



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 14.11.25

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st November:

Assessment week in school

Monday 24th November:

Y1 visiting Cherry Tree Library 2.45 – 3.25pm.
Parents/carers to pick up their (Y1) children from the library at home time

Wednesday 26th November:

2.00 – 3.25pm – Y3's Charity Craft Afternoon

Friday 28th November:

Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear their Christmas jumpers with their uniforms and bring in donations for our Christmas Fair please. Details below

Wednesday 3rd December: Christmas Craft Day in school

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

Friday 5th December: PTA Christmas Fair

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Parties in class; Piano and keyboard concert 9.15 – 9.45am; Christmas Dinner; PTA Christmas Movie evening – children can change into their PJs

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

On Monday of this week our Year 1 children enjoyed a walk to the North West Air Ambulance shop, as part of their learning about this incredible charity.

This Tuesday, our classes observed a poignant moment of reflection during the Armistice Day commemorations at 11am. These moments of remembrance are crucial in helping our children understand the significance of historical events and the importance of peace.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children enthusiastically participated in the Children in Need charity morning, bringing joy and energy to this wonderful cause. I extend my sincere gratitude to the parents and carers who joined us, making the event both fun and meaningful.

Yesterday, Miss Ryding led our school worship, focusing on Anti-Bullying Week. Her powerful message reminded us all of the critical importance of kindness and mutual respect. These discussions are fundamental in creating a supportive and inclusive school environment.

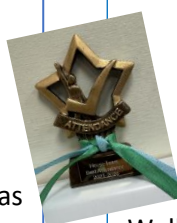
Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures were really positive this week with two classes way above national averages!

The team percentages were as follows:

Autumn 96%; Summer 98%; Spring 99%;
Winter 99%

Well done to Spring and Winter for being our joint winners with amazing attendance data!



Reception class award winner



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winner



Year 3 award winner



Year 4 award winner



Year 5 award winners



Y6 award winner



Well Done to our boys!

More football success was enjoyed this week with our amazing Y5/6 footballers! This time they did win their way to the finals of a Blackburn Schools tournament, only to get beaten by a single penalty after drawing the game 2-2. We are extremely proud of them all. 😊



Y5's Remembrance Day display in our hall



Father God,
We want bullying to stop.
We know we have to start telling other people.
Show us how to use our power for good.
Help us have faith that we can make a difference.
Amen





Share the Joy Challenge!

A message from Liliara and Vinny:

Today mummy has told us all about Dunelm's delivering joy for Christmas, we chose some tags which had lots for little girls, boys, people in hospital and vulnerable people and things they may like for Christmas.

We went and got what we needed before we delivered them back to Dunelm.

Delivering joy this Christmas as a family to others 😊

Mummy even got some more so we can help more people this Christmas 🧑🏻

Well done and thank you!

Christingle service at church

Apologies, but in our list if dates document sent out recently, the wrong time was advertised for the Christingle Service at church.

It takes place on Sunday 14th December at 4pm and not 10am!

Socks!

Thanks to all those kind parents and carers who have donated socks and tights to school, in response to our plea last week. They really are appreciated!





Parent Governor votes

Please remember to vote for the parent you would like to see on our governing board.

Voting ends on Monday 24th November.

Parents will be informed of the outcome in the newsletter of that week.

Robinwood 2026

Could parents and carers of children in Y5 please send their reply slips back to school on Monday, to inform us if they wish their children to join us at Robinwood next November? We need to confirm numbers with the centre.



Parking and driving on Cherry Tree Lane – update

We continue to face challenges with drivers on our lane. This week one of our parents was shouted at by another parent because she would not mount the kerb in order to move down the road in her car.

As a school we are doing all we can to alleviate congestion on this busy road: we have our Walk to School programme, we have a brand new sign reminding people not park on the zig zags (thank you to one of our parents for this!) and I am soon to have a meeting with Daniel O'Connell as part of the Living Streets programme. We will be considering blocking off the lane at certain times of the day, allowing access only for residents, pedestrians and visitors to the other services on the street.

