



ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

December 2023

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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'

A BIG Christmas thank you!

A huge thank you to all the families and friends of the school who have attended many of our Christmas and Advent events over the past few weeks! Your support and donations to the church, school and CAFOD have been most welcome. The children have shone in their performances in church and it is a privilege for us to work alongside you in supporting our young people here at St. Francis!

Christmas Fair

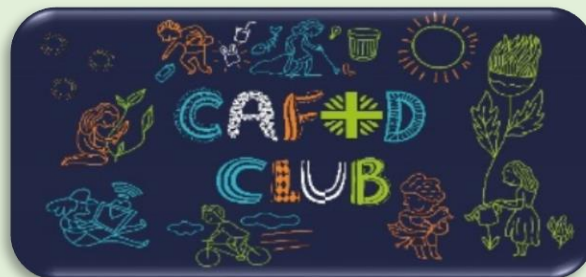
Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair, you help the school raise an amazing **£654**, which goes towards PTFA funds. A big thank you to the PTFA for their continued support of the school, they do an incredible job giving a lot of their own time to support the school – it is greatly appreciated! The PTFA have kindly paid for the transport to the whole school pantomime.

Christmas and Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis Church

24th December - Christmas Eve Carols – 3:30pm

24th December - Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00pm

25th December - Christmas Day Mass – 10:30am



CAFOD Club Update

A huge thank you from the CAFOD Club to all those that took part in the name the Elf and Guess the Sweets, along with some kind donations, we **raised £60 for CAFOD World Gifts**. The CAFOD Club have undertaken some market research across the school this week to look at the best way to spend the money to help people across the world, through CAFOD World Gifts. We will let you know what the CAFOD Club decide to use the money for – watch this space!



Supporting the Homeless

Thank you again for your support earlier this month, with our collection for the homeless. Miss Kirkham delivered the items to the homeless, during one of her supportive visits earlier this month. Thank you for your support and a big well done to Miss Kirkham for supporting those in need.



We welcome Miss McCrone!

We welcome our new member of staff, Miss McCrone, who is working in Reception Class as a Teaching Assistant and will be replacing Miss O’Kane in the After School Club from January 2024. We thank Miss O’Kane for all her hard work and support in the After School Club. Miss O’Kane will continue in her other roles in school: The Breakfast Club, Teaching Assistant in Beacon Class and Welfare Assistant.

Swimming in 2024!

Year 4 children will be going swimming in January at West View Leisure Centre – please check Seesaw class messages for more information!

Ribble Valley Food Bank Collection

Our church continues to collect for the Ribble Valley food bank, all year round. Please leave any donations at the front of church – all donations are welcome!

Holiday Dates

The school/holiday dates are now live on the website, for your convenience; here they are below, for the academic year 2024/2025.

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School 2024/25 Term Dates	
<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
15 weeks opening	
INSET DAY-Children at home	Monday 2nd September 2024
Children return to school-term begins	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
School closes for half term	Friday 19 th October 2024
Half term closure	Monday 21 st October-Friday 25 th October
INSET DAY-Children at home	Monday 28 th October 2024
Children return to school	Tuesday 29 th October
School closes for half term at 1.30pm	Friday 20 th December 2024
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
12 weeks opening	
Children return to school	Monday 6 th January 2025
School closes for half term	Friday 14 th February 2025
Half term closure	Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025
Children return to school	Monday 24 th February 2025
School closes for half term at 1.30pm	Friday 4 th April
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
12 weeks opening	
Children return to school	Tuesday 22 nd April
May Day-School closed	Monday 5 th May 2025
School closes for half term	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Half term closure	Monday 26 th May-Friday 30 th May 2025
INSET DAY-Children at home	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Children return to school	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
School closes for Summer Holidays at 1.30pm	Friday 18 th July 2025
INSET DAY-Children at home	Monday 21 st July 2025
INSET DAY-Children at home	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Latest Headteacher's Blog

Please read the latest Headteacher's Blog! [Click this link for the Headteacher's Blog!](#)
Read about our season of Advent in school!

Sporting Success!

Athletics Champions!

Children in Year 5/6 beat off the competition to win the Preston Small Schools Athletics competition, at UCLan, Preston. We will now go on to represent Preston Small Schools, at the Lancashire Small Schools Final, in Blackpool, in March 2024! Well done to all those that took part!



Gymnastics Medallists!

We have a proud history of our gymnastics pedigree; the children perform very well in our local gymnastics events. Competing against other small schools, we find we are often a match for the much larger schools! Well done to the team medallists that came 2nd overall, and individual medallists that came 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, respectively! Well done!



The Wednesday Word – bringing the Sunday gospel to you!

[Wednesday Word Christmas Holiday Edition 2023](#)

Click the link to see the Advent, Christmas and New Year editions



Parent Portal – TenTen Resources

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

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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.

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!

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:

Wednesday 20th December – whole school pantomime

Thursday 21st 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.

Friday 22nd December – INSET DAY, Children at home.

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return to school

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – Year 4 children first swimming session