



# ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

## November 2023

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*St. Francis' Catholic Primary School*

**LIVING FEELING DREAMING**

Living our life as Jesus taught us Feeling the Gospel Values Dreaming of bright futures for all  
As children of God, we care for each other and we always try to do our best'

### **Science Quality Mark – Well done!**



PSQM is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Co-Director said: 'By enabling effective science leadership, PSQM is powering the potential of all children to see the relevance and importance of science in their lives, now and in the future. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science leadership, teaching and learning and the profile and quality of science in each accredited school is very high. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, headteachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.'

We thank Ms Silvester for leading this initiative in school and to all staff, who continue to teach and lead their subjects to such a high standard.

'Thank you for such a well-prepared submission. It was a pleasure to learn about the many wonderful opportunities pupils at St Francis enjoy, which I suspect is due to the hard work of a highly dedicated team'

**Overall comment: I am delighted to confirm that this submission meets the criteria for PSQM Gilt. St Francis Catholic Primary School has been on an incredible journey this year, made possible by the dedication and commitment of the whole team. St Francis is committed to ensuring pupils receive the very best science education possible and the whole school community should be immensely proud.**

Our certificate is coming soon. Thank you team.

## Headteacher's Blog!

Please read the latest Headteacher's Blog! [Click this link for the Headteacher's Blog!](#)  
 Read about the Season Creation, Science Week, Mosque trip, Harvest collection, CAFOD Club visit and CAFOD Kids Club, Kenyan pen pals and My Happy Mind Club.

## The Wednesday Word – bringing the Sunday gospel to you!

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=MTA101634&v=110.1>

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

**THE WORD** SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

In the Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes what will happen when he comes again at the end of time. Like a shepherd who calls his sheep to follow him, Jesus invites people to be with him forever. The only requirement is that we should have loved our neighbour: that is, we should have looked after our neighbour in need.

Don Henry Walsbrough

To see this week's Parish Version of the Wednesday Word: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Jesus said to his disciples, "when the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'"

Adapted from Matthew 25:31-46  
 The Feast of Christ the King, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness."  
 Pope Francis

WORD CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Good News for Families

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is present in all people, especially in the sick, anyone in need, and also he is present in you and in me. What we do for others, we do for Jesus – even small, everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes.

**1 Our Special Time Together** Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf for below for younger children!

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What did Jesus say the people on his right hand would inherit? Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the Gospel picture make you think about?

**2 Wednesday's Word is ... KINDNESS**

"Give something however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing." St Gregory Nazianzus

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the true value of kindness. Ask your child what the word 'kindness' means to them. To be kind is to be considerate and helpful – to have concern for others. Each of you speak about a kind person at school, at work, or in the community. How do they show their kindness? Who has been especially kind to you? Have you done anything especially kind recently?

**3 Loving God & Each Other**

"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'" Pope Francis

We learn to be kind by receiving kindness – and our homes are great places to learn: families can be schools of kindness. In this coming week, in what ways can we show kindness to each other or to those who really need help? Perhaps we can be more helpful around the house; share more and donate to a local food bank; as a family, show compassion through visiting or sending a card to someone who is lonely, sick or housebound; support a Charity that helps the homeless.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to see you in everyone I meet, and be kind to all, especially to those that I sometimes find it difficult to love. Amen.

**Gospel Gallery**

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**  
 SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

JESUS RETURNS  
 PEOPLE GATHERED  
 SHEEP GOATS  
 KINDNESS  
 BEARINGS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u i n** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.  
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 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to his disciples, "Whatever \_\_\_\_\_ you did for \_\_\_\_\_ in need, you did for \_\_\_\_\_"

Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we can help Jesus' kingdom to grow on earth through acts of kindness and charity. In the Church these are known as 'Works of Mercy'.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley.  
 This week I will try my best to...

For more, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [dcccw.org.uk](http://dcccw.org.uk)

Full of colours pictures and interactive activities to support your child's learning, about the Sunday gospel.



# Ten:Ten Resources

**TenTen Parent Portal**  
 A parent portal password has been sent out to parents to access the portal to find out about our HRSE curriculum. Scan the QR code to access the parent portal.



## Music Lesson Payments- Don't forget!

Please ensure you promptly pay for your child's music lesson at the end of each half term. We still have some balances outstanding.

## Whole School Pantomime

We are delighted to have arranged a whole school trip to see the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at The Globe Theatre, Pleasure Beach on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the pantomime is £12 per child, which includes a snack. The PTFA have generously paid for the coach for this trip. We kindly ask that the balance is paid via Parent Pay by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November as payment is to be made in advance. All children will need to bring a packed lunch to school on that day. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like a packed lunch to be provided please contact the school office.

## Church closure

The Church roof is being repaired in Spring, therefore the First Holy Communion programme will be delayed until September/October 2024. The church and parishioners are desperately trying to raise funds to support the roof repairs. Any support or incentives for support are most welcome!

## Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations – We raised £102 to support disadvantaged children and families!



## CAFOD Club Update



A huge thank you from the CAFOD Club to all the wonderful kind donations that we have received so far! We are continuing to collect warm clothing until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, to support the homeless in Preston town centre. We are supporting the local Street Pastors (including our very own Mrs. Kirkham). Please donate any new or used gloves, hats, socks or scarfs! The weather is getting colder and there are many people in need of support!

## **Christmas Fair**



If you would like to hold a stall on the day please contact [PTFA@st-francis.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@st-francis.lancs.sch.uk). We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, please donate a raffle prize for the Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets have been sent home, please send cash in the envelope provided if you wish to purchase tickets and return any unused tickets. The parish will be doing cakes and refreshments, if you wish to donate cakes for the cake sale, we welcome donations. Thank you.

## **Christmas Lunch**

Our annual Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a very popular day for the children, we will therefore order all children a lunch on that day. Please contact the school office if your child does NOT require a Christmas lunch.

## **Toast and Fairtrade Days**

Toast is on at break time every Wednesday, for 25p per slice.

Fairtrade & Ethical Sourced Tuck Shop every Friday

(juice carton – 45p, wafer bar – 30p, popcorn – 50p)

**Dates for Your Diary:**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – year 5/6 gymnastics competition

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – non uniform day – please donate a raffle prize

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Advent Service at 6pm, St. Antony's Church (year 4 – 6)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Concert at 6pm in Church

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Band, Choir, Glee Concert in Church at 1:30pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Pre-School Carols at 1.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 5-year-old dental check up

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – whole school pantomime

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes at: 1.15pm for Reception & KS1.

School Closes at 1.30pm for KS2. **Please collect at the time of your eldest child.**

**Mass Dates for Your Diary:**

<b>TUES 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV</b>	PENDLE MASS
<b>WED 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCETION MASS
<b>THURS 7<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	KS1 NATIVITY 2PM & 6PM
<b>TUES 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	KS2 CAROL SERVICE 6PM