



# St. Francis

## Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 26.09.2025

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

### Upcoming dates

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:

PCSO visit in Y5 class

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October:

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

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

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October:

Harvest Service in church

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

Open Afternoon 1.30pm- 3.00pm;  
Open Evening 5.00pm – 7.00pm

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:

PTA Spooky Disco (see below)

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October:

School closed for half-term break

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:

Y6 children go to Robinwood

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November:

Y5 Remembrance Day Worship

I am delighted to share the vibrant activities that have recently brought our school community together. Last Saturday, Immanuel and St. Francis Church's Mission Weekend was a testament to community spirit. Despite torrential rain, clergy, church members, and local residents gathered to enjoy live music, stalls, and refreshments. A huge well done to our very own Reverend Bryn for organising such a wonderful and well-received event!

Our little choir demonstrated exceptional dedication by performing our school 'Joy' song during the Sunday service at St Francis Church, beautifully representing our school's values. They had the whole congregation clapping and singing along! Thank you to Mrs Anderton for her rehearsals and conducting the singers.

The School Council convened their first meeting this week, engaging in productive discussions about House Teams and school dinners. Their thoughtful dialogue has generated numerous innovative ideas that we will carefully consider.

Year 2 hosted a wonderful MacMillan coffee morning today, which was wonderfully attended by parents and carers. The event was a great success, showcasing their baking skills and their hosting skills. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended.

Another thank you to our staff who continue to ensure that our school is a vibrant place to be even beyond the school day! Next half term we have a large number of clubs being provided by teaching assistants and teachers to ensure that our children have the opportunity to develop a range of skills and talents. This additional provision couldn't happen without our staff volunteering their time at the end of busy working days.

On a personal note, I would like to extend our collective prayers and warmest wishes to Mr Turner as he anticipates the imminent arrival of his and his partner's first baby. This is a joyous time for his family, and we are all delighted for him.

### Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures were all under the 'satisfactory' benchmark of 96% this week – let's hope they can increase next week!

The team percentages were as follows:

Summer - 94%; Spring – 94%; Autumn – 94.93%; Winter – 95%

Well done to our Winter house team for winning by 7 hundredths of a percentage!

### Parent Governors

As we received more than one parent showing interest in becoming a new parent governor, a ballot will be held after half-term. Information about the candidates will be shared at the start of November.



Reception class award winner



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winners



Year 3 award winners



Year 4 award winners



Year 5 award winners



Our church choir – thank you!

