



St Francis CE Primary School & Nursery



Friday 20th March 2026

Diary Dates

Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day- non-uniform (donation made via Arbor School Shop)
W/b 16 th March	Neurodiversity week
W/b 16 th March-Friday 17 th April	IEP Reviews
Monday 23 rd March	Area Gala
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
Monday 13 th April	School re-opens to pupils for summer term
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th April	Stephen Lawrence Week
Friday 24 th April	Year 6 attending talk at St. Laurence School with Stuart Lawrence (The Late Stephen Lawrence's brother)
Throughout May	Mental Health Awareness Month

Head Teacher update

Dear parents and carers, This week has been another busy and productive one across school. Our children have approached **Assessment Week** with maturity and resilience, demonstrating all that they have learned so far this year. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and effort. We also enjoyed a fantastic **Year 3 class assembly**, where the children confidently shared their learning and really showcased their growing confidence and teamwork – well done to all involved. Today, we came together to support **Red Nose Day**, with children embracing the opportunity to have fun while raising money for an important cause. Thank you for your generosity and support. Donations can still be made via Arbor. Throughout the week, staff have been completing **IEP reviews**, ensuring that provision for pupils with additional needs remains carefully tailored and impactful. Alongside this, we have been marking **Neurodiversity Week**, celebrating the uniqueness of every learner and continuing to build a culture of understanding, inclusion and respect. Looking ahead to next week, we have lots to look forward to:

- We will be attending our **Easter Service at St Francis Church on Tuesday**- children in Y1-Y6 should be dropped at Church for 08:45am. Any children attending Fledglings should be dropped off by 08:15am so that staff can walk the children down to church. Children in Nursery and Reception will be staying in school for 'stay and pray' which parents are welcome to join us for.
- We have **Parents' Evenings** on Wednesday and Thursday
- We will be celebrating **Wear a Hat Day** on Friday, so children are invited to accessorise their uniform with their hat of choice in memory of Ben. Donations to Brain Tumour Research can be made via Arbor.

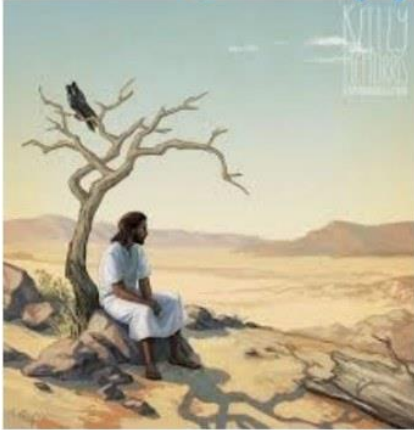
- We will be coming together for our **Values Ambassador Assembly**, where we will be focusing on the value of *integrity*.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship on Monday, we explored the story of Daniel from Daniel 1, focusing on how Daniel and his friends showed courage and conviction by standing up for what they believed in, even when it would have been easier to simply follow others. We reflected on how Daniel chose to remain true to his values, making respectful but firm decisions that aligned with his beliefs. This provided a powerful opportunity for us to think about our own choices and the importance of doing the right thing, even when no one is watching or when it feels difficult. This links closely to our school value of **integrity** — being honest, making good choices, and staying true to who we are. We encouraged the children to consider how they can demonstrate integrity in their everyday actions, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or at home. Dear God, Thank you for the story of Daniel, who showed courage and stood up for what he believed in. Help us to be like Daniel, making the right choices even when it is difficult or when others may choose differently. Give us the strength to show integrity in our words and actions — to be honest, kind and true to what is right, both in school and at home. Help us to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. Guide us to support one another and to be brave in standing up for what we know is good and fair. Amen

Integrity



'Jesus is tempted in the desert' Matthew 4: 1-11

We are working to do what is right, not only in the eyes of God but also in the eyes of each other.

Corinthians 8:21

Area Gala - Monday 23rd March



We are delighted to share details for the upcoming Area Gala taking place on Monday 23rd March. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard, and we are very much looking forward to a wonderful evening of music and celebration.

