



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 24th October 2025

Diary Dates

Thursday 23 rd October	Values Ambassador Assembly 9:00-9:30
Friday 24 th October	Diwali workshop EYFS and Y4
Friday 24 th October	Final day of half term
Thursday 30 th October	Deadline for secondary school applications
Monday 27 th Oct- Friday 31 st Oct	Closed to pupils
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,

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It's been a wonderfully busy half-term, full of creativity, celebration, and connection.

Yesterday, our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a brilliant **architecture workshop**, where they explored design and structure through hands-on activities. A huge thank you to the organisers for delivering such an engaging session, and to the parents who joined us to support.

Reception and Year 4 have taken part in vibrant **Diwali workshops** today, learning about the traditions and significance of the Festival of Lights. This follows Year 4's fantastic **class assembly on Tuesday**, which was beautifully themed around Diwali. The children spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

We also welcomed prospective parents to our **Open Morning** on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to share our school's ethos and learning environment with new visitors, and we're grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the morning a success.

Yesterday evening, the school was buzzing with excitement during our **Autumn Disco**! A huge thank you to **Friends of St Francis** for organising such a fun event, to **Mr Pugh** for being our brilliant DJ, and to all the staff who gave their time to help supervise and support the children throughout the evening.

We also celebrated our **Values Ambassadors** in assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all the children who were recognised for consistently demonstrating our school values—you are role models to your peers and a credit to our community.

Thank you once again to all parents and carers for your support this half term—whether attending events, helping with homework, or simply encouraging your children each day, your involvement makes a real difference.

Donation request

Do you have any coats 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.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Warm regards,

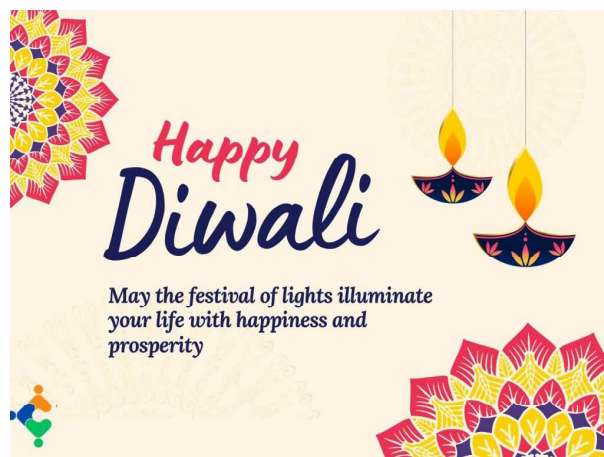
Jess Mattocks

Head Teacher

Reminders

- **Back to school on Monday 3rd November**
- **Y3 Stone Age workshop on the 7th November**
- **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**
- **Kids Essentials will be closed Monday - Wednesday of half term.**

To those celebrating...



2025 Poppy Appeal - Playground Sales



After the half-term break, poppies and related items will be available for purchase on the playground **each morning and after school**, up until **Monday 11th November**.

Please note: **Cash only**.

Your support helps us honour and remember those who have served.

Children In Need 2025



Children in Need – Thursday 13th November

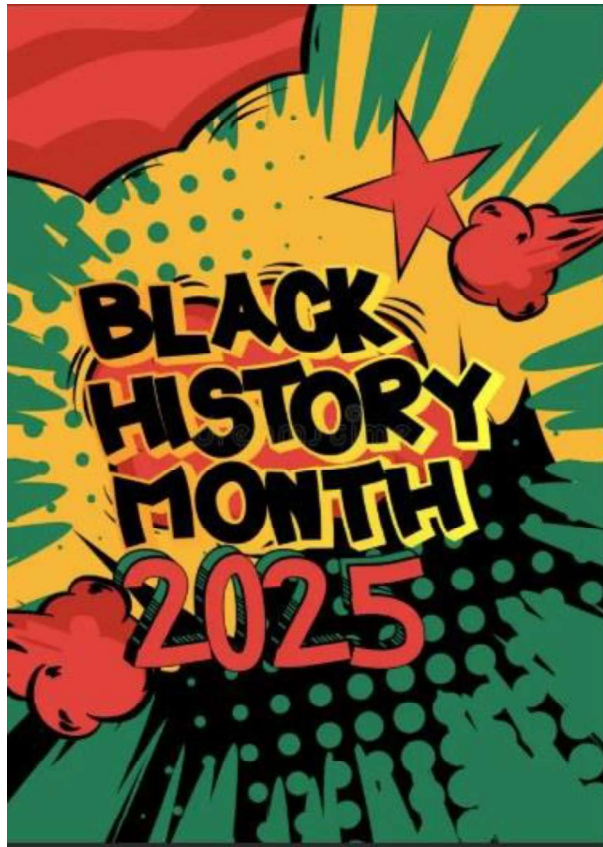
We're excited to support **Children in Need** this year with a fun and colourful day on **Thursday 13th November!**

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!

