



Week ending: 01.05.26

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

Upcoming dates

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

Messy Church after school

Tuesday 19th May:

Y3 trip to Chester Zoo

Y4 trip to Grosvenor Museum

Thursday 21st May:

Last day of this half-term

Friday 22nd May:

INSET day for staff

Tuesday 2nd June:

School opens for children – Summer 2

As we continue through the spring term, we have been thinking about Christian love—something that has been very important to our school this week. We have encouraged our children to think about God's love for us: a love that never ends and is always there, and which helps us show the same care and kindness to others. This idea is at the heart of everything we do at St Francis, and it is wonderful to see our children understanding and living this message.

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes went to Blackpool Zoo. The children were very excited, and it was great to see them learning so much from the animals and the visit. These trips help our children learn and make happy memories.

I also want to say thank you to Miss Scholes, who has been teaching our Year 5 class for most of the spring term. She has done excellent work at St Francis, and our children have really benefited from her hard work. We wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I want to praise our Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football team, who played against St Paul's this week. Although we didn't win, the team played with great spirit and tried their very best. In sport, as in life, we learn from every game—both wins and losses help us grow and do better. Well done to everyone who played.

Attendance

Well done once again to our Summer House Team who have gained the highest attendance this week. That's three weeks in a row!

Summer 97%

Autumn 94%

Spring 96%

Winter 95%



Our Y2 class enjoying their recent trip to Blackpool Zoo!

Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winner



Year 3 award winner



Year 4 award winner



Year 5 award winner



WOW! Walk to School – April badges

Those children who have walked to school at least once a week during the month of April will receive their next badge next week.



Year 6 award winners



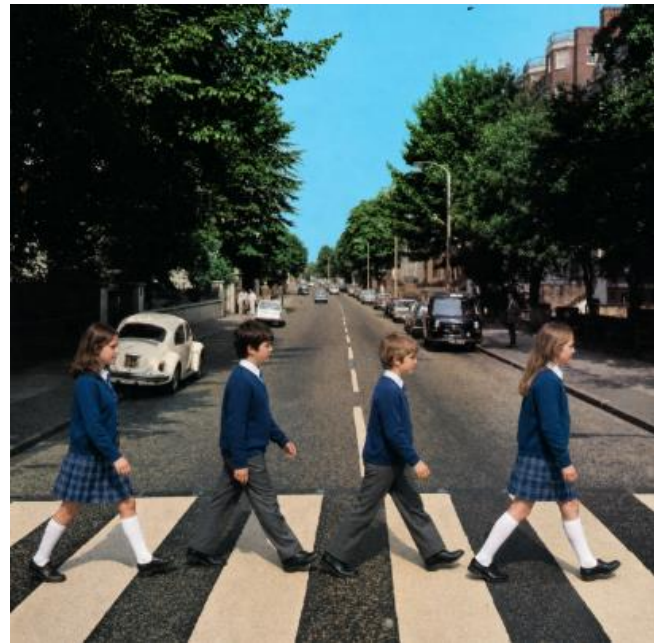
Zebra Crossing

You may have seen on social media and in the local newspapers that we are finally to have a zebra crossing installed during the summer holidays!

Thank you to all the parents and friends of St Francis School, who petitioned the council several months ago, requesting for traffic calming or a crossing on the main road.

We have worked tirelessly this year to make sure the safety of our children, as they travel to school each day, is valued. We have invited road safety groups to work with our children, we have enthusiastically involved ourselves with the WOW Walk to School initiative, and we have taken part in the Living Streets audit with parents, pupils and staff.

I am proud of how hard we have worked as a school family to secure this much-needed road safety feature.



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

| Attendance | Days Absent | Weeks Absent | Lessons Missed |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 95% | 9 Days | 2 Weeks | 50 Lessons |
| 90% | 19 Days | 4 Weeks | 100 Lessons |
| 85% | 29 Days | 6 Weeks | 150 Lessons |
| 80% | 38 Days | 8 Weeks | 200 Lessons |
| 75% | 48 Days | 10 Weeks | 250 Lessons |
| 70% | 57 Days | 11.5 Weeks | 290 Lessons |
| 65% | 67 Days | 13.5 Weeks | 340 Lessons |

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent

