



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 24.10.25

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

Upcoming dates

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

EYFS Children in Need Challenge

An incredibly busy - and long - half term has come to a close. As we reflect on these past weeks, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for our St Francis CE Primary School community.

Our journey this term has been marked by significant milestones and achievements. We have embraced a refreshed vision and values that will guide our collective path forward. The introduction of our new uniform symbolises our commitment to unity and pride. Our children have demonstrated remarkable spirit, kindness and leadership, and we have enjoyed some sporting success, particularly in football, showcasing the determination and skill that defines our school.

The expansion of our after-school club offerings provides children with diverse opportunities to explore, learn, and grow beyond the traditional classroom. I am particularly delighted that our Reception class is now full, reflecting the trust parents and carers place in our educational approach.

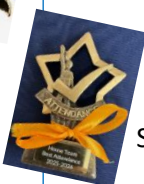
None of these achievements would be possible without the extraordinary dedication of our staff. They work tirelessly every day, ensuring our children learn earnestly, care deeply, and grow boldly. Their commitment transforms our school from a place of instruction to a nurturing environment of holistic development.

I extend heartfelt thanks to Rev'd Bryn and Rev'd Sara, who continue to support our school through worship and prayers, reinforcing our church school ethos. Our dedicated PTA also deserves recognition for their ongoing efforts to plan events that not only bring joy but also raise crucial funds to enhance our school resources.

To our parents and carers, your continued support is the cornerstone of our success. Together, we create an environment where every child can thrive. Enjoy the week with your children and we'll see you in November!

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 down this week and very similar across all four house teams.

The team percentages were as follows:

Summer 94%; Spring 94%; Winter 95.1%; Autumn 95.4%;

Well done to Autumn house for winning the attendance award this week!

Reception class award winner



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winner



Year 3 award winners



Year 4 award winners



Year 5 award winners



Well Done to our boys!

Our Y5/Y6 boys played in the Jubilee Shield tournament on Tuesday of this week and we are so excited to share that they have got through to the finals on Tuesday 4th November! We are SO proud of them all! Thank you to Mr Turner and Miss Smith for their coaching skills!



Y6 award winners



Our Y2 Walk to School badge-winners for October!



October Badges

The first of our WOW Walk to School Challenge badges were awarded this morning, to those children who have actively made their way to school at least once a week during October.

Let's see how many more children will receive the November badge next half term!

October badge

November badge



There are 10 more badges to collect – can you earn them all?

ParentPay

This is a polite reminder for parents and carers to pay for their children's school meals and Breakfast Club attendance at their earliest convenience. We have a number of families whose accounts are building up quite significantly.

Autumn 2 Clubs

Our Autumn 2 clubs have now been arranged and we are pleased to offer the following activities starting the second week back:

Mondays – Pilates with Mrs Lovick;

Tuesdays – Lego club with Miss Gallagher/Miss Smith;

- Y5/6 Indoor Athletics club with Mr Turner;

Wednesdays – Y5/Y6 Netball club with Miss Miller;

Thursdays – Y5/6 girls football club;

- Y3/4 Sign Language club with Mrs Farran;

- KS1 Craft Club with Mrs Foster;

Fridays – KS2 Christmas Craft Club with Miss Ryding



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!)

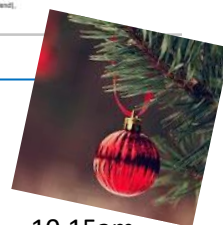
Thursday 11th: St Luke's Christmas Show in school

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.



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**