St. Francis
Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 11.09.2026

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

Upcoming dates – also see the dates list below

Saturday 12th September

St. Francis and Immanuel Church's Community Sounds event at our school. Please join us! See below.

Sunday 13th September

Joint church service at Immanuel Church 10am

Wednesday 16th September

Parent Workshop – Transforming Lives 2.30 – 3.20pm; all parents welcome. Details below!

Meet the Teacher – come to the hall to meet your child's new teacher 3.30 – 4.15pm.

Thursday 17th September

Family, individual and class photos

Friday 25th September

Y2 class host their annual MacMillan Morning. Parents/carers welcome from 9:00am

What a privilege it is to welcome our new Reception class into St Francis this week. Watching these young children step through our doors for the first time has been a joy, and we are delighted to have them join our school family. The enthusiasm and curiosity they bring is truly infectious, and our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure their transition is as smooth and nurturing as possible.

This first full week back has been a busy and purposeful one. Our children have settled wonderfully into their routines, and there is a real sense of energy and excitement across the school. It is in these early days that we establish the foundations for a successful year ahead, and I am delighted to see such positive attitudes and engagement from every child.

A huge thank you goes to every member of staff for their commitment to ensuring the start of our new academic year is smooth, calm and purposeful. We have a number of new staff and they already feel like part of our special family!

As we move forward, we are focusing our attention on the value of **Respect**, which sits at the heart of our vision to *Care Deeply*. Respect is far more than a word for us—it is a way of being and behaving that we cultivate every single day. We are teaching our children to respect themselves, to respect one another, to respect our resources and school property, and to respect God's world. These lessons, learned and practised in the early weeks of term, will shape the culture and character of our school throughout the year.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to draw your attention to an important opportunity within our school community. We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**, and we are seeking someone who shares our passion for St Francis and our commitment to every child and family who attends here. If you are interested in having a strategic impact on our school and would like to find out more about this rewarding role, please contact our office as soon as possible. Mrs. Barton, our staff governor, is happy to answer any questions you may have.

Housepoints weekly totals

Our weekly celebration worship now includes our new housepoints totals. Children receive housepoints for excellent behaviour, super attitude to their learning or others or fantastic work. The house with the most points at the end of every half-term will receive a treat.

Autumn: 164 **Winter: 184**

Spring: 154 **Summer:** 149





17th September

Tempest family, individual and class photos

Siblings who do not attend St. Francis are welcome to come in from 08:30 for family photos. Children with siblings in school will be taken during the school day.

Award Winners

A huge well done to all our award winners this week. Sadly, we can no longer publish their photographs due to safeguarding concerns, but for all those children who received praise for their attitudes, hard work, care for others or impeccable behaviour we say thank you and keep it up!

WOW Walk to School

We are still taking part in the Walk to School initiative, collecting monthly badges for those children who get to school in an active way at least once a week over a month. So start thinking of some fun ways to journey to school without using the car all the way!

We are joining forces with an after-school sports club provider very soon – details will be sent once we have them. We need plenty of children to attend to make it a viable club for the days it will run. Watch this space! Other clubs for this term are being arranged, and will be shared shortly.

Autumn Clubs



I

It is the most incredible program you'll ever attend. No lies, just real results.

The course can offer strategies that are new to your family, build upon things that already work for you and your family or share ideas that others may find useful.

As you are the expert in your own children, we help you to build upon both yours and your child's existing skills and reinforce the bond between you and your child. Our practitioners do this by offering strategies to help with managing tricky behaviours, emotional regulation amongst other things.

The Incredible Years® is a series of interlocking, evidence-based programs for parents, supported by over 30 years of research. The programs are used worldwide and have been shown to work across cultures and socioeconomic groups.

