



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 7th 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 Carers,

It's been a lovely first week back after the half-term break, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

We were pleased to welcome a representative from the Birmingham Diocese into school this week, who joined us to support our ongoing work towards **reducing carbon emissions as part of our *Let's Go Zero* project**. This is a vital part of our commitment to sustainability and

climate action, and we're proud to be working collaboratively to make meaningful change. You can find out more about our work on this here: [Let's Go Zero!](#)

We also welcomed our **School Improvement Advisor**, who spent time with Mrs Shore, our English Lead, focusing on writing across the school. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our progress and continue strengthening our provision in this key area. The implementation of our new writing programme has been positive and the children's writing across the school is impressive- well done children!

Today, Year 3 had a fantastic time during their **Stone Age workshop** — a hands-on, immersive experience that brought history to life and sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.

Looking ahead to next week, we're pleased to share that work will finally begin on our perimeter fencing — a project that has been delayed due to the need to obtain a badger licence, following confirmed badger activity on-site. The fencing work will start at the back of the field, adjacent to the allotments, and should not affect the day-to-day running of the school. However, families who use the Woodlands Park entrance may notice builders on-site, so please do take care.

Donation request

Do you have any coats, warm hats or gloves that your child(ren) have grown out of and no longer need? If so, please do send any in good condition either into school, or to the Hub on the Green who are supporting families who may need them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jess Mattocks

Head Teacher

Reminders

- **Odd sock day on Monday 10th November to promote individuality and promote awareness of anti-bullying**
- **Remembrance day on Tuesday 11th November- poppies will be on sale before and after school each day- cash only please**
- **Children in need- Spotacula on Thursday 13th November (children invited to wear spots!)**
- **Training day- school is closed to all children- on Friday 14th November**

Bonfire & Firework Safety Advice from West Midlands Fire Service



Bonfire Night is here, and we know many of you will be celebrating with fireworks this week and over the weekend.

We'd always recommend going to an organised display, but if you're planning to use fireworks at home, please follow these simple safety tips:

- ✓ choose one responsible person to handle the fireworks
- ✓ avoid drinking alcohol if you're in charge of lighting them
- ✓ light each firework at arm's length with a taper, and keep everyone at a safe distance
- ✓ keep children and pets well away from fireworks at all times
- ✓ never return to a firework once it's lit - even if it hasn't gone off, it might still explode unexpectedly.

Please, enjoy the celebrations safely.

👉 Read more [firework safety advice on our website](#).

Bonfires are a very popular at this time of year but can be incredibly unsafe. [Stay safe and follow our advice](#):

- ✓ keep bonfires small and manageable

- ✓ never leave a bonfire unattended
- ✓ build your bonfire away from buildings, trees, and fences
- ✓ have water or a hose nearby for emergencies

Also, a reminder: the fire service will only attend bonfires that are out of control or unattended.

For general complaints about bonfires or nuisance smoke, you should contact your local council. You can find [West Midlands council contact details to report nuisance smoke](#) on our website.

Children In Need 2025



Children in Need – Thursday 13th November

We're excited to support **Children in Need** this year with a fun and colourful day on **Thursday 13th November!**

Children are invited to **wear something spotty** to school and help us raise money for this fantastic cause.

Donations can be made via **ParentPay** or **Arbor**—thank you for your generosity and support!

Let's make it a spot-tacular day!

Resource Request



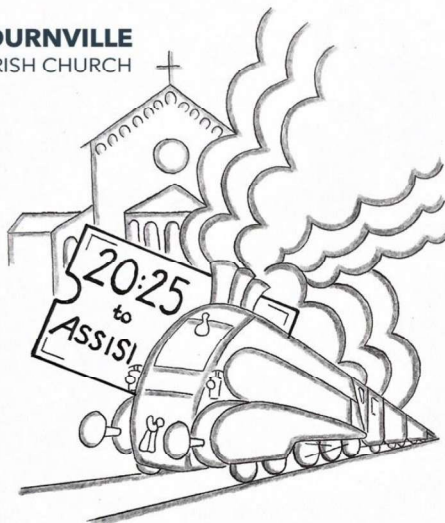
Can you help? We are looking for;

- Wooden Palletts
- Small world toys
- Bikes
- Scooters

Things happening locally...



