St. Francis
Church of England Primary School

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

Week ending: 02.10.2026

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

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 7th October

Year 1 at Cherry Tree Library

Thursday 8th October

Y3 Harvest Worship in school, 9.10am, parents and carers are invited

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

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Half-term break

As we continue through the autumn term, I wanted to share some of the great learning happening across our school. Our focus on values remains central to everything we do, and I'm proud of how our children are engaging with these ideas.

We are currently exploring the value of **respect**—for ourselves, for each other, and for our world. To help bring this to life, we have started to plan fundraising activities for Toilet Twinning, a charity that helps communities around the world access clean toilets and fresh water. We chose this because we noticed concerns about how some children were treating our school toilets. Rather than just dealing with this as a behaviour issue, we saw it as a chance to learn. By fundraising, our children will understand how lucky they are to have clean facilities, and they'll also learn that many people globally don't have access to these basics. It's a way for us to help others while learning about global responsibility. We'd love your support for this initiative and hopefully your child's class will share information with you soon about how they will raise the money needed to twin their class toilet.

We are also celebrating **Black History Month** by learning about the amazing achievements of black British people. Our children are discovering inspiring figures whose courage and creativity have helped shape our society. These conversations help all our children see themselves in the stories we tell and understand the rich diversity of British history and culture.

School car park – from Monday 5th October

I need to remind you about our **car park safety rules**. To keep our school safe and running smoothly, the school car park will not be opened between **8:40–9:00am** and **3:15–3:35pm**. These times are very busy with children arriving and leaving. If you have a blue badge, you'll now need to show it to the office staff to 're-register' your car, before parking. Please come to the office to show evidence of your blue badge. You will only need to do this once. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and welcoming.

Housepoints weekly totals

This week our Spring team gained the most points (160) but overall so far this term, Winter are still winning!

Autumn: 385 **Winter: 515**

Spring: 464 **Summer: 478**

There's still plenty of time for other teams to catch up but they need to start very soon!

I am writing to remind 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



Attendance figures

Well done to those families whose children have been into school everyday since the start of September. Our school attendance is currently just above national averages.

91 of our pupils have not missed a day of school which is a super start for great learning this year.





OPAL resources help

Do you have any toys (in good working order) suitable for our OPAL playtimes? We need small toy cars, small dolls, and any dressing up clothes you can donate.

We also need some metal (not glass) pots, pans and utensils to use in our mud kitchen please!

Email communication: Please be aware that our staff will aim to respond to emails within 48 hours. For urgent messages, please contact the school office.

Parents' WhatsApp groups

It has come to our attention that some parents' WhatsApp groups are being used to share upsetting messages about individual children. Whilst school cannot and should not police private communication between parents, we would like to remind everyone that speaking unkindly about our pupils is wholly inappropriate. At St Francis, we are committed to teaching our children to treat one another as they wish to be treated—with kindness, respect, and consideration. We would ask that all adults model this same behaviour in their own conduct. Our school community thrives when we work together with integrity and compassion; and as an inclusive school we aim to celebrate all our differences as well as support every child to flourish.

If there are ever any concerns about a child's behaviour towards your own child during school time, please do speak to your child's class teacher so it can be dealt with by our staff.

Parent Governor

We have a new parent governor! Thank you to those who expressed an interest during the initial stages. Mrs Bethany Culshaw, mum to Hannah and Lucy, will be joining our dedicated board of governors very soon.

We wish her well as she undertakes this important role to ensure every child receives the best possible education at St, Francis School.

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