



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 17.10.25

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

Upcoming dates

Thursday 23rd October:

PTA Spooky Disco (see below)

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October:

School closed for half-term break

Monday 3rd November – Wednesday 5th November:

Y6 children go to Robinwood

Thursday 6th November:

Y5 Remembrance Day Worship
9.15am – Y5 parents/carers invited

Friday 7th November:

Y2 Child safe and road sense session with the Fire Service

Sunday 9th November:

Join us at St Francis Church for Remembrance Sunday 10.45am

Wednesday 12th November:

Parent/carers drop-ins with class teachers 3.30 – 4.45pm

Friday 14th November:

Y6 Child safe and road sense session with the Fire Service

I am delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school community this week. Our Year 1 children experienced their first visit to Cherry Tree library, which I'm sure will inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Our Year 5 children demonstrated exceptional musical talent during their first official Let's Go Sing session. The session leader was particularly impressed with their singing, reflecting the high-quality music education we provide at St Francis CE Primary.

We were also privileged to say hello to Mrs. Wrigley-Reynolds, who visited us with her baby Kit, adding a touch of joy to our school environment.

Our recent worship, led by Rev'ds Bryn and Sara, explored a profound theme of personal character. They challenged our children to reflect on the fruit they bear - specifically, how we show kindness, respect, and love to others. These are fundamental values that underpin our Christian ethos.

I am particularly proud to report that our Open Afternoon and Evening was a resounding success. Numerous visitors toured our school and consistently remarked on what we already know: St Francis CE Primary is indeed a wonderful place to be. Their observations affirm our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience.

On a personal note, I'm delighted to share that Mr. Turner will be rejoining our team next week following the birth of his son Jacob. We look forward to welcoming him back and celebrating this joyous moment in his life.

Poppies



After half-term we will be selling poppies in school. This is to honour all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country in conflicts and wars. The poppies can be bought for a recommended donation of £1.

Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures were much improved this week, which was really pleasing to see as it means more of our children were able to access their learning each day.

The team percentages were as follows:

Spring 91%; Autumn 97%; Winter 97%; Summer 98%

Well done – yet again - to our Summer house for winning the attendance award this week!



Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winners



Year 3 award winners



Year 4 award winners



Y5 winners



Y6 winners



Congratulations to our new Walk to School Ambassadors who received their badges this morning. Their job will be to remind their class mates to try to come to school each day in an active way and to fill in their class's daily record. Remember, children who get to school in an active way at least once a week for a month, will receive a special badge towards this year's Walk with Joy challenge! There are 11 badges to collect.

Summer Reading Challenge

Although Summer feels like it was many years ago after such a very long half-term, we still have some children to congratulate for completing the Summer Reading Challenge.

Our local libraries always encourage the children of Blackburn to keep reading even when school is closed, and the following children have been named as successfully having completed the Story Garden challenge.

Well done to Hudson, Lucas, Jacob, Korben, Lewis and Lottie for your commitment towards your reading!

We are very proud of you all!



Harvest Service at St. Francis Church

Thank you to all those children who participated in last Sunday's harvest service in church. The children shared a Harvest poem, and led the congregation in the ever-popular Harvest Samba song.

Thank you also to all our parents and carers who made harvest donations of food and toiletries, which have now been shared with Blackburn Foodbank.



LIVING STREETS LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

2025/26

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

WALK WITH JOY

livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

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OCTOBER 23RD

ST FRANCIS GETS SPOOKTACULAR!

Music and Dancing | Games | Treats (no tricks!)

INFANTS DISCO - 5:30-6:30 | £5
PARTY GAMES AND TREATS INCLUDED

JUNIORS DISCO - 6:45-7:45 | £3
PARTY GAMES AND TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

PLEASE PAY ON PARENT PAY

CHILD AND FAMILY FRIENDLY COSTUMES WELCOME

PTA EVENT

BOO!

December dates

Wednesday 3rd: Christmas Craft Day in school

Thursday 4th: Christmas Tree Service 9.15 – 10.15am – parents/carers welcome; Worship Wardens to lead this special service

Friday 5th: PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 10th: Year 1 to Year 6 trip to Planet Ice to watch Dick Whittington (EYFS will have their own exciting event – details soon!)

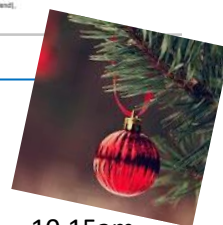
Thursday 11th: St Luke's Christmas Show in school

Friday 12th: Rocksteady Concert 9.15 – 9.45am – parents/carers welcome to join us

Tuesday 16th: Y1/2 Nativity Play 2.15pm – parents/carers welcome to join us

Wednesday 17th: Christmas Pyjama Parties in class; Piano and keyboard concert 9.15 – 9.45am; Christmas Dinner; PTA Christmas Movie evening

Thursday 18th: School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm.



The United Benefice of Immanuel
Feniscowles and St Francis Fenisccliffe

Proudly presents

Stars in Their Eyes!



“A celebration of the talent in our two parishes”

St Francis Church Hall
Saturday 18th October 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.15pm)

Tickets

Adults £6.00

Children £4.00



Available from both Churches, St
Francis School, Feniscowles Primary
School, Andy Hunt (07384 413682)
and Phil Entwistle (07807 938932)

**Anyone wishing to perform in the
show please contact Phil or Andy**

Please bring cash for voting, and a
bottle & nibbles for a great night!

All Proceeds to Immanuel and St Francis Churches



JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

**NOVEMBER 22ND, 2025
1:30PM TO 3:30PM**

St Francis Church, Fensiccliffe

Includes, raffles, games,
tombolas, craft stalls, cake stall,
face painting, refreshments with
a live brass band and Santa.

**Come and join in with some
Christmas fun**

My name is Bethany Pegg.

I have recently started a new SEN family support group.

If you have any families at your school who have a child with SEN needs then we would love for them to come and join us for a brew and juice and biscuits (toys & baby toys & creche area also).

We want it to be a safe place to make friends share experiences and there will also be a table with leaflets/helpful information.

We are getting together on Saturday the 8th November at 9am at the Mill Hill community centre. The first session is free :) then going forward it will be £1 per parent/carers & kids go free.

Please see our below poster if you would like to share.

If anyone would like to contact me for any further information please pass on my email or guide them to the facebook page and group "BwD SEN family support group".

BwD SEN Family Support Group



Come along to the Mill Hill Community Centre for a brew and biscuits and a chance to chat with other SEN families.

Table with advice leaflets and helpful information

Crèche and toys to keep the little ones entertained

**£1 per parent/carers
(kids are free)**

**Hot drinks.
Juice for little ones**