



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 21st November 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd November	All pupils return to school
Friday 7 th November	Year 3 Stone age workshop
Mon 10 th - Fri 14 th November	Anti-bullying week
Monday 10 th November	Odd socks day
Sunday 9 th - 16 th November	Inter-faith week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at 11am
Thursday 13 th November	Children in Need- children to wear something yellow or spotty for a donation via ParentPay Theme: 'Spot'acular!
Friday 14th November	Trust training day- school closed to all pupils
	My Happy Mind Parent workshop from 9-9:30am
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st November	Y6 Residential: Snowdonia
Wednesday 26 th November	Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 27 th November	Year 4 multiplication workshops from 9am
Friday 28 th November	Non-uniform day- chocolate donations
Monday 1 st -Friday 5 th	Assessment week
Wednesday 3 rd December	Advent workshops for Y1-6 led by Reverend Richard and Rachel
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Fair
Friday 5 th December	Y1 parents DT workshop> 1:15-3:00pm
Friday 12 th December	Y5 parents DT workshop> 1:30-3:00pm
TBA	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6- from 9:30am
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

Head Teacher update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a fantastic week at school and wanted to share some highlights with you!

Yesterday, our Head of Trust, **Claire Grainger**, led a wonderful collective worship exploring the values held across our schools. Using the *Chocolate Game*, she encouraged reflection on kindness and sharing. The game ended with one player deciding whether to keep or share

the last piece of chocolate—and **Elliot in Year 4** showed true compassion by choosing to share, saying it was “an easy decision!” Well done, Elliot—we’re proud of you.

A big thank you to **Dean Coleman Estate Agents in Bournville and the Coleman family** for generously donating and delivering a **10ft Christmas tree** for our school hall. We can’t wait to decorate it next week- a special thank you to Darcy and Jonah who helped to choose the tree and the lights! We also appreciate the support from **FRIENDS**, who have contributed towards the cost of new decorations—thank you for helping us make the school festive and welcoming.

Our **Year 6 pupils** have had an amazing time on their trip to Snowdonia! Parents can catch a glimpse of their adventures on our Twitter (X) page: **@sfpsbournville**.

Looking ahead:

- Next week, we’ll be decorating the school for Christmas.
- **Friday** will be a **non-uniform day**—children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a **chocolate donation**, which will go towards the **Chocolate Tombola** at our Christmas Fair the following week.
- A reminder for **Year 4 parents**: the **MTC Workshop** will take place next **Thursday morning from 9am**.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and caring community.

Warm regards,

Jess Mattocks

Exciting Changes Ahead



Over the past few months, we’ve been working hard in the office to bring about positive changes and make things simpler for everyone. As mentioned previously, we are moving from Scopay and ParentPay to Arbor, and the first stage of this migration is ready to launch.

Our goal is to make life easier by putting everything into one app, rather than using three different platforms. We welcome your constructive feedback as these changes are designed to benefit all families.

To help with the transition, we've created infographic guides, which will also be uploaded to the school website. Please look out for a letter in your child's school bag containing some printed information too.

This is an exciting step forward, and we hope that in the long term you'll see the benefits.

The Office Team are happy to assist wherever they can during this transition.

Collective Worship

This week in collective worship, we explored the theme of **being a good supporter**, through a modern-day retelling of the parable of the Good Samaritan. The story featured a football supporter from an opposing team who stopped to help someone in trouble, reminding us that kindness and compassion should extend beyond rivalry or differences.

We reflected on how we can all show care and support to others in our daily lives—whether in school, at home, or in the wider community.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for teaching us to care for others, just like the Good Supporter in our story.

Help us to notice when someone needs help and give us the courage to be kind, even when it's not easy.

May we show love and compassion to everyone, no matter who they are.

Amen.

Resources Request



Can you help? We are looking for resources to use in our Opal Play outdoors;

- Wooden Palletts
- Small world toys
- Bikes
- Scooters

Our Fledglings Team are also looking for donations of new or lightly used items that can enhance the provision of activities in our breakfast and afterschool club;

- Loom Bands
- Friendship Bracelet materials
- Diamond Painting
- Board Games
- Ping Pong Balls
- Table Football Game
- Play dough
- Musical instruments

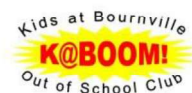
- Barbie dolls and dolls house
- Action figures and sets
- Small world toys - dinosaurs, cars, animals etc
- Crafts items - especially seasonal bits
- Race track
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Pop up tents
- Tuff trays



Christmas Fayre - Thursday 4th December



Exciting Job Opportunities at St. Francis Church



Play Worker Wanted

for K@Boom Out-of-School Club

12 hours per week

Monday to Thursday

3.00 - 6.00 pm

+ the option for extra hours in the school holidays

Job description, Person Specification and
Application Form available on request.

