



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 13.02.26

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

Upcoming dates

16th – 20th February:

School closed for half-term

Monday 23rd February:

Entries in for the Walk to School badge competition – see below

Thursday 5th March:

World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March:

Our 60th Anniversary

Thursday 12th March:

EYFS' Mother's Day worship at 9.10am – parents and carers invited



Wednesday 18th March:

Y5 Let's Go Sing at Ice Arena

Friday 20th March:

Rocksteady Concert at 9.15am;
Swimming Gala – 6pm

As we approach the end of the Spring 1 term, I am delighted to share some remarkable moments from our school community that embody our core values and celebrate both personal achievements and collective inspiration.

This week marked our final exploration of the value of Aspiration, a theme we brought to life through powerful examples of human determination and commitment. Our children were captivated by the extraordinary story of Alex Honnold, the rock climber who recently scaled Taipei 101 in Taiwan, without ropes or safety measures - a testament to extraordinary courage and skill that challenged our understanding of human potential.

Equally inspiring was our discussion about Eric Liddell, the Scottish runner whose unwavering faith and principles guided his remarkable athletic journey. Liddell's decision to refuse competition on a Sunday, despite immense pressure, and his subsequent achievements, provided a profound lesson in integrity and dedication. These narratives beautifully illustrated how aspiration is not merely about reaching goals, but about maintaining one's core values throughout the journey.

Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year this week, and it was a real treat to see their joyful and excited faces while they immersed themselves in their learning.

I am also thrilled to share some wonderful personal news that has brought great joy to our school community. Mrs Lovick and her husband have welcomed baby Frederick - affectionately known as Freddie - into the world. On behalf of everyone at St Francis CE Primary, I extend our heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to the growing family.

These moments - whether of global inspiration or personal celebration - remind us of the rich tapestry of experiences that shape our school's character and community.



100% Attendance since September

As well as celebrating the winning house team this week, we also acknowledged the achievement of 27 of our children, who have not missed a day of learning since September.

What a super achievement! Let's see how many of these children can continue with 100% attendance.

Best Attendance of the week!

We have some excellent attendance figures this week – despite colds and flu in some classes.

The percentages were:

Autumn 93.6%; Winter 96.3%; Summer 97.7%;
Spring 99.3%

Well done to our Spring house team for their excellent attendance this week!

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 winner



Don't judge a book by its cover!

Does your child have a book they have finished reading?
Would they be happy for it to have a new owner?

If so, for World Book Day:

- Wrap the book in plain paper
- Write or draw some clues for the plot, type of book and age range on the wrapping
- Write some adjectives to describe the book
- Bring to school!

World Book Day - Book Swap!

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

Sadly, due to lack of interest, the dance aerobics and mindful colouring clubs will not go ahead next half-term.

The football and gymnastics clubs will go ahead as planned. There will also be some swimming training and cross-country sessions too.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising today's non-uniform day and tuck shop, to collect much-needed funds for the PTA pot! We do rely on your generous donations to be able to afford to subsidise school trips and provide exciting events in school.

