



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 06.03.26

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

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 10th March:

Our 60th Anniversary – details below

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

Wednesday 25th March:

Y4 Easter Performance at 9.15am

Friday 27th March:

School closes for Easter holidays



What a busy and exciting week we have had at St Francis CE Primary. I am delighted to share some of the wonderful activities and achievements that have been taking place across our school community.

Our cross-country event was a tremendous success, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the children who participated with such enthusiasm and determination. Their commitment to representing our school was truly commendable. I must also express my gratitude to Mrs Carter, who generously gave her time and expertise to arrange this event so expertly.

In preparation for our forthcoming Swimming Gala, a number of children have been training with considerable dedication and focus. The progress they have made is evident, and I am confident they will perform brilliantly when the gala takes place in a couple of weeks. I would like to thank Mr Turner and Miss Dixon for their commitment in supporting these children during their training sessions. Their willingness to give up their time is greatly appreciated and reflects the exceptional support our staff provide to enhance children's experiences and achievements.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day with genuine excitement and enthusiasm. The children brought secret books to swap with their classmates, and the joy of discovering which book lay beneath the wrapping was evident throughout the school. This celebration of reading and literature reinforces our commitment to fostering a love of books and learning across our community.

As we look ahead, I am particularly pleased to announce that next week marks a significant milestone: our 60th anniversary. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich history and heritage of St Francis CE Primary. Children are welcome to dress in a 60s-themed outfit if they wish, though normal school uniform is perfectly acceptable. This special occasion will allow us to reflect on our achievements and look forward with optimism to the future. Details for the day are below.

Child cyclists and scooterists – please take care!

Although we are encouraging our children to get to school in an active way each day, we are noticing a number of our children riding their bikes or scooters along the middle of the road, or swerving in and out of cars and pedestrians. Please do remind your children that they need to be safe if they're also going to be active on their way to, and from, school.



Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures for this week are:

Spring 93.8%, Autumn 95.7%, Winter 97.3%,
Summer 98.3%

Well done to our Summer 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 winner



Year 5 award winner



Y6 award winner



Easter Raffle to win this fabulous hamper!

Coming soon: watch this space for information about how you could win this huge hamper – full of Easter treats!

This replaces the proposed Easter Bingo event.



10TH MARCH



60

Monday 9th March:

Each KS2 child to make their own '60' flag (KS2 children will wave them as they walk to church tomorrow)

EYFS/KS1 can make them too?

We will make our 'human 60' at some point on Wednesday afternoon.

Plan of the day:

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

Morning activities:

- KS2 children will be walking to St. Francis Church Hall in a 1960s 'procession' with flags and a banner, from 9.20am.
- 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:

- A picnic lunch- normal timings

Afternoon activities:

- Class photos to be taken in the hall - with a 1960s theme - these will be available for purchase later
- Class-based activities while photos are taken in the hall - learn about the 1960s, or schools in the past, etc,
- Special school worship and music quiz from 2.30pm: parents invited

St Francis Church

Spring Fair

March 14th 1-3pm

in the Church Hall

free entry

children's entertainer, games

raffle, kombola, cake stall

+ light refreshments