



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 12th December 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th December	Assessment week
Wednesday 3 rd December	Advent workshops for Y1-6 led by Reverend Richard and Rachel
Thursday 4 th December	Y1 parents DT workshop > 1:15-3:00pm Christmas Fair
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Nativity Rehearsal (PM)
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Nativity performance at the Church from 9am Evening performance from 5pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas carols for grandparents > *change of time* now scheduled for 9:15am
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th	Pupil progress meetings
Friday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day Values ambassador assembly 9-9:30 Visit from Father Christmas Last Day of Term

Monday 5th January	INSET DAY – Closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th January	School re-opens to pupils for Spring term
Tuesday 6th January	Extra-curricular clubs resume for Spring term
Wednesday 7th January	Choir recommences for the Spring term Peripatetic music lessons resume for the Spring term
Thursday 15th January	Y6 SATs workshop for parent 9-10am in the hall
Thursday 15th January	Census day
Thursday 22nd January	Year 1 Phonics workshop
Thursday 22nd January	FRIENDS movie night
Friday 6th February	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Mon 9th – Fri 13th Feb	Safer Internet Week
Wednesday 11th February	Reception class assembly from 9am- Chinese New Year
Thursday 12th February	E-Safety workshop from 9am
Friday 13th February	<u>Chinese new year</u> - themed lunch
Friday 13th February	Values Ambassador Assembly 9:00-9:30 in the hall FRIENDS Friday treats Last day of half term
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	HALF TERM- closed to pupils
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens to pupils

Head Teacher update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The countdown to Christmas is well underway, and the school is buzzing with excitement! Christmas cards are being posted daily into our special post-box, decorations are up, and everyone is getting into the festive spirit as we approach the end of term.

Choir Spreads Christmas Cheer at Lucton House

Our wonderful school choir brought joy to the residents of Lucton House today with a beautiful Christmas medley. 33 children from across school blew Mrs Vaughan away with the standard of their singing- she's keen to arrange other performance opportunities outside of school! Their singing was truly heart-warming and a perfect way to share the magic of the season. A huge thank you to all the children and staff involved—you made a real difference!

Next Week's Festive Events

- **Monday:** Nativity practice at St Francis Church in the afternoon. Teachers will dismiss children from the church at the usual time—please collect them from there. Anyone in Fledglings on Monday evening will be escorted back to school so can be collected, as usual.
- **Tuesday:** Nativity performances at **9:00am** and **5:00pm** at St Francis Church. Please drop children straight to the church for both performances.
- **Wednesday:** Children's Christmas Dinner. If your child usually has sandwiches, you can still book them in for a festive meal!
- **Friday: Christmas Jumper Day** and a **very special visit from Father Christmas**—a magical end to the week!

Warm regards,

Jess Mattocks

WE NEED YOU!



GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AUNTIES & UNCLES!



Make a difference in our school
community

We'd love your help supporting our young readers!

If you have some time during the school week, from Year 1 upwards, come and join us to listen to children read and help build their confidence. Your time makes a big difference!

For more details or to volunteer, please contact the school office.

enquiry.stf@fioretti.co.uk

Collective worship

This week in Collective Worship, we explored the story *"In Another's Shoes"* and reflected on the importance of empathy—truly understanding others by imagining life from their perspective. We linked this to **Acts 3:8**, where the man healed by Peter and John *"jumped to his feet and began to walk... then went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God."*

Just as this man experienced a life-changing moment that filled him with joy and gratitude, we considered how stepping into another person's shoes can transform our relationships and bring hope and kindness into our community. The children were encouraged to think about how empathy and compassion can lead to positive change, just as faith and love did in this passage.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for the joy and hope we see in Acts 3:8, when the man walked and praised You. Help us to bring that same joy to others by understanding how they feel and stepping into their shoes. Teach us to show kindness, compassion, and love in all we do, so that our actions make a difference.

Amen.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to those with birthdays this week and over half term!



Sam in Year 4

Teddy in Year 3

Tom in Year 3



Nursery - Sara- For being such a wonderful helper and always working hard to keep our classroom tidy. Well done Sara!

Reception - Joni- For always showing kindness and compassion in every situation. You are such a kind friend to those around you and such a good role model. Well done Joni!

Year 1 - Aggy- For showing kindness and compassion to his class mates and adults around school. Well done Aggy!

Year 2 - George- For always showing care and kindness by looking out for his classmates and making sure everyone is okay. Your thoughtfulness makes our class a happier place!

Year 3 - Jesse- For always listening and offering help. You show compassion, try to help others and make a difference to everyone. Well done Jesse!

Year 4 - Jesse- For being compassionate to his peers and staff around school. You consistently show kindness, helpfulness and brilliant manners. Keep it up!

Year 5 - Idris- For showing genuine care to those around him, whilst also using his strengths to work alongside others with understanding and kindness.

Year 6 - Jack- For consistently being a good role model to others and demonstrating compassion across the whole school day.



Nursery- Henry

Reception - Ivy-Mae

Year 1 - Oscar

Year 2 - Orson

Year 3 - Sofia

Year 4 - Alina

Year 5 - Agnes

Year 6- Lilia

Attendance

Every Day Counts – Let's Make Attendance a Priority!

Together, we can achieve great attendance.



Why it matters:

Even being late by 15 minutes each day adds up to nearly two weeks of lost learning!



Top tips for parents:

- Keep bedtime and morning routines consistent.
- Book appointments outside school hours whenever possible.
- Encourage your child to enjoy school and celebrate their progress.
- Join in school events and support homework – it really helps!



Holidays:

Please remember, term-time holidays aren't allowed. Unauthorised absences can lead to fines or legal action.



Need support? We're here to help. If you're struggling with attendance, talk to us. Helpful links:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/saap • www.birmingham.iv/love

We know that winter brings its share of sniffles and colds, but being in school every day is vital for your child's learning and progress. Most minor illnesses don't need to keep children at home, and coming to school helps them stay on track.

If your child is genuinely too unwell to attend, **please let us know by phoning the school office or emailing parents.stf@fioretti.co.uk.**

Not sure if they're well enough for school? The NHS offers clear guidance on common illnesses and when children should stay home:

👉 Is my child too ill for school? – NHS¹

Thank you for supporting excellent attendance – every day counts!

The leaflet is from the UK Health Security Agency and NHS. It features a large green title 'Should I keep my child off school?' and a photo of a happy girl in a green dress. It is divided into two main sections: 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'Yes' section contains a table of illnesses and when to keep the child home. The 'No' section lists conditions where the child should still be kept home. A QR code and 'SCAN ME' button are provided for more information.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfnc>.

SCAN ME

¹<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Attendance Champions

- **Overall Winners (98.3% Attendance):** ✓ Year 6
- **Over 96% Attendance:** ✓ Year 6 ✓ Year 3 ✓ Year 5

Whole School Attendance:

96.9% for the academic year so far – fantastic effort!

Dojo



Dojo Winners This Week

- **1st Place:** Year 6
- **2nd Place:** Year 3
- **3rd Place:** Year 5

Things to do locally



FREE SPACES IN BOURNVILLE

HOLIDAY CLUBS

WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

BOURNVILLE SCHOOL, B30 1SH

MONDAY 22ND-WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

£14 PER DAY / 11AM - 3PM

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QR Code

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Girls

Player Development Centres
Expression of Interest forms

Age groups for U8s, u10s, u12s, u14s and u16s.

Direct pathway into our ETC and Academy

You may have to log in via an email address to complete the form.

QR Code