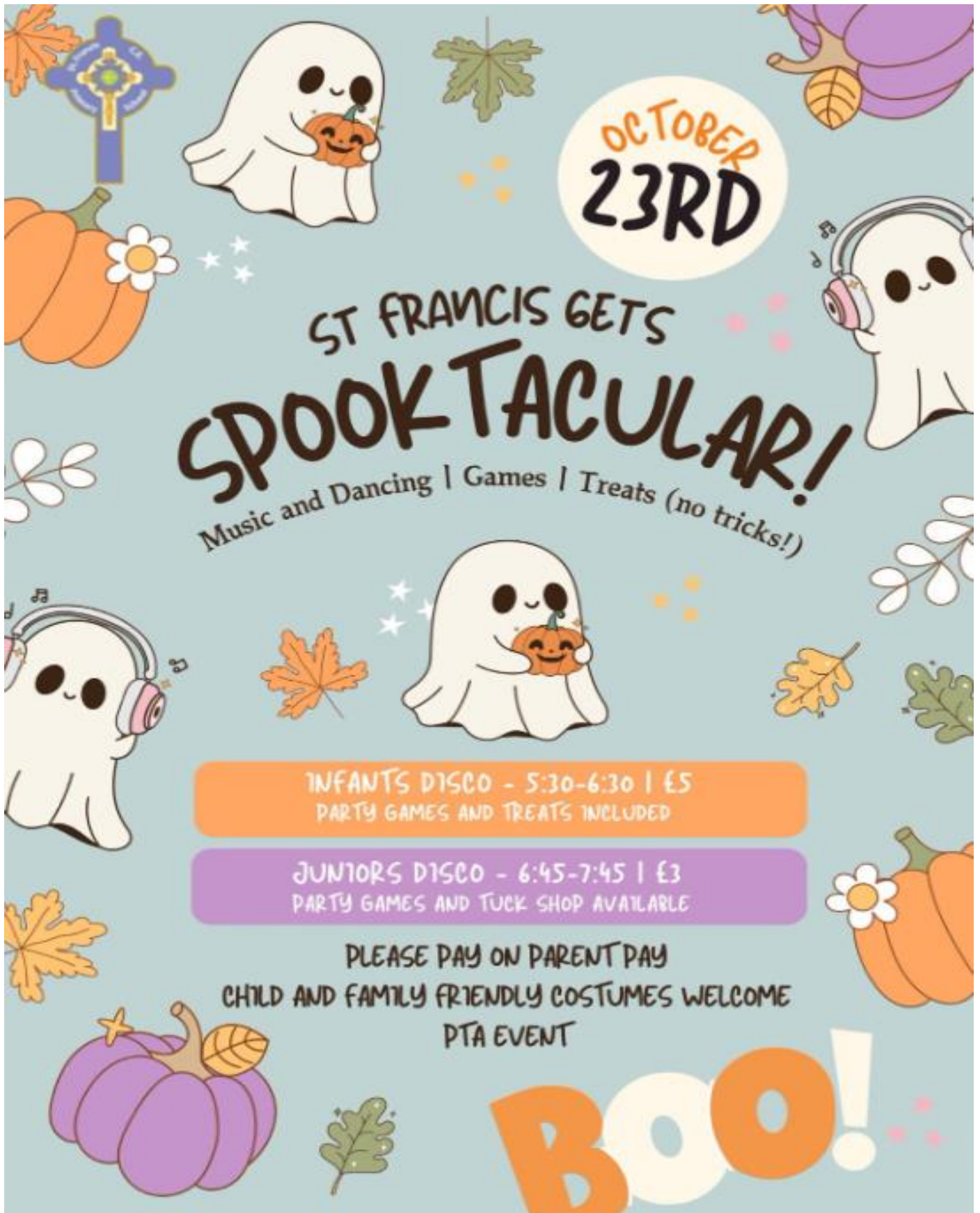


Y6 special mention



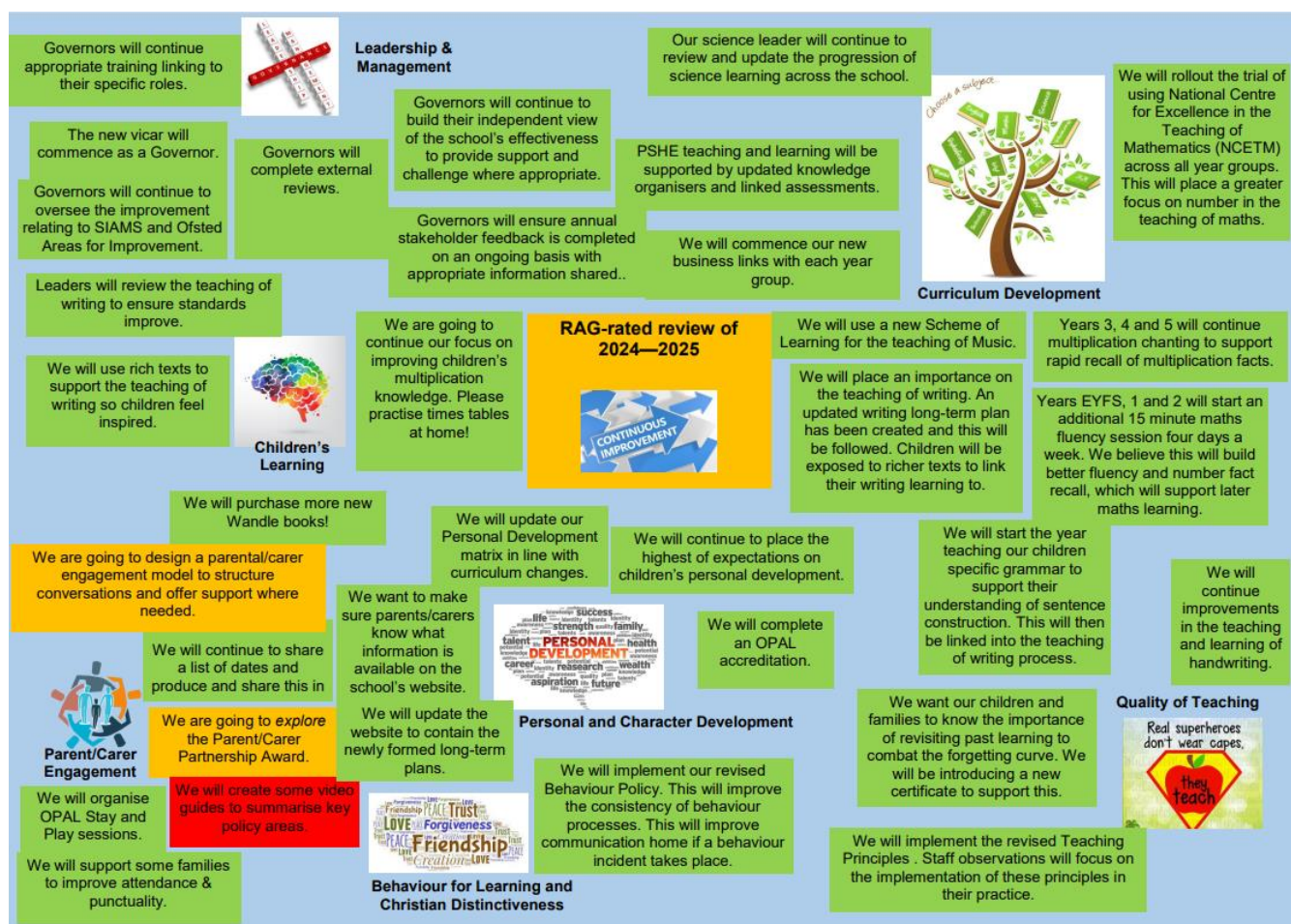


PTA's first event of the academic year: Spooky Disco!



Child-friendly costumes please!

## Our review of last academic's year's School Improvement Plan actions (Green = achieved!)



## 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.

### Leadership and governance



We will be embedding our new Senior Leadership Team structure in school.

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.

### 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 school.

### 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'.



## Our aims for 2025-2026

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.