



St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 24.04.26

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

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 29th April:

Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Y5/6 boys' football match at St. Paul's RC Primary School

Monday 4th May:

School closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 5th May:

Y5/6 Netball tournament at Darwen Vale

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May:

Y6 SATs week

Monday 11th May:

Reception class trip to Smithills Farm

Thursday 14th May:

Y5 trip to Brockholes

Tuesday 19th May:

Y3 trip to Chester Zoo
Y4 trip to Grosvenor Museum

Friday 22nd May:

School closed – INSET day

Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June:

School closed for half-term

Tuesday 2nd June:

School opens for Summer 2 half-term

As we move through this half term, I am delighted to share with you the meaningful work our children have been undertaking in our collective worship and spiritual life. Our focus this half term centres on the value of Love—a theme that sits at the very heart of our Christian ethos and our mission as a school community.

On Monday, we explored one of the most fundamental teachings within Christianity: the Greatest Commandment. Our children learned that Jesus calls us to love our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. This is not a passive sentiment, but an active commitment that shapes how we live, learn, and interact with one another. Equally important is the second part of this commandment—that we should love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This principle underpins everything we do at St Francis, from the way our children support one another in the classroom to the kindness they extend across our school community.

Yesterday, Mrs Carter led our worship and introduced the children to St George, the patron saint of England, as we commemorated his saint's day. Through this exploration, our children gained insight into the lives of those who have exemplified courage, service, and devotion—qualities that resonate deeply with our understanding of love in action. St George's legacy reminds us that love is not merely a feeling, but a force that inspires us to act with bravery and compassion in service of others.

These lessons are not confined to our worship time; they permeate our daily interactions and learning. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, reflecting with your children on what it means to love God, to love one another, and to show kindness and respect in all that we do. When love guides our actions, we create a community where every child can flourish.

In other news, we had a very special visitor this week! Eight-week old Frederick Lovick arrived at school (along with his parents, Mr and Mrs Lovick) to have a visit around each class and look at all the smiley faces. His mummy's class, Y3, were particularly delighted to meet him, as were the rest of us. We are hopeful that Mrs Lovick will be rejoining us at the end of this academic year.

Best Attendance of the week!

Our attendance figures for this week are: Spring 91%, Summer 98%, Autumn 94%, Winter 92%

Well done again to our Summer house team for their excellent attendance this week.



Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



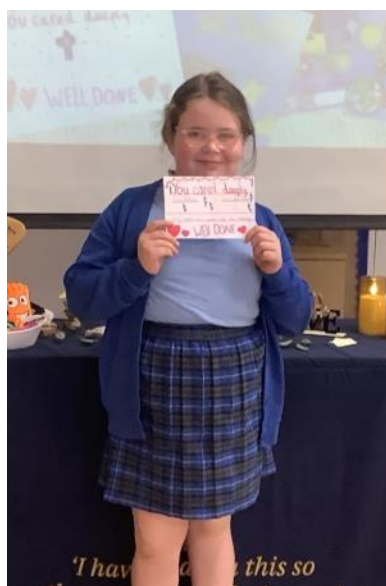
Year 2 award winners



Year 3 award winner



Year 4 award winner



Year 5 award winner



Y5/6 Boys' Football

Well done to our Y5/6 Boys' Football team this week, for their amazing attitudes, behaviours and skills during their matches. They won both games by a sizeable score. We are proud of them all, as always!



Year 6 award winner



Y4 Football Event

A small group of footballers from our Y4 class are attending a 'Gifted and Talented' football tournament today. We hope they have lots of fun and enjoy the experience. Thanks to Mr Turner for organising this.

Uniform Reminders

No child should be wearing earrings to school and children with long hair **must** have it **all** tied up in a pony tail or plait. This is due to our OPAL provision, where we need to keep children as safe as we can while they climb, roll, jump, cycle, dance, slide and tumble at playtimes.

If we do start to get some hot days, please send your child to school with a suitable sun hat.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.