Application deadline: Friday 28 November at 0900

Please email David Lucas, K@Boom Manager:

david.lucas@stfrancisbournville.org.uk



**Bournville Parish Church
with the Body, Mind, Spirit Partnership**

are seeking to appoint an

Assistant Community Development Practitioner

Connecting People ~ Building Community ~ Facilitating Participation

An exciting opportunity has become available for an Assistant Community Development Practitioner, that connects local older people together, enabling them to grow friendships through creating activities that matter to them within the Bournville neighbourhood.

The key task of this new role will be to work alongside an experienced colleague in bringing local people aged 50+ together to develop or maintain healthy and fulfilling lives. This opportunity requires the successful candidate to facilitate good relationships with the local community to inspire a welcoming place where local people who through participating in locally grown participant-led activities can flourish. Experience of working with Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is desirable for this role.

£10,847 pro rata for 14 hours a week with some flexibility and occasional weekend working. The successful candidate will have sympathy with the aims and ethos of Bournville Parish Church and will be subject to references and an advanced DBS check.

If you would like to know more about this post and the vision we share, please contact Richard Wharton on 07910 343 380, or vicar@stfrancisbournville.org.uk

For an application form, please contact Carol Glynn at parishadmin@stfrancisbournville.org.uk

Application deadline:
Interviews:

**Friday 28 November at 0900
Friday 12 December**

Celebrations



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



Sara in Nursery

Elsa in Year 6

Isla in Year 3

Theo in Year 3

Darcy in Year 5



Nursery - Brodie- For consistently demonstrating our values and always making sensible choices in Nursery, well done!

Reception - Delilah-Rae- for always noticing if somebody is upset or worried and for going to see if you can help them, including the grown ups. Delilah-Rae, you are such a kind and thoughtful member of our class - keep it up!

Year 1 - Jude - For always noticing when others need help and offering kindness without being asked. You are a star!

Year 2 - Theo- shows true compassion by lifting others up with his kindness, always taking time for classmates and bringing a positive attitude every day.

Year 3 - Dexter- for always being kind and caring. You are a valued member of the class.

Year 4 - Rubbie - for being a kind and compassionate member of the class and going above and beyond to check in on those around her.

Year 5 - Joshua - for consistently giving every element of his learning 100% and being able to demonstrate compassion through reflection and discussion.

Year 6 - All of Year 6 for showing incredible amounts of compassion towards each other and supporting each other when completing challenging tasks throughout the week. Well done.



Nursery- Chase

Reception - Phoebe

Year 1 - Lily

Year 2 - Luke

Year 3 - Eli

Year 4 - Ivan

Year 5 - Clara

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.ivlove

Good Attendance Matters!

Every school day counts. Regular attendance and punctuality help children succeed academically and socially. Missing school reduces learning opportunities and can affect future prospects.

Key Points for Parents/Carers:

- **Why it matters:** Attendance is linked to achievement. Being late by 15 minutes daily equals nearly 2 weeks of lost learning.
- **How to help:** Set consistent bedtime and morning routines. Schedule appointments outside school hours. Encourage interest in schoolwork and friendships. Attend school events and support homework.
- **Holidays:** Term-time holidays are not allowed. Unauthorised leave can lead to legal action and fines.
- **Legal responsibility:** Parents must ensure regular attendance. Penalties can include fines up to £2,500 or even prosecution.
- **Need help?** Contact the school for support. Resources:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/saap | www.birmingham.gov.uk/love



Attendance Champions

- **Overall Winners (100% Attendance):**  Year 3  Year 6
- **Over 96% Attendance:**  Reception  Year 1  Year 2



Whole School Attendance:

97.01% for the academic year so far – fantastic effort!

Dojo



 Dojo Winners This Week

- **1st Place:** Year 2 & Year 3 (Joint Winners)
- **2nd Place:** Year 4
- **3rd Place:** Reception