



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 6th March 2026

Diary Dates

Throughout March	Brain Tumour Awareness month
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents PGL Meeting 3.45 – 4.15 pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (dress-up> details tbc)
Thursday 5 th March	Yr 6 trip to Pagoda and Church
Monday 9 th March	Y1 class assembly from 9am- Lent
Monday 9 th - Friday 20 th March	Assessment week
Thursday 12 th March	STEM Day
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 class assembly from 9am- Eid
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day- non-uniform (donation made via ParentPay)
W/b 16 th March	Neurodiversity week
W/b 16 th March-Friday 17 th April	IEP Reviews
Tuesday 24 th March	Easter service for Y1-6 at St Francis Church from 9am *children to be dropped at the Church for 8:45 Stay and pray in school for Nursery from 9-10am
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents evening 3:45-6:00
Thursday 26 th March	Parents evening 3:45-6:00
Friday 27 th March	Values Champion Assembly 3:00-3:30pm
Friday 27 th March	Wear A Hat Day Cake Sale to raise money for Brain Tumour Research Last day of term
Monday 30 th March-Monday 13 th April	Easter holidays

Head Teacher update

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school.

Yesterday, we enjoyed celebrating **World Book Day**, with children accessorising their school uniform with props to represent a favourite book character. It was wonderful to see the creativity on display across the school and to hear pupils talking so enthusiastically about the books and characters they love. Events like this are a great reminder of the joy that reading can bring, and we hope the day has inspired even more conversations about books at home.

On Thursday, our **Year 6 pupils visited the Pagoda and Ark Church** as part of their learning. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore different places of worship and deepen their understanding of faith and community. They represented the school extremely well and were a credit to us throughout the trip. We've attached some pictures below.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to **Year 1's class assembly on Monday morning**. These assemblies are always a lovely opportunity for children to share their learning and growing confidence with the school community.

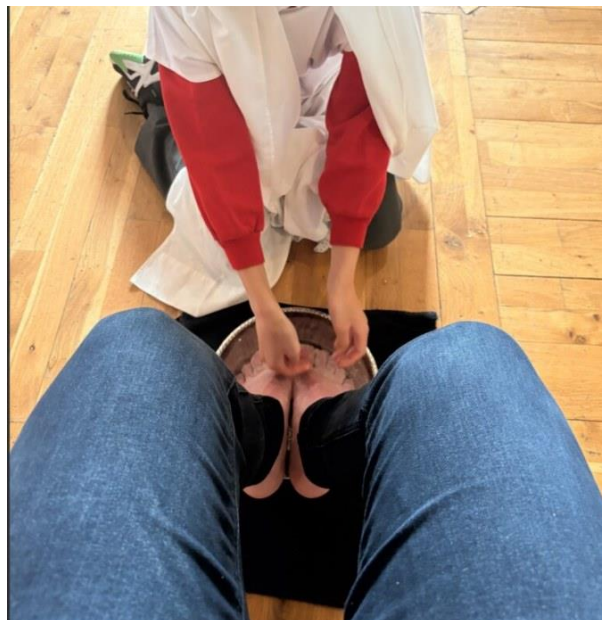
We are also excited for our **annual STEM Day next Thursday**, when pupils across the school will take part in a range of activities focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. These days are always a highlight in our calendar and provide fantastic opportunities for problem solving, creativity and collaboration.

Please remember that we have the parent exhibition after school in the hall for you to come and see the prototypes that the children have made and they can talk through what it is they have been up to. We do have two requests:

1. If you have any spare junk modelling stuff (cardboard, pringles tubes etc) then we would greatly appreciate these donations. Please bring them to Y6 at drop off or collection on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.
2. We are looking to increase our judging panel so if you know anyone who has a background (or general interest) in engineering and is available next Thursday, 2.15pm - 3.30pm, then please email into school.

Over the coming weeks we will also be holding our **SEN review meetings**. These meetings will be led by your child's **class teacher** and provide an opportunity to discuss progress, support in place and next steps. The office will be in touch with further details where relevant.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