Black History Month: Standing firm in power and pride



This October, our school is proudly marking **Black History Month 2025** with the powerful theme:

“Standing Firm in Power and Pride.”

This week, as part of our Black History Month learning, we explored the inspiring story of **Mary Prince**.

Mary Prince was born in 1788 and lived in Bermuda. She was sadly treated very unfairly because she was enslaved. But Mary showed great courage—she spoke out about her experiences and became the **first Black woman to publish a book in Britain**. Her book helped people understand how wrong slavery was and supported the fight to end it.

Mary’s bravery and determination remind us how important it is to stand up for what is right. Her story links closely to our school values of **courage, respect, and compassion**, and we’ve enjoyed learning about how one person’s voice can help change the world.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for brave people like Mary Prince,

who spoke out for what was right,
even when it was hard.

Help us to be courageous like her,
to stand up for others,
and to use our voices kindly and wisely.

May we always show respect,
treat everyone fairly,
and work together to make the world a better place.

Amen.



UNICEF Rights Respecting School Commitment



We are becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School

We are currently applying to become a UNICEF rights respecting school. In order to do this it is important that we let our wider school community know about this. Below is our commitment statement.

Our school is committed to becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, embedding the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into all aspects of school life. This ensures that children's rights are actively promoted, respected, and upheld across our curriculum, policies, and daily interactions. By achieving Rights Respecting School status, we aim to foster a culture of equality, inclusion, and mutual respect, where every child feels valued and empowered to have their voice heard. Through

this initiative, pupils develop a deeper understanding of their own rights and the rights of others, helping to nurture responsible, empathetic, and globally aware citizens. Our school community will work together to uphold these principles, ensuring a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all.

You can find out more about the Award here: [unicef.uk/About_RRSA](https://www.unicef.uk/About_RRSA)

We really hope that you will support our school on our Rights Respecting journey.



Resource Request



- Wooden Palletts
- Small world toys
- Bikes

- Scooters

Things happening locally...

**THE BOURNVILLE SOCIETY**

Local history group

John Billingham
presents

Life in the 1950s
7.30pm Wednesday 1st October 2025
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Dr Michael Harrison
presents

Bournville Between the Wars
7.30pm Wednesday 5th November 2025
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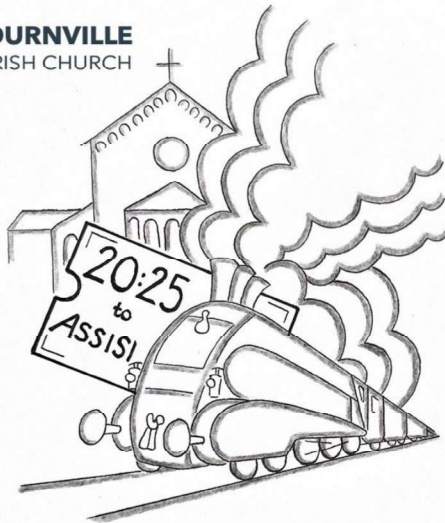
Nigel Metcalf
presents

A Victorian Christmas
7.30pm Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Dame Elizabeth Hall
off Oak Tree Lane, Bournville
Buses: 11 to Bournville Green & 27 to Woodbrooke Road
Non-members welcome £5 entrance
For further information contact the Secretary 0121 458 2547
or jenny.shardlow@gmail.com



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!



Christmas Club



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Mouzel
Cloweswood Lane
Earlswood
B94 5SE

Tel: 07787 118755

E Mail: Funexplorermichael@gmail.com



FUN FRENCH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB - 2025

Dear Parent,

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be offering our very popular Fun French Christmas holiday club this year with an option of selecting one or two days. The 'Christmas in France' extravaganza will take place on **Monday the 22nd and Tuesday the 23rd of December 2025**, allowing parents time to do some last minute Christmas shopping/preparations!

As usual, in typical Club Français fashion, it will be a fun packed day celebrating Christmas in France with a whole host of fun activities including festive games, yuletide songs, traditional French Christmas cooking, Christmas card and decoration making and much more besides!

This years' Christmas workshop will be very exciting indeed and promises to be a memorable experience for everyone!

