



St. Francis C. E. Primary School

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



Week ending: 10.07.26

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 6th July – Friday 17th July:

Swimming lessons continue

Monday 13th July:

Last week's Celebration Worship,
9.10am

Tuesday 14th July:

Y6 Leavers' Festival 5.30 – 7.30pm –
school field

Wednesday 15th July:

Mrs. Kolosova's Keyboard Crew
Concert. Parents/carers of
performers welcome. 9.10am

Thursday 16th July:

Celebration Worship –
announcement of Attendance
Winners for this term followed by
their milkshake reward

Friday 17th July:

Y6 Leavers' Worship 9.15 – 9.45am;
Y6 parents/carers welcome

School Closes for summer at 1.10pm

What a wonderful week we have had at St Francis CE Primary, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our swimming lessons have continued to progress brilliantly this week. The instructors have been particularly complimentary about the children's behaviour and their immediate responsiveness to instructions. This positive attitude and willingness to listen has translated into significant progress with our children's swimming skills, and we are genuinely pleased with the strides they have made in the pool.

It has also been a week of outstanding performances and celebration. Our Year 6 pupils delivered a truly memorable Gogglebox performance, and their confidence and sense of fun shone brightly on the stage. Everyone who watched was thoroughly entertained by their energy and creativity. We are equally proud of our Rocksteady Rockstars, who performed this morning to a packed audience. Their progress with playing their instruments and performing throughout this year has been remarkable, and they should be immensely proud of what they have achieved.

This week's worship has focused on the British Value of Tolerance, which has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on what this truly means. We have explored how tolerance extends far beyond recognising those whose faith or skin colour differs from our own. Rather, it is about understanding and celebrating that every single one of us is different and uniquely made by God. Each child in our school is a masterpiece, and it is our responsibility to celebrate everyone for who they are. This message of acceptance and appreciation for our diversity is one we hope will resonate with our children and families long after they leave our classrooms.

I must also share some important notices regarding our worship schedule and the end of term arrangements. Due to the high temperatures in school today, we have postponed our Celebration Worship. We will hold this week's Celebration Worship on Monday, and our final Celebration Worship of this academic year will take place on Thursday morning next week.

For our Year 6 families, our Leavers' Worship will take place on Friday 17th July at 9.15am. Following the service, Year 6 children and parents are invited to join us in the hall for a 'mingle' to share memories together. After this time, our Year 6 children will leave us to begin their next chapter. I would encourage parents to bring tissues – it is always an emotional and special occasion as we say goodbye to our wonderful leavers.

For the remainder of the school community, please note that school will close at 1.10pm on Friday 17th July.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is a privilege to lead such a vibrant and caring community. Mrs. Foster

Hot Weather next week

As the forecast is for continued hot weather next week, children can wear their PE kits for the remainder of this academic year if this will help them to feel more comfortable in school. The usual reminders to send children with hats, sun cream and water bottles also apply.

Annual Reports to parents/carers

Children will be bringing home their annual report on Monday of next week. Should you wish to discuss any of the contents of the reports, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

England – in the final?

If England win their match on Saturday it means they will be in the final, which takes place after we have finished school for summer. So, we are proposing that children can wear their England kit, or any England colours as part of their PE kit for the whole of next week to show our support!



Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Dear Parents,

Our annual Summer Reading Challenge for children age 4 – 12 years gets underway from 1st July, with children encouraged to read and rate six library books before 30th September, collecting stickers and prizes along the way. Audio books, eBooks and eAudio books (on our BorrowBox app) can all count towards the final total, and this year children can mix and match with a range of other reading related challenges too.

Enrolment is completely FREE of charge, so don't delay! Visit your nearest Blackburn with Darwen Library from 1st July onwards and get your Read to the Beat challenge started.

Read to the Beat is a partnership between local libraries, The Reading Agency and Universal Music Group.



Reminder about appropriate communication

Our teachers, office and support staff work tirelessly to provide the very best education and care for your children. They are committed professionals who deserve to be treated with courtesy and consideration in all interactions. This principle applies consistently across every form of communication—whether via email, telephone, or face-to-face conversation.

We recognise that, from time to time, concerns may arise. When this happens, we actively encourage you to raise them with us. However, it is essential that these conversations are conducted with **mutual respect**. Such an approach not only models the behaviour we wish to instil in our children, but also creates the conditions in which concerns can be addressed constructively and effectively.

Our staff are here to support your child's learning and wellbeing. By maintaining respectful relationships with them, we strengthen our partnership and ensure that your child benefits from a positive, collaborative approach to their education.

Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam

Brownies

St Francis Church Hall
Each Monday 6.00 to 7.15 pm

**Girls have nonstop fun,
learning and adventure**

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Parent Pay

Please make sure that all debts are paid in full before the end of next week. This includes school lunches and breakfast club, as well as any payments needed for trips that haven't yet been paid.

SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY SQUAD

SUMMER CAMP
20TH JULY - 21ST AUG
FROM 7:30AM - 6:00PM

HOLIDAY CLUB AT
ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY
FENISCOWLES

SPORTS
FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
HOCKEY
HANDBALL
TAG RUGBY
AND MANY MORE

ACTIVITIES
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CONSTRUCTION
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AIR HOCKEY TABLES
AND MANY MORE

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Newsletter survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey sent with last week's newsletter.

It was good to hear that the majority of our parents and carers feel that the newsletter is useful and informative.

It was also great to know that most people do read it on a fairly regular basis – which means that news can be shared effectively and in a timely manner to all our school community.

If parents and members of our community do ever have news they wish to be shared on the newsletter, this can be emailed into the office before Thursday of each week.

HAF SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB
20TH JULY - 18TH AUGUST 2026

FREE ENTRY & HOT MEALS

10:00

The summer holidays have arrived! Come along for FREE activities, hot meals and 4 weeks of fun with friends!

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For more information, call us on 01254 292000 or email us on enquiries@blackburnyouthzone.org

Updated contact details needed

Please remember to let the office know if any of your contact details: phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, emergency contacts etc; have changed so we can update our records accordingly. It is essential that we can contact someone if there is an emergency.