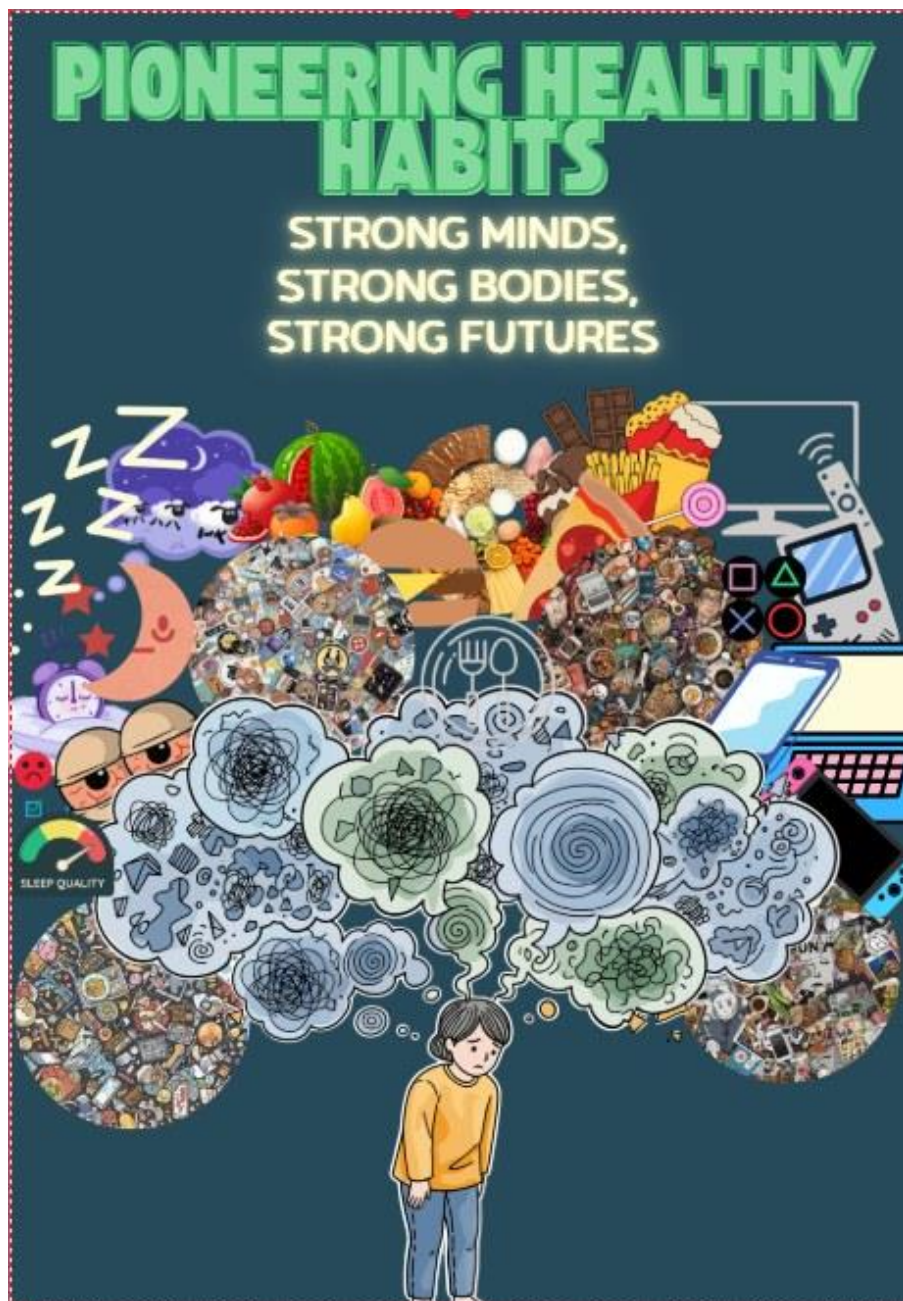


Safeguarding Assembly

This week, we held a special assembly all about keeping our children safe. We talked with the children about looking after themselves, both in how they feel and in how they act, and reminded them about following our school rules, which help everyone stay safe and happy. We also encouraged them to speak to a trusted adult—whether that’s a teacher, parent, or another grown-up—if anything ever makes them feel worried, scared, or unsure. We reassured them that asking for help is not “telling tales,” but a way of looking after themselves and others.

We also reminded children that there are always adults around who want to listen, understand, and support them. By regularly talking about safety, rules, and trusted adults, we help children feel confident and cared for, knowing that their voice matters. Our aim is for every child to feel safe, supported, and part of a school community where they can grow and thrive.

The Best Preparation for a Digital Future



"The best preparation for a digital future is an analog childhood." – Emily Cherkin

In today's world, children spend more time than ever in front of screens. While technology can be helpful, it's important for their growth and wellbeing to also enjoy hands-on, real-

world experiences. By encouraging play, creativity, and exploration away from screens, parents can help children build resilience, social skills, and confidence—qualities they will carry with them into the future.

Here are some simple ways to support an “analog childhood”:

Top Tips for an Analog Childhood:

- Set aside time for **outdoor play** – parks, gardens, or local walks.
- Encourage **imaginative games** – dress-up, role play, or storytelling.
- Try **arts and crafts** – drawing, painting, or building projects.
- Spend time **reading together** – books, comics, or shared stories.
- Engage in **hands-on learning** – cooking, gardening, or simple science experiments.
- Promote **family activities** – board games, puzzles, or shared projects.

