

# St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery

**Friday 13th December 2024**



Dates for your diary

December dates:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment week
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 parents DT workshop> 1:15-3:00pm Y5 parents DT workshop> 1:30-3:00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6- from 9:30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent workshops for Y1-6 led by Reverend Richard and Rachel
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil progress meetings
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas carols for grandparents> *change of time* now scheduled for 9:15am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity performances
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day Values ambassador assembly 9-9:30 Visit from Father Christmas

## Spring term dates:

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY – Closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens to pupils for Spring term
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Choir recommences for the Spring term Peripatetic music lessons resume for the Spring term
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Y6 SATs workshop for parent 9-10am in the hall
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	FRIENDS AGM
<b>27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Spirited Arts Week
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Chinese new year- themed lunch
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Year 4 class assembly 9-9:30 in the hall FRIENDS hot chocolate and cake sales after school
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	FRIENDS movie night
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Safer Internet Week
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	E-Safety workshop from 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PGL Parent workshop
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Values Ambassador Assembly 9:00-9:30 in the hall FRIENDS Friday treats Last day of half term
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM- closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School re-opens to pupils Girl guides, girl scouts and Brownies are invited to wear their uniforms today to mark World Thinking Day on the 22nd
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 3 class assembly 9-9:30 in the hall FRIENDS Cake sale after school
<b>Throughout March</b>	Brain Tumour Awareness month
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bags2School Collection FRIENDS meeting in the evening
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day- non-uniform (donation made via ParentPay)
<b>W/b 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Neurodiversity week
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception's class assembly: 'People who love us' (09:00-09:30) FRIENDS cake sale
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y4 on PGL residential
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Y6 trip to The Pagoda
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	IEP reviews
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter service at St Francis Church
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parents evening
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Area gala concert
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Values Champion Assembly 3:00-3:30pm Last day of term
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter holidays- closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School re-opens to pupils for <u>Summer</u> term

## Head Teacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across school, we have been busy preparing for lots of events happening next week...

Year 2 have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity, whilst other classes have been rehearsing their songs as part of the Nativity, Y6 have been preparing for Grandparents Carol Service on Monday and classes across the school took part in advent workshops led by Reverend Richard and Rachel from St Francis Church. A huge thank you to Reverend Richard

and Rachel for taking time out of their schedules to lead these workshops; the children really enjoyed exploring the Jesse tree journeying through the big story of incarnation> do check out some of the photos on Twitter @SFPSBournville

With a jam packed week next week, I thought it best I summarise the plans for you and remind you of timings etc. Please see below.

#### **Next week:**

##### **Monday 16th December**

- The Grandparents Carol Service- from 9:15am in the hall. Those in attendance will need to bring their allocated tickets with them- please come to the front office.
- We are at the church for a dress rehearsal in the afternoon, so **all children will need to be collected from the Church at 3:05pm**. Any children booked into Fledglings will be escorted back to school and can be collected from their, as normal.
- Please ensure children attend school in uniform toady, dojo vouchers for own clothes can be used Wed/Thurs/Fri

##### **Tuesday 16th December**

- **Please drop children to the Church for our Nativity for 08:45am**. Any children booked into Fledglings on Tuesday will need to be dropped off by 8:15am so that staff can escort children to the Church. If you are able to support us by walking us back to school afterwards, we would be very grateful.
- If you have any new toy donations you are donating as part of the Toys4Birmingham campaign (see below for more info), please bring these to the Church on Tuesday morning.
- Our second performance is from 5pm, so please **drop all children at the Church for 4:45pm**
- Please ensure children attend school in uniform toady, dojo vouchers for own clothes can be used Wed/Thurs/Fri

##### **Wednesday 18th December**

- Children are enjoying their Christmas Dinner in school today

##### **Friday 20th December**

- Christmas jumper day for children
- Values Ambassador assembly- you will have been contacted if your child has been selected

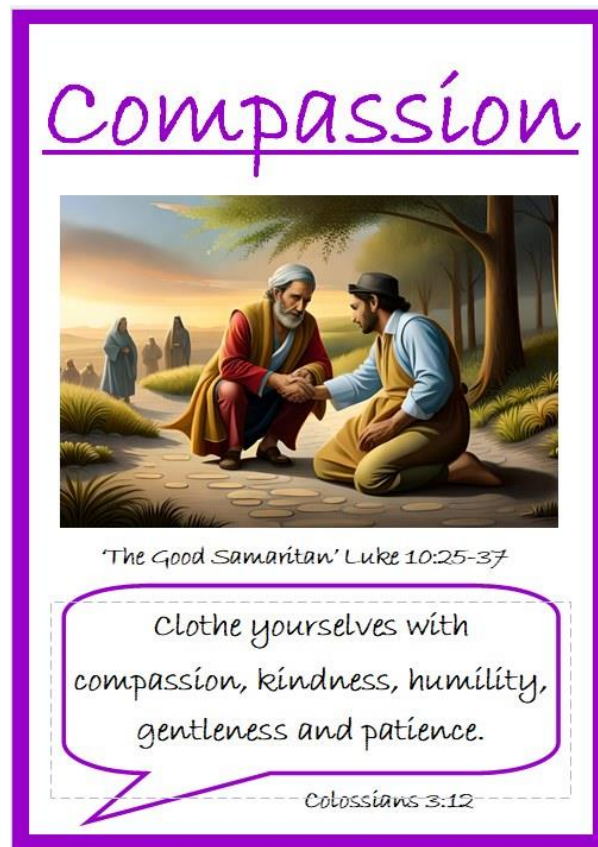
Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Jess Mattocks

Head Teacher

## Collective Worship



In this weeks Collective Worship, we shared the image of B30 Food bank. We Reflected back upon Harvest and asked pupils to discuss the difference that this charity makes in the local community.

