



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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



Week ending: 07.11.25

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

Upcoming dates

Sunday 9th November:

Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Francis Church 10.45am

From next week – our Autumn 2 clubs start after school.

Please remember, unless stated specifically, all clubs end at 4.15pm.

Monday 10th November:

Y6 Barnardos Session;
Y1 North West Air Ambulance charity shop visit - am

Wednesday 12th November:

We invite you to visit your child's classroom between 3.30-4.30pm. This is a valuable opportunity to view the work your child has produced so far this year and discuss their progress with their teacher. Please note that Year 2 parents will have a separate date for this event.

Friday 14th November:

Y6 Child safe and road sense session with the Fire Service;
EYFS Children in Need – Challenge Yourself Craft Morning

Monday 17th November – Friday 21st November:

Assessment week

I am delighted to share a variety of experiences that have started our new half term at St Francis CE Primary this week.

Our Year 6 children embarked on their residential trip to Robinwood, from Monday to Wednesday, which proved to be an exceptional opportunity for personal development. Throughout their stay, they engaged in a range of challenging activities including zip wire, climbing, archery, and canoeing. What truly impressed me was their demonstration of resilience, problem-solving skills, cooperation, and communication. These experiences extend far beyond traditional classroom learning, offering children valuable life skills and memorable moments of growth.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Mrs Fielding and Mr Sutton, who generously dedicated their personal time to accompany and support our children during this residential experience.

Yesterday, our Year 5 children led a deeply moving Remembrance Day worship. The service was thought provoking and provided a powerful moment of reflection for our entire school community. It brought many of our audience to tears due to the poignant and sad theme. Well done and thank you Year 5.

I warmly invite our school community to join us this Sunday at St Francis Church for Remembrance Sunday, an important opportunity to come together and remember.

Mr Turner

I must also share an important staffing update. It is with mixed emotions that I inform you Mr Turner has decided to step back from his role as acting Deputy Head teacher for the remainder of this academic year. He will continue to teach Year 4 and maintain his significant and much appreciated contribution to raising the profile of sports within our school until the end of his secondment with us.

While we work towards increasing senior leadership capacity at our school, I urge parents and carers to be patient when waiting for meetings and appointments to be arranged with our senior leaders. We can assure you that no compromises will be made with safety or wellbeing of children, staff or parents during this interim period.

Parent Governor ballot

As we received two nominations for the role of parent governor, an election will be held, starting next week. All parents will receive information from the two candidates, as well as a voting slip. Parents can also choose to vote electronically. Details on Monday.

Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winner



Year 3 award winner



Year 4 award winners



Year 5 award winners



Y6 award winners



Jubilee Shield Finals

A huge 'well done!' goes to our Y5/6 boys' football team, who took part in this week's Jubilee Shield finals. They played exceptionally well but unfortunately didn't quite make it to the final match.

Mr. Turner was extremely proud of everyone who took part for their sportsmanship, resilience and determination and we thank him for getting us to this prestigious tournament.



New Sports Kit

As you can see on our photo here, we have a brand new sports kit purchased by our new sponsors Livesey Parish Council.

Thank you so much to Mrs du Randt and Mr Les Cade for our kit – we now look very professional and smart and ready to win some sporting accolades!

Mr Cade will be joining us next week to formally present us with our donation from the council.

A plea for socks!

If you have any spare socks or tights, could you please send them in to us? We use lots during the Autumn and Winter months, when children have come back from playtimes muddy and wet and we need plenty in stock!

Please also remember to send in your child with a suitable warm coat for the winter months, plus wellies if they have them.

Names must be written on every coat and wellies please.