By making space for these everyday activities, children can explore, imagine, and connect with the world around them—building the creativity, curiosity, and resilience they’ll need to thrive in both real and digital worlds.

Feeling Safe and Supported at St Francis

At St Francis, your child’s safety and happiness are at the heart of everything we do. When school and families communicate well, children feel more secure, more confident and better able to learn.

Please Keep Talking to Us

If you notice changes at home—big or small—such as worries about behaviour, friendships, wellbeing or attendance, please let us know. Early conversations help us understand what your child may need so we can support them quickly and effectively.

How We Support Children

In school, we teach children that they can always talk to a trusted adult if something makes them feel worried or unsafe. They are reminded that:

- They will always be listened to
- They won’t be in trouble for speaking up
- It is never their fault

These messages are even stronger when home and school share them together.

We’re Here to Help

You can speak to:

- Mr Cox
- Miss Mattocks
- Miss Hurved
- Miss Maxwell
- Mrs Holmes-McClure
- Mrs Ward
- Your child's class teacher
- Any trusted adult in school

Together, we can make sure every child at St Francis feels safe, supported and ready to flourish.

If your child ever needs someone to talk to outside school, **Childline (0800 1111)** is always available.

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



UK Health
Security
Agency



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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



Parents.stf@fioretti.co.uk

Communication
Creativity
Intelligence
Respect

SFS
DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

Struggling to get your child to school?

Talk to us
-we are here to help!



Grounds Development with our RHS Grant

We're delighted to share that four beautiful fruit trees, kindly donated by St Francis Church, have now been planted in our new orchard on the site where Fred the Bus used to reside. Alongside these, a native harvest hedgerow has also been established, helping to create a rich and welcoming habitat for wildlife. Huge thanks go to a wonderful local charity, Fruit & Nut Village CIO — a charity based in Birmingham growing orchards and perennial food spaces across Birmingham. We are especially grateful to Rob Tilling and his merry team of helpers for generously giving their time, expertise and hard work to support this exciting stage of our planting project. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic Year 6 children and Mr Pugh for their enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication in bringing this

new orchard area to life. This development marks an important step in improving biodiversity at school, supporting local wildlife and further enriching our outdoor learning environment. 🌱🍎🦋





Donations Request

Year 1 would be very grateful of

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Local Interest



Bournville Village Children's Festival

Saturday 27th June 2026

*We are looking for children aged between 4yrs
and 18 yrs to dance around the Maypole at this
year's Festival*

Everyone is Welcome!

*Registration is at Dame Elizabeth Hall, B30 1UA
on Monday 23rd February
between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.*

If you can't make it to registration in person contact:

Maypole Admin on 07817 323401



Bournville & Selly Oak Little League



Netball for School Years 3 to 6

Try-out sessions in a Sports Hall
with qualified beginners' instruction

**Saturday 28th February 2026
Saturday 14th March 2026
From 9:15am to 10:30am**

Come to one session on each day if you can!
Cost £5.00 per session, allowable
against the season playing fee.
Places are limited.
We may have to operate waiting lists.

**at University of Birmingham School
Weoley Park Road, Birmingham B29 6QU**

Saturday morning League matches
from 18th April to the end of term
**All abilities welcome, no
experience is necessary.**
Qualified and safe coaching (DBS checked)
Season playing fee: £25.00.



Contact details:

Mrs Dianne Barber (League Organiser)

0121 472 0114 or 07771 851903

To reserve your place, download and return our application form!



<http://www.birminghamcitynetballclub.org.uk/BSOLL/BSOLL.html>



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.



Silent Movie Night

A family-friendly show featuring

Piano accompaniment by

Vincent Byrne

Saturday 21st March 2026

7.30pm



Laurel & Hardy: Charlie Chaplin: Buster Keaton:

Liberty

Easy Street

The Goat

Tickets: £10 (Children: £6, Families: £25)

**@ Bournville Parish Church, St Francis of Assisi
Sycamore Rd, Birmingham B30 2AA**

Tickets in advance: **0121 472 7215**, or **on the door**





K@Boom Out of School Club Playworker

16 hours per week

(worked between 8.00am – 09.00am and 3.00pm – 6.00pm every weekday during term time, and between 9.00am -4.00pm during school holidays)

£12.29 per hour (if over age of 21) £10.38 if under age of 21)

The Directors of St Francis Youth and Community Centre are appointing a Playworker to join a team of colleagues that work together in ensuring the safe, effective and stimulating running of the K@Boom Out of School Club and Holiday Club.