The details of the workshops are as follows:

Venue: Woodlands Park Hall, Woodlands Park Road, Bournville, B30 1HA

Date of Work Shop: Monday 22nd of December 2025 and Tuesday 23rd December 2025

Time of Work Shop: 10.00am to 4.00pm

Cost of work Shop (Two Days): £70 (sibling discounts available on request)

Cost of work shop (One Day Only): £37.50 (again sibling discounts available)

Payments should be made by bank transfer to: HSBC (Fun Explorers), Sort Code 40-11-13, Account No 91805584 – *Please state your child's name as the reference*

In order to reserve a place, please complete and return the attached slip by email or to the above address and make the payment as instructed above— **please note that places are strictly limited and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or queries.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Meacham

Area Organiser, www.lcfclubs.com

I would like to reserve a place for my child(ren) on:
(Please circle your preferred date)

Monday 22nd of December 2025
Tuesday 23rd of December 2025
Both Days (22nd and 23rd December)

Name of Child(ren) Age(s)

Allergies

Parent/ Guardian.....

Address

Telephone No(s)

E Mail Address

Celebrations



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



Willow in Year 4

Orson in Year 2

Keziah in Year 6

Joseph in Year 1

Farida in Year 2



Nursery: Chase

Reception: Sienna

Year 1: Sebastien

Year 2: Beatrice

Year 3: Francesca

Year 4: Rosie

Year 5: Lydia

Year 6: Joshua

Star Writer



Nursery: Amelia

Reception: India

Year 1: Thea

Year 2: Nyree

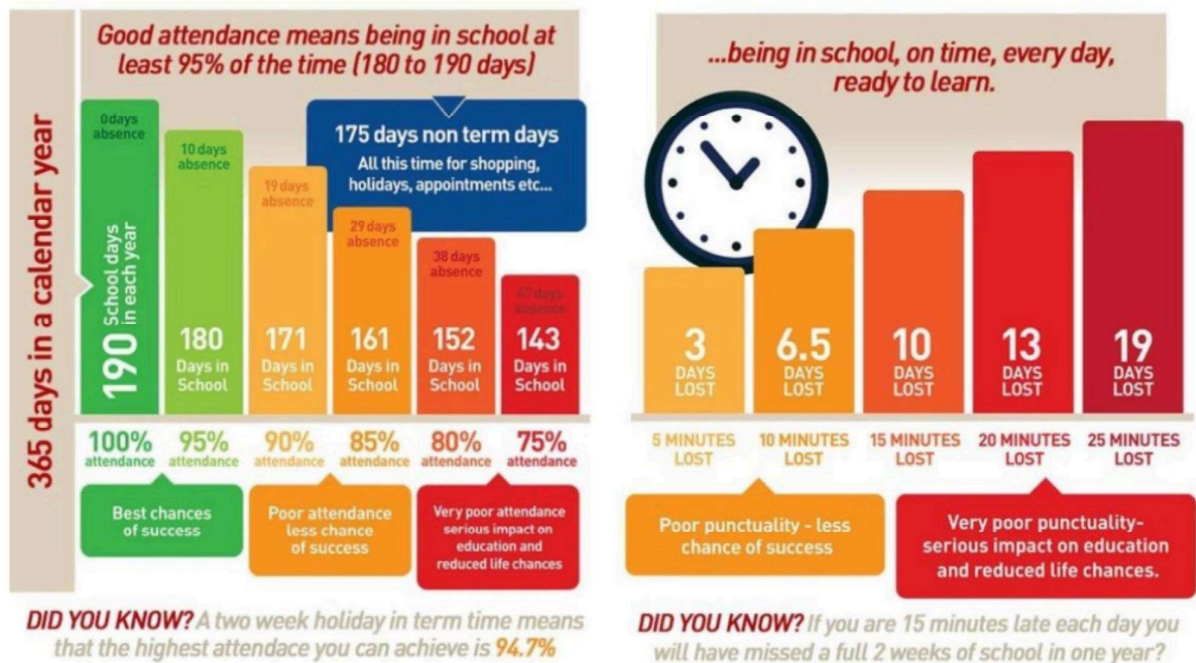
Year 3: Edward

Year 4: Beulah

Year 5: Eva

Year 6: Izzy

Attendance



Our overall winners with 98.8% attendance are Year 3!

Reception, Year 1, 4 and 5 had attendance over 96%. This is an incredible statistic!

Overall school attendance is at 97.1% for this academic year. This is a wonderful effort from everyone - lets keep it up next term.

Dojo



Year 2 are the winners of dojos this week.

Reception were 2nd and Year 6 in third

Termly Leaderboard so far...

1. *Year 4*
2. *Reception*
3. *Year 5*
4. *Year 2*
5. *Year 3*
6. *Year 6*
7. *Year 1*

Termly Class leaders so far...

Reception - Lizzy

Year 1 - Thomas

Year 2 - Luke

Year 3 - Jesse and Francesca

Year 4 - Niamh

Year 5 - Lydia

Year 6 - Josh