Benefits for parents/carers:

- Feeling less stressed
- Feeling confident
- Building a close attachment
- Being happy parents/carers
- Your child talking to you

Benefits for children:

- Improved thinking skills
- Building social skills
- Increasing motivation
- Problem solving
- Being responsible
- Following rules and routines
- Listening to the parents
- Talking to the parents/carers
- Empathy





The Incredible Years parent programs are evidence-based early intervention courses designed to strengthen parent-child relationships, enhance positive parenting skills, and promote children's social, emotional, and academic competence. Delivered in weekly group sessions tailored to a child's age, the curriculum teaches practical strategies like child-directed play, positive discipline, and effective limit-setting to reduce challenging behaviours.

If you feel you would benefit from attending this course, please come along on Wednesday afternoon next week, where the trainers, Shazia and Sharon, will be delighted to welcome you all.

Earrings

This is a polite reminder that we do not allow children to wear earrings in school. This is because, as an OPAL school, we must ensure our children are safe outside while playing with our range of resources and activities.

PTA
SPOOKY BINGO

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
4:30 – 5:30PM

£3 PER ADULT TICKET

£2 PER CHILD

INCLUDES UNLIMITED DRINKS

Paythrough ParentPay

HOTDOGS AND SNACKS ON SALE

'BEST SPOOKY COSTUME' COMPETITION

Non-uniform day
(NO spooky costumes on this day!)
Friday 16th October
to collect prizes for Bingo.
Y5 + Y6 - bring bottles
Y3 + Y4 - bring savoury snacks (no nuts)
EYFS, Y1, Y2 - bring sweet treats

Autumn Term dates

St Francis C.E. Primary School
Autumn Term Events

Autumn 1

Thursday 3rd September - School Re-opens Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 7th September – Welcome Reception Class Group 1
Tuesday 8th September - Welcome Reception Class Group 2
Friday 18th September – Voting day for class leadership roles
Wednesday 9th September - Welcome Reception Class Group 3
Thursday 10th September – All Reception class start
Thursday 10th Septemer - Anglo-Saxon visit in Year 5
Saturday 12th September - Community Church Event at St Francis School
Thursday 17th September – Family, class and individual pupil photos 8:30am start
Friday 18th September – Voting day for class leadership roles
Friday 25th September – Y2 MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23rd September - Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library 14:45-15:25
Wednesday 30th September - Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library 14:45-15:25
Thursday 1st October – Autumn Census
Wednesday 7th October - Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library 14:45-15:
Thursday 8th October - Year 3 Harvest Worship 09:10 – 09:40 families welcome
Sunday 11th October - Harvest Service at St Francis Church 10:45am
Thursday 15th October - Messy Church – Creation 15:30 -16:30
Friday 16th October – PTA Non-uniform day
Thursday 22nd October PTA Spooky Family Bingo 16:30 – 17:30

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October - School closed for half-term

St Francis C.E. Primary School
Autumn Term Events

Autumn 2:

Monday 2nd November – School re-opens
Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th November - Year 6 Robinwood residential
Thursday 5th November – Year 5 Remembrance service 09:10 – 09:40 families welcome
Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Service at St Francis Church time tbc
Monday 9th November - Year 1 visit to North West Air Ambulance charity shop 09:00-11:00 families welcome
Tuesday 10th November – Year 6 Arithmetic Parent Workshop 09:10 – 10:00
Wednesday 11th November - Parent drop in 15:30 – 16:00 all year groups
Monday 16th – Friday 20th – Assessment week
Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November - Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 20th November – PTA non-uniform day donations for Christmas hamper
Wednesday 25th November – Reception 2027 Open Evening 17:00 – 19:00
Friday 27th November – Y5 BAE Stomp Rockets Workshop
Thursday 3rd December – PTA Family Christmas Craft Afternoon 13:30 – 15:25
Friday 4th December – Christmas Tree Service and PTA raffle 14:30 – 15:25
Thursday 10th December – Messy Church Christmas 15:30 -16:30
Sunday 13th December - Christingle Service at St Francis Church 4:00pm
Monday 14th December – Whole school Christmas dinner
Tuesday 15th December – Year 2 Nativity 14:30 – 15:25
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas party – non-uniform
Thursday 17th December – School Closes for Christmas 15:25

Friday 18th December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027