Candidates interested in this post are encouraged to make contact with us prior to submitting an application.

For an application form or copy of the Job Description/Person Specification, please contact Carol Glynn at
parishadmin@stfrancisbourville.org.uk

Application deadline: Monday 23 March at 12pm

Interviews: Thursday 16 April

The Directors of St Francis Youth and Community Centre welcomes applications from any individuals who feel that they meet the person specification for this post. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

All post holders are expected to share this commitment. All appointments to roles undertaking regulated activity are subject to pre-appointment checks, including references and a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check.



K@Boom Out of School Club Deputy Manager

27.5 hours per week

(between 7.00-9.00 a.m. and 2.30-6.00 pm every weekday during term time, and between 8.30 am-4.00 pm during school holidays)

£14.60 per hour

The Directors of St Francis Youth and Community Centre are appointing a Deputy Manager to support the K@Boom Manager in ensuring the safe, effective and stimulating running of the K@Boom Out of School Club and Holiday Club.

To deputise for the K@Boom Manager in their absence.

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Happy Birthday to those with birthdays this week



Just Dotty Y4



Star of the Week



Nursery - Teddy - for growing in confidence and enjoying his new friendships. Well done Teddy :)

Reception - Isobel - for trying your absolute hardest to be honest, even when it is tricky. You have been an excellent role model this week, telling the truth and making good choices even if you were worried you might be in the wrong - Keep it up!

Year 1 - Darcey - For always trying so hard to be honest and do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Year 2 - William – for choosing to do the right thing and trying his hardest to take responsibility for his learning, even when he finds it tricky. Keep up the great work, William!



Year 3 - Tom - for always working hard in your lessons and trying to challenge yourself. Well done Tom!

Year 4 - Adelia- for showing integrity in both her work and actions.

Year 5 - Theo - for working hard to ensure that he is always truthful in his actions and words, even when it may prove challenging.

Year 6 - Clara - for consistently making the right choice inside and outside the classroom and throughout the school day.

Star Writer



Nursery - Indie

Reception - Bobbie-Rose

Year 1 - Sebastian

Year 2 - Matilda

Year 3 - Levi

Year 4 - Max

Year 5 - Idris

Year 6 - Ava

Attendance Champions



Attendance Champions

- **Overall Winners (100% Attendance):** Nursery

- **Over 96% Attendance:** ✓ Year 1 ✓ Year 2 ✓ Year 3 ✓ Year 4 ✓ Year 5 ✓
Reception

Whole School Attendance:

96.5% for the academic year so far!

Dojo



Dojo Winners This Week

1. Year 5
2. Year 3
3. Year 4

Scan, support, and help Willow make a difference

We are incredibly proud to share that Willow is taking on a truly inspiring challenge this year. She has bravely chosen to cut 10–12 inches of her hair to donate towards making wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or medical conditions.

This thoughtful act of kindness will help bring confidence and comfort to young people facing difficult journeys. To support Willow, we kindly ask our school community to get involved, if they can. Posters will be placed in the collection area windows, and parents can simply scan the QR code displayed to visit the donation page. Any contribution, big or small, will help Willow make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for supporting her incredible effort and helping raise funds for this wonderful charity.

WILLOWS JOURNEY TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Willow is 7 years old, she has decided she wants to donate 10-12 inches of her hair to help make wigs for children with cancer to make them feel happy.

Willow is a happy lively little girl who loves to help others in any way she can. She is hoping to raise as much money as possible to create wigs for little girls who have sadly lost their hair due to treatment.



Willows hair will be cut on
September 13th 2026



SCAN THE QR
CODE TO DONATE
TODAY

MATT'S MISSION

CHILDRENS CHARITY

IS AN AMAZING CHARITY FOUNDED IN 2011 BY MATT FINNING. HIS CHARITY HAS THE INSPIRATION AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER.

WE SUPPORT

RESEARCH IN CHILDREN WITH CANCER & SPECIAL NEEDS.

OUR AIM

MAKE SMILES GLOW & THE CHARITY BUCKLES UP BY GIVING THEM WIGS, HATS, SCARVES & SPECIAL GIFTS ARE OFTEN COMED OUT WITH GIFTS.

BE A VOLUNTEER

IF YOU CAN PUT ON AN EYEBROW OR TAKE PART IN A CHALLENGE OR SPONSOR THE CHARITY BY DONING THEM WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CONTACT@MATTSMISSION.CO.UK
01773 4476 2005

DONATE

TEXT MSSION AND AMOUNT TO 70440 OR SCAN THE QR CODE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Awards



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