



Week ending: 12.06.26

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

### Upcoming dates

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

Assessment Week for Years 1 – 5.

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:**

Witton Athletics event

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:**

EYFS visit to Cherry Tree Library  
2.45pm

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

Year 1 visit to St Francis Church

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June:**

Talent Show – 2pm

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:**

World Cup themed Sports Day  
(information to come) and Colour Run  
– see below

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:**

Y10 students in school on work  
experience

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:**

Y6 children at their new schools  
during these dates

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

Move-up Morning for our children  
and Teddy Bear's Picnic for our new  
Reception class.

This week has been a significant one for our children, marked by important assessments and continued learning across the school.

Our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. This assessment provides us with valuable insight into their phonological awareness and decoding skills at this crucial stage of their reading journey. I am pleased with the focus and engagement our Year 1 pupils have demonstrated throughout the process.

Equally, our Year 4 class have completed the Multiplication Tables Check. This assessment measures their fluency and recall of times tables up to 12x12, an essential foundation for their mathematical development. The dedication shown by our Year 4 children has been commendable.

Beyond formal assessments, our learning has continued to flourish across the school. We have been developing our understanding of the British Value "Rule of Law" and exploring how this principle shapes the way we live our lives and follow the rules that keep our school community safe and orderly. This reflective work helps our children understand that rules are not arbitrary, but rather essential structures that enable us to live and learn together harmoniously, safely and fairly.

Additionally, our Support Staff have led an OPAL Assembly this week to reinforce the agreed expectations for play across the various zones at playtimes and lunchtimes. This timely reminder ensures that all our children understand how to make the most of their time outdoors whilst maintaining safety and respect for one another.

### Attendance

Well done this week to our Autumn House Team who have gained the highest attendance for the first time in a long time!

Summer 97.4%  
Autumn 97.7%  
Spring 94.8%  
Winter 93.8%

We have four more weeks before we find out the winning team for this term.

Reception class award winners



Year 1 award winners



Year 2 award winners



Year 3 award winner



Year 4 award winners



Year 5 award winners



A huge well done to these amazing Y6 girls, who took part in a Race for Life event recently, in order to raise money for individual people and causes they personally know who have been affected by cancer and other life-changing ailments. They have definitely shown that they care deeply.



Year 6 award winner



## Class teams for September 2026

As promised, here are the staff teams for our classes for the next academic year.

	Teacher	Support Staff
EYFS - Reception	Miss Kearney	Mrs. Wilkinson
Year 1	Miss Ryding	Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Bibi
Year 2	Mrs. Lovick (plus Miss Hindle one day a week)	Miss Watson
Year 3	Miss McGarrigle	Mrs. Bhaiji
Year 4	Mrs. Wrigley-Reynolds	Miss Downing/Mrs. Bury and Mr. Allsop
Year 5	Mrs. Farran	Mrs. Maginn
Year 6	Mrs. Carter (plus Miss Hindle one day a week)	Mrs. Du Randt/Mrs. Fielding and Mrs. Sheridan

Looking ahead to September, I also need to inform you that we will be merging our Year 3 and Year 4 classes for three afternoons each week. This decision has been made in response to the low numbers of children in each class, providing them with the opportunity to learn within a more typical class size. Both Miss McGarrigle and Mrs Wrigley-Reynolds will teach these merged classes, on different afternoons, ensuring consistency and continuity for our children. The merged classes will also benefit from having the whole support staff team from Y3 and Y4 working together to support individuals and groups on these afternoons.

### Transitions

Staff will begin to ensure that children needing additional support during the next five weeks, with regards to transition from one class team to another, will have the support needed. Children will be introduced to their new staff team, gradually over the final weeks of this academic year, so that come September, there will be no shocks for them or their parents/carers. If you do feel that your child would benefit from some individual transition work, please do let their teacher know.

### Staff Structure 2026 - 2027

#### Headteacher:

Mrs. Foster

#### Temporary Assistant Headteacher:

Miss Hindle (new to our school)

#### SENCO:

Mrs. Lovick

#### Pupil Wellbeing Mentor and Attendance Officer:

Mrs. Flanagan (new to our school)

As always, we would ask parents and carers to understand that staffing is subject to last-minute changes, but we will try to communicate this in good time if this happens.

### Miss Miller

As you will have seen from the staffing details above, Miss Miller's name does not appear for next year. She has successfully secured a place as a Teaching Assistant at a school in Chorley, and will therefore be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We wish her well in her future career, and thank her for her loyalty and hard work during the last two years. She will be missed very much by us all.



# ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

# COLOUR RUN



World Cup-themed Sports Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 1.15pm (before the Colour Run)

Each class are to choose a nation taking part in the World Cup, and come to the sports day dressed in the colours of that nation's flag. Mr Turner will send details early next week.



**26TH  
JUNE**



**2:30  
PM**



**CHILDREN MUST WEAR:  
WHITE T-SHIRTS & GOGGLES**



**LET'S RUN, GET COLOURFUL,  
AND MAKE MEMORIES!**

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