are expecting them to, and that it is appropriate to be in school?

Since the start of this year, we have had vapes, vape liquid refills, large teddies and expensive keyrings as well as jewellery.

We have also had water bottles with inappropriate slogans on them.

School must be a safe place for everyone and I hope you can support us with this by making sure items in school are allowed to be.

Bolton Music Service Piano lessons – Spaces available

We do have spaces in school for children to learn to play the piano with our music tutor, Mrs. Kolosova.

She comes into our school every Wednesday and provides individual tutoring for children from all age ranges and they get to perform at end-of-term concerts for us all.

Many children who have learned to play the piano or keyboard have gone on to secondary school and beyond as proficient musicians, and many are still performing at a high level today.

Research shows that children who are able to play an instrument are also more likely to achieve higher results across the whole of the curriculum as the skills needed to play also improve memory, brain function, perseverance, concentration and listening skills!

Log on to boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils/ for more information and to book and pay for your child's lessons.

Children for whom we receive Pupil Premium Grant Funding may access the sessions through school. Please speak to Mrs. Barton.



Do you need to sign your child up with a dentist?

'My Dentist' has been awarded an NHS Children's Access Contract, allowing them to register children ages 0-16 for NHS dental care.

Call 01254 691391





This is a plea for parents/carers to make sure their child is being kind and staying safe online.

We have had a couple of incidents shared with us from home, where some of our children have been calling others names and using unacceptable language towards their peers when playing games like Roblox and Minecraft.

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Please join us in church too this Sunday 10.45am – 12 midday!

INVITE YOU TO OUR

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

11:00AM - 2:00PM

ST. FRANCIS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHERRY TREE LANE

FREE

WELCOME!

Immanuel





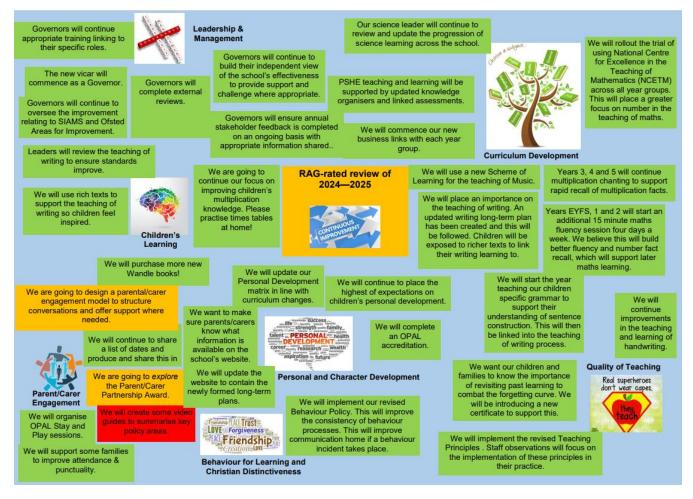












Our aims for improvements within school this academic year are:

Safeguarding



We will be ensuring that our children understand the dangers

they may encounter online. We will be teaching our older children about misinformation, disinformation and fake news as well as conspiracy theories, in order for them to take appropriate action when they are online or processing information.

Curriculum and **Teaching**



We will be introducing an 'Oracy' element to all our lessons. We will continue to review our national curriculum to ensure continuity, breadth, challenge and progression, whilst awaiting the government's curriculum review and recommendations.

We will be focusing on the teaching of writing to ensure standards of handwriting, spelling, grammar and the content of writing is as high as it can be. We want our children to 'learn earnestly'.

Attendance and behaviour



We will continue to work with our families and appropriate services to ensure attendance is as close to 100% for all children.

We will continue to review our behaviour systems and train our staff further, to ensure behaviour from all children is conducive to effective learning.

Leadership and governance



We will be embedding our new Senior Leadership Team

We will be utilising the skills of our core subject leaders when making decisions about teaching and learning in school.

We will welcome new governors onto our board, and continue to access appropriate training in order to provide support and challenge to our school.



Our aims for 2025-2026

Early Years



We will implement all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework to ensure the best possible start for our youngest children.

structure in school.

Church School Distinctiveness



We will ensure that our new vision and values are at the heart of everything we do. We aim to work even more closely with our church community.

We will be helping our children to find joy from faith, joy of learning and joy in the journey

Inclusion



We will be improving the use of adaptive teaching strategies in all classes to ensure all children, including those with SEND, are engaged, challenged and able to make good progress.

We will continue to work with appropriate external services to ensure all our children with SEND can flourish in all aspects of

Achieving



We will be aiming to improve outcomes for all children in our Reception class, with a large percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development at the end of EYFS.

We aim to improve outcomes for all our pupils, including boys, those children with SEND, and those who find learning a challenge.

Personal development and wellbeing



We are working towards achieving the Values Based Education Quality Mark as part of our wellbeing work in school. We will continue to encourage our children's leadership groups to make decisions which benefit all their peers and help all to care deeply and grow boldly.