**BOURNVILLE
PARISH CHURCH**



As part of our centenary, we are delighted that a new play with original music about the life of St Francis 'The 20:25 to Assisi' will be performed in St Francis Church, Bournville on Friday 14th November 7.00 pm and Saturday 15th November 2.30 pm.

Suitable for 12+

Admission : Over 16 £8, under 16 £5, family 2 adults 2 under 16s £20. Payment by card possible at the door.

Information about tickets from Carol Glynn at the church office 0121 472 7215 option 2, between 8.30 am - 4.00 pm Tuesday to Friday.

You are welcome to leave a message about obtaining tickets with your contact details and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

email: parishadmin@stfrancisbournville.org.uk

Tickets available at the door for each performance.

School Uniform Swop

Donate or collect pre-loved school uniform here

In stock here at The Hub

Primary Schools

Bournville Primary
Bournville Village Primary
Cotteridge Primary School
Raddlebarn Primary
St Edwards RC Primary
St Francis Primary school
St Josephs RC
Stirchley Primary

Secondary Schools

Bournville Secondary
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury
Kings Norton Boys School
Kings Norton Girls School



Opening Times

Monday 12 - 2 pm
Tuesday 1-3pm
Wednesday 12-4 pm
Thursday 12-3 pm
Friday 12-2.30 pm

School Uniform Swap Shop

Free and easy – swap what you no longer need for something that fits! Bring along to the book swap or call in during our opening times.

Find us at:

Hub on the Green, 27 Sycamore Road, Bournville, B30 2AA

 **Tel:** 0121 472 7989

 **Website:** www.hubonthegreen.org For more info, visit our website or pop in and see us!



Celebrations



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



Lizzy in Reception

Thomas in Year 1

Josh in Year 6

Georgia in Year 5

Luke in Year 2

James in Year 5



Nursery: Amelie - For consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitude to her learning. Well done Amelie!

Reception: Maeve- For being such a kind and caring friend to those around you and for being super helpful in the classroom. We are very proud of you.

Year 1: Harry- What a super star you are! We are so proud of the person you are. You are a wonderful role model to your peers. Keep it up!

Year 2: Willow- For showing compassion by taking the time to support her friends and spread smiles to others around the school. She feels truly happy when she sees others smiling too.

Year 3: Sofia- For always listening to others, showing compassion and offering help to everyone around her when they need it.

Year 4: Felix- For consistently demonstrating kindness, care, and compassion towards others, and for being a wonderful role model within our school community.

Year 5: Sophie- For working thoughtfully to understanding others' feelings and choosing kindness.

Year 6: Keziah- For always showing a caring nature towards her classmates and other children around school.

Star Writer



Nursery: Jonah

Reception: Karunveer

Year 1: Darcey

Year 2: Bryn

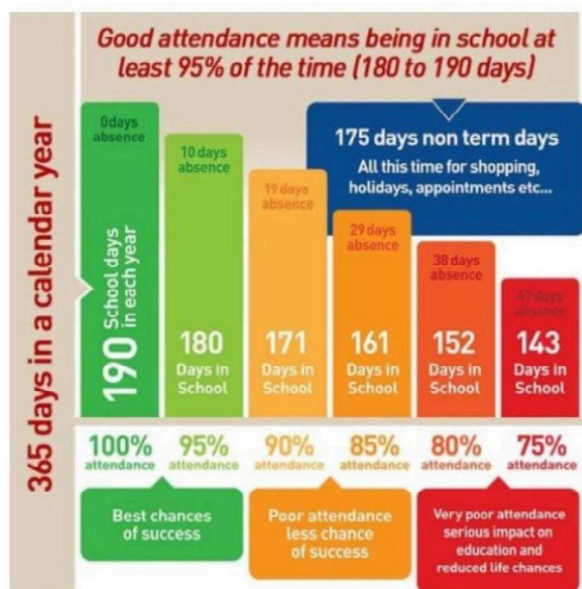
Year 3: Enya

Year 4: Connie

Year 5: Jago

Year 6: Isabelle

Attendance



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?



Our overall winners with 100% attendance are Year 1 and 6!

Years 3, 4 and 5 had attendance over 96%.

Overall school attendance is at 97.1% for this academic year.

Dojo



Year 5 are the winners of dojos this week.

Reception were 2nd and Year 4 in third