We also shared an image and video of Marcus Rashford. We reflected upon the difference that Marcus Rashford made to children in the UK through his campaigning during lockdown.

Both the B30 Food bank and Marcus Rashford, led us to think about how they have both shown compassion. Marcus Rashford knew what it was like to be hungry and wanted to do something to prevent this happening to other children. His actions led to a government turnaround on free school meals for children over the summer holidays. The B30 Food bank continues to support the local community.

This led us to look at the Bible story 'The feeding of the five thousand'. The Bible says that Jesus 'had compassion' on the crowd – and had been healing those who were sick. Looking at the crowd, the disciples saw that they would be getting hungry and went to Jesus to find out what he wanted them to do. In the version in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus spoke probably some of the most challenging words that the disciples had ever heard: 'You find them something to eat'!

Jesus then performed the miracle, feeding five thousand with only two loaves and fishes. This alone shows how much compassion Jesus had for others.



**Prayer:**

**Jesus help my eyes to see, all the good you send for me.**

**Jesus help my ears to hear, calls for help from far and near.**

**Jesus help my feet to go, in the way that you will show.**

**Jesus help my hands to do, all things loving, kind and true.**

**Amen.**

## Emotional health and well-being

Following successful implementation of our emotional health and well-being programme, 'My Happy Mind,' we are keen to add a regular focus to the newsletter. I aim to focus on a key aspect of health and well-being each half term and share information and/or resources with you in case it is relevant to your family. If there is a particular focus you would like me to focus on in the future, do let me know!

### Autumn 2: Low mood



A couple of weeks ago, I shared information about Pause, but wanted to re-share today to clarify that this service can support in many different ways, not just in relation to low mood.

### Pause Birmingham

Pause, delivered in partnership with Forward Thinking Birmingham, is a well-being drop-in service for anyone under the age of 25 with a Birmingham GP.

Pause is a safe space where you can talk about anything that is worrying or upsetting you.

You may want to talk about school, friendships, family, or maybe about feeling [anxious](#) or sad. We will listen and share techniques to help you manage how you are feeling.

We can work with you one-to-one or in groups. Or simply share our resources for you to read up on in your own time.

Pause offers a number of drop-in locations across the week, check out [our timetable](#) for dates, locations and timings before you set out to see us.

You don't need to wait for a pre-booked session, just come and drop-in. This support is exactly the same as at a booked session, but much quicker to access.

If you have never been to Pause before you can [register with us](#) before you come, or complete the registration forms when you arrive.

### Shout



Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

**Text 85258 for immediate help.**

### Samaritans



You can access confidential emotional support at any time from Samaritans either by emailing or by calling 116 123.

### Childline



Childline is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday.

### HOPELINE



HOPELINEUK is a confidential support and advice service for:

- Children and young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide
- Anyone concerned that a young person could be thinking about suicide

**Call 0800 068 4141 any day 9am - 12am (midnight)**

## Things happening locally...

**BOURNVILLE**  
PARISH CHURCH

**Aduent Workshop**  
**Sunday 15th December**  
**3-4:30 pm**  
An invitation to join us for an afternoon of craft making and exploring the Christmas Story.  
All Welcome!  
**St Francis Church, Bournville**



## Toys4Birmingham

This Christmas St Francis Church are inviting people to make donations of new toys that will be distributed by Toys4Birmingham to families in particular need across Birmingham. <https://thrive-together-bham.org/toys>

If you are willing or able to make a donation of a new toy to this wonderful cause, please send them in with your child on the day of the Nativity service (17th December).



## Wellies



### REMINDER

As part of our OPAL play initiative, please send your child into school with a pair of wellies which can stay in school. This is so that children can access the grassy areas for den building in all weathers without getting their school shoes dirty; children will not be allowed on the mud without wellies. Our school councillors are working hard on posters to go up around school reminding children of this.

### Donations?

If you have any wellies that your child(ren) have grown out of, they would be very gratefully received- please send any welly donations to the school office and we will organise them all so that children can access them as and when required.

## Friends of St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Competition

### Logo

Friends launched a competition to design a new logo, which is open to all the pupils of St. Francis Primary School and Nursery. The date to get designs in has been extended to Friday 10th January, 2025. We hope this will give everyone ample time to get their designs in either via email [friendssfps@hotmail.com](mailto:friendssfps@hotmail.com) or by handing them in at the school office for the attention of Heather Holmes-McClure.

## Celebrations

### Star of the Week

**Nursery:** Maeve

-For always being a great friend to everybody in nursery well done Mae!



**Reception:** Jude

– For always listening to those around him, showing interest and for being so helpful and compassionate.

**Year 1:** Ethan

- For consistently offering help to children and adults around the classroom.

**Year 2:** Nova

-For showing kindness to others and looking after her friends when they are hurt.

**Year 3:** Emilija

- For always listening and caring for others. Well done!

**Year 4:** Talitha

- For being kind, thoughtful and patient when helping others.

**Year 5:** Finlay

-For being caring and concerned for those around him.

**Year 6:** Freya

- For consistently showing sensitivity towards others across school.

Happy Birthday to those with birthdays this week!



Zak in Year 6

Teddy in Year 2

Bea in Year 6

Tom in Year 2

Dojo points



**Congratulations Year 1 who topped the dojo leaderboard this week again!**

Attendance



**Congratulations Year 2 and 3 who win with 94.2%**