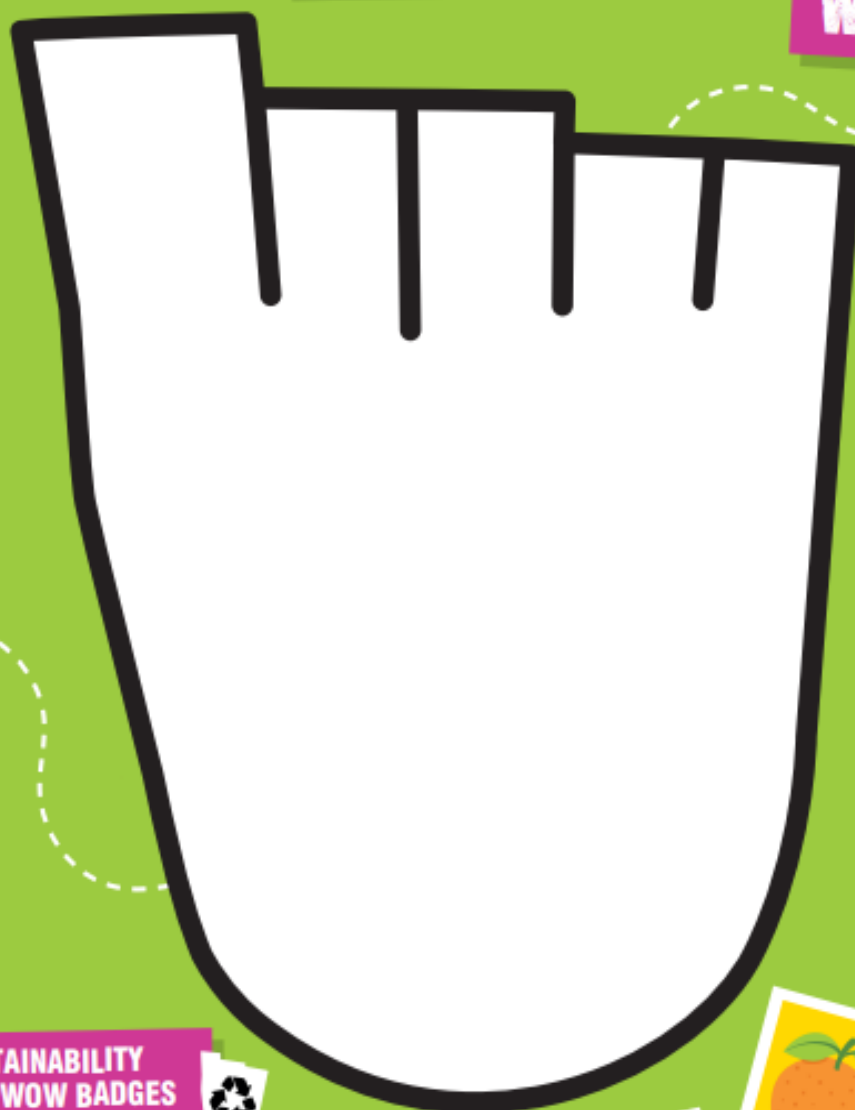


LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2026

WOW – the walk to school challenge

WALK the SENSES



WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

What do you see, hear, smell, taste or feel as you walk or wheel to school? Have you spotted a fluffy cloud in the sky or a cute dog passing by? Maybe you like the sound of feet walking. Or do you like the smell of flowers or wild garlic on the journey to school? Maybe it's the taste of your favourite yummy snack or it could be feeling the rain on your skin.

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Seeing a tree, a rainbow or wildlife
- The sound of birds singing or people talking
- The smell of flowers or food from a shop
- Tasting your favourite snack on the journey to school
- Feeling sun or snow on your skin

WHATEVER
WAKES UP
YOUR SENSES,
DRAW IT!

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling



CLOSING DATE

TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you draw? How does your picture use one of your senses?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:

Local authority:

Information to parents about Private Fostering



What is Private Fostering?

Private fostering information for parents

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What is Private Fostering?

Private Fostering is where your child under the age of 16 years (or under the age of 18 years old if disabled), and lives with a person who is not a close relative to them for 28 days or more.

Essentially, not many parents even know about private fostering. It is a private arrangement undertaken without the involvement of the

authorities; however, Children's Services must still be informed.

Private fostering occurs when someone who is not a close relative is caring for your child.

If however, your child is cared for by a close family member or person with parental responsibility, then the arrangement is not private fostering.

Why does Private Fostering happen?

From a parental point of view, you may need your child to be cared for several reasons, which could include:

- You and your child are in conflict/ have become estranged
- You are living abroad, away from your child
- You are going to be admitted to hospital for a long period of time
- You are going to, or are in prison
- Your child is being cared for by a host family as part of a football academy

- Your child or children are in boarding schools and do not return home during holidays
- You have brought a child from abroad for adoption

It is important that there has been a conversation between yourself and the private foster carer, so they know why you want them to look after your child.

Your child's health and education need to be discussed, and agreements should be made as to what to do if your child becomes ill or has an injury. Any financial arrangements also need to be agreed between yourself and the private foster carer.



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What help and support is available?

What do you need to do?

The next steps would be to call Lancashire County Council - **0300 123 6720**
Blackpool Council - **01253 477299** Blackburn with Darwen Council - **01254 666400**
to register your situation and obtain further advice. It is a legal requirement to do so.

You will need to inform Children's Services about:

- Your child's name, date of birth, religion, racial origin and language(s) spoken
- The length of time expected for your child to stay with carers
- Names and address of both you and your child's carer
- The date the arrangement began, or the expected start date
- Previous addresses of the carer from the past five years
- Any previous convictions of the carer (having convictions does not mean the carer is prevented from privately fostering a child, but must be considered)
- If the carer has been disqualified from private fostering before



60

WE ARE



10TH MARCH

Livesey Saint Francis Church of England Primary School was opened 10th March 1966, making it 60 years old this year!

Plan of the day:

- Children to come to school dressed in a 1960's style

Morning activities:

- Our whole school will attempt to form a large '60' on the school field for a memorable aerial photograph
- KS2 children will be walking to St. Francis Church Hall in a 1960s 'procession' with flags and a banner. Come and watch us on our procession!
- Once at the Church Hall our KS2 will be taking part in a 1960s quiz and playing some traditional party games with a special celebratory cake.
- KS1 children will stay at school to have their own party games and cake.

Lunchtime:

- We will have a picnic lunch - and probably more cake!

Afternoon activities:

- Class photos to be taken in the hall - with a 1960s theme - these will be available for purchase later
- Special school worship at 2.30pm: parents invited

Do you know anyone who has a drone and who is also available on our anniversary day to take an aerial photo of our human '60'?

If you do, please let us know!