St. Francis
Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 25.09.2026

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

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 29th September

Nasal Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 30th September

Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library

Wednesday 7th October

Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library

Sunday 11th October

St Francis Church Harvest Service

Friday 16th October

PTA – Non-uniform day – see flier below

Wednesday 21st October

Y4 at Cherry Tree Library

Thursday 22nd October

PTA Spooky Bingo 4.30 – 5.30pm – see flier below

It is with great pleasure that I share the news of our newly appointed school leaders, announced during worship on Monday. Across every year group, we now have children who have stepped forward to take on positions of genuine responsibility. These young leaders will help us to make important decisions, run our new school library, support our younger children during lunchtime in the hall, look out for those who may need a friend at playtime, and help to lead our worship. This is a tremendous opportunity for them to develop leadership skills and to make a real difference to our school community.

However, with great responsibility comes great expectation. Being a leader requires each and every child to demonstrate respect towards their peers. We are continuing to learn about respect as a school community, and I recognise that this is an area where many of our children struggle. Being a decent human being means being respectful to all, even when we do not agree with their views. This is a lesson we must all embrace, and I ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home.

I am delighted to celebrate some wonderful achievements this week. Year 2 held their Macmillan coffee morning today, and we were thrilled to welcome so many parents into school to support this important cause. Thank you to all who attended and contributed so generously.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 boys have also begun their football coaching after school this week, delivered by ARC Sports. The enthusiasm and energy they have brought to these sessions has been truly impressive, and we are keen to continue this provision. As with all our activities, we must insist on respectful behaviour from our pupils towards each other and their coaches. This is not negotiable, and we will continue to reinforce these expectations.

Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL)

Fantastic news! We are heading towards our re-accreditation as a Platinum Provider of OPAL! Most of our parents and families will know that two years ago we secured the highest accolade possible for our outdoors provision, with a Platinum Award. We are aiming high again when we meet our assessor early in November. Our children are so lucky to have such a wonderful environment to play in every day, with opportunities, to cycle, crawl, jump, make dens, play with small toys, find peaceful places and generally have the fun that we had as children ourselves.

Housepoints weekly totals

This week our Summer team gained the most points (90) but overall so far this term, Winter are still winning by just 3 points!

Autumn: 264 **Winter:** 361

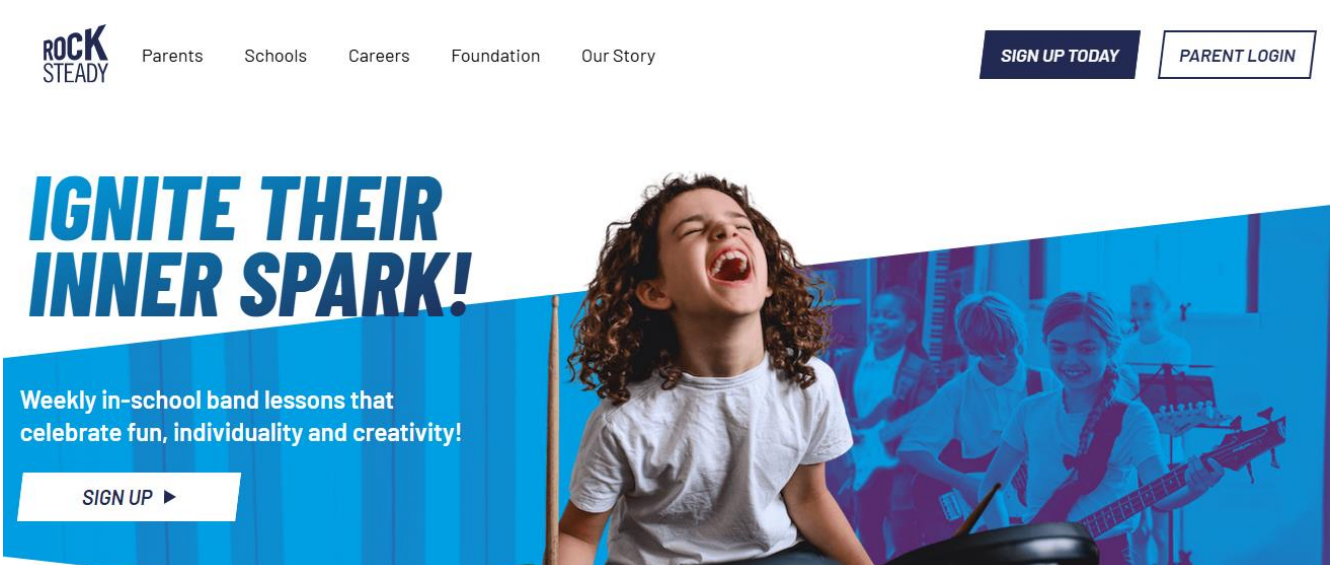
Spring: 304 **Summer: 358**

There's still plenty of time for other teams to catch up!

I am writing to inform you of some exciting music opportunities available to our children. Rocksteady Music Lessons still has a few spaces available, and if you would like your child to participate, please visit their website to find out about costs and to sign up. We have our next Rocksteady Concert on Friday 11th December. Additionally, Mrs Kolosova has places available in her keyboard group lessons each week. For children in receipt of free school meals, lessons can be paid for by the school.

https://boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils/

rocksteadymusicschool.com





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. September badges will be shared out next week for those children who have journeyed to or from school actively.

Earrings

This is another 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. They are also not allowed in any PE lessons.



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

Extra date:

11th December at 9.30 – Rocksteady Concert