We ♥ Reading!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go

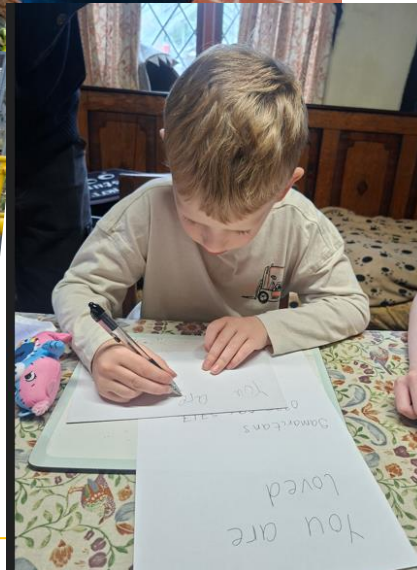
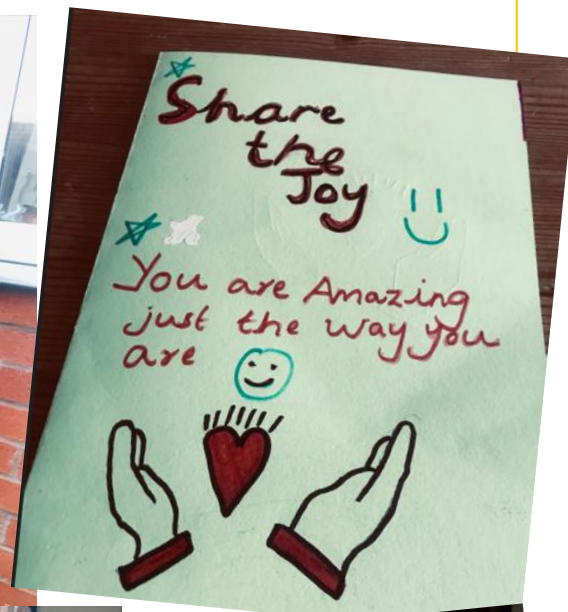
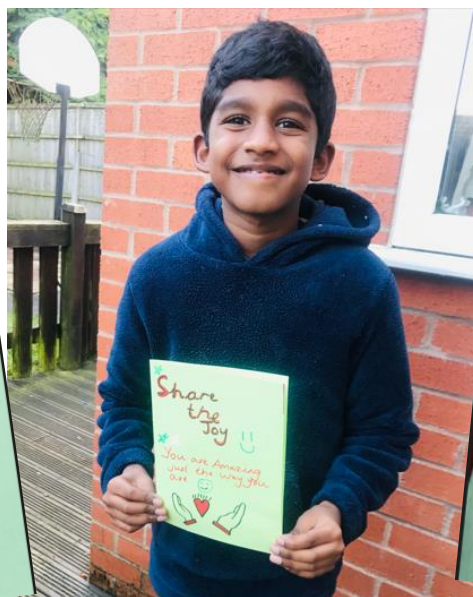
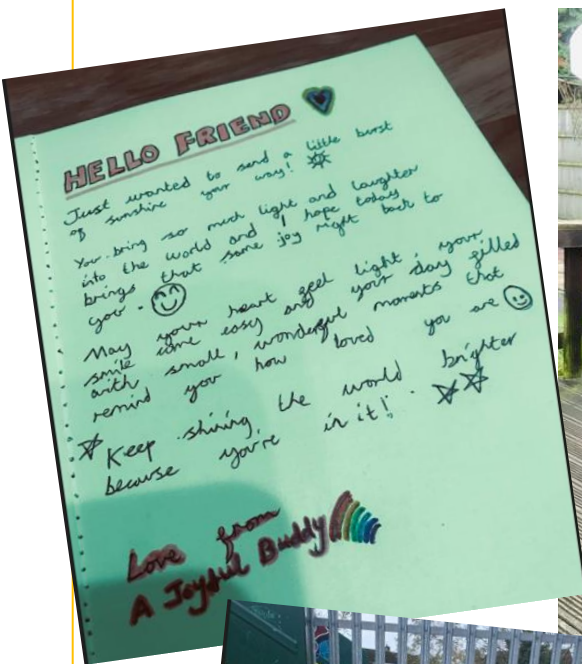
to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-francis-bb2/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **November 30th, 2025**.

Share the Joy – Challenge!

You may remember in our final newsletter of last half-term I set you the task to 'share the joy' with your neighbours and community, and share photos with us.

I am delighted to say that Leks (Year 5) and Keaton (Year 1) both took up my challenge! These photos brought me such joy to see and I am sure that whoever received these messages would also have felt very special indeed. Thank you and very well done boys. You are joy-sharing superstars!





1ST HOUGHTON SCOUTS

Winter Wonderland

Sat 15th November 2025

11:30am til late

FREE ENTRY



**Shopping stalls - Festive Crafts -
Food - Campfire - Family Activities -
Drinks & Entertainment**



**1st Houghton Scout Hut
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