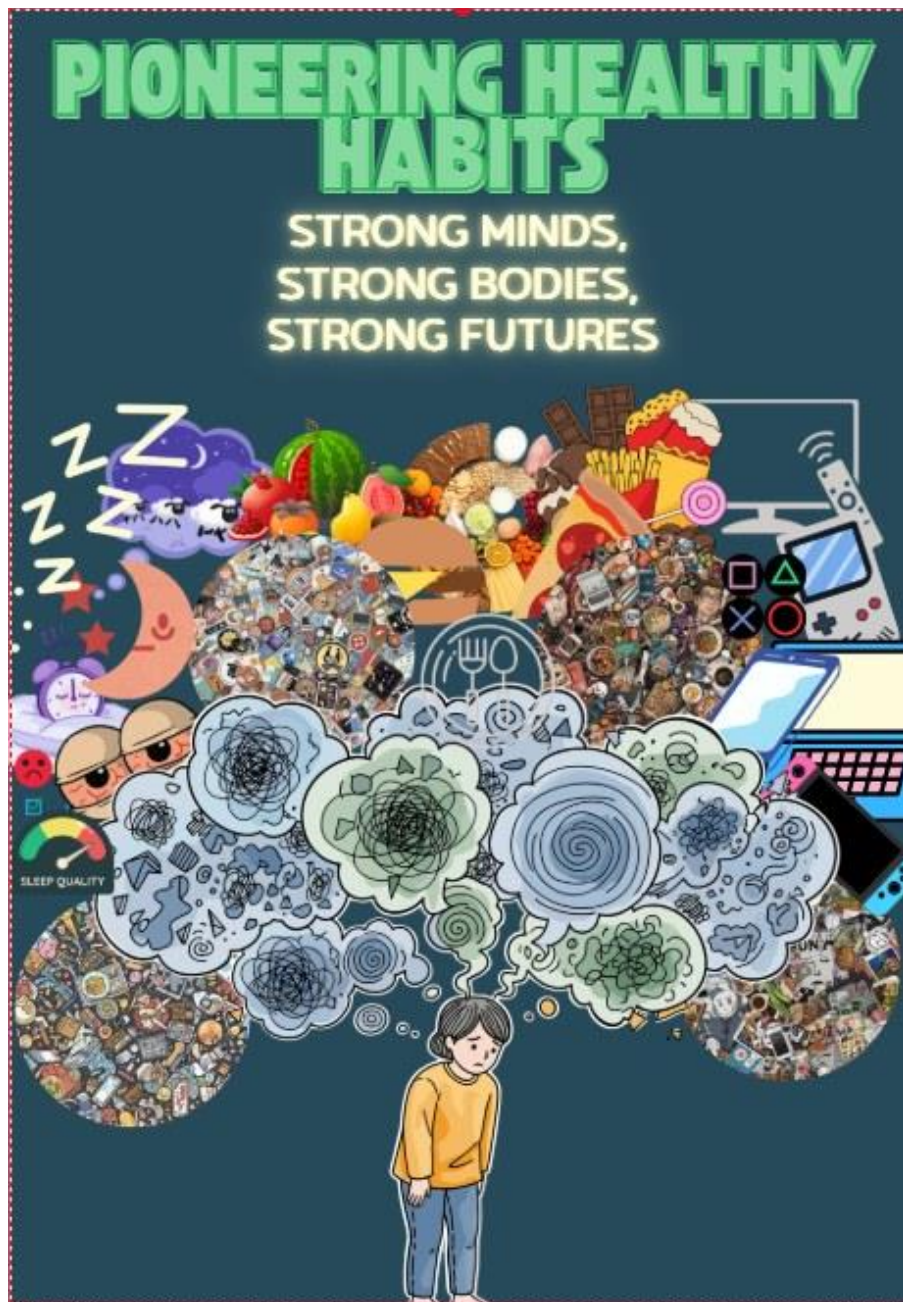
Children taking part may be **collected from school at 3:00pm**. Please ensure they **arrive at the venue by 4:00pm**, meeting inside the main entrance where staff will be ready to greet them.

To help keep children comfortable and settled during the event, please send them with a packed tea and something small and quiet to do, such as a book or a simple card game. Kindly note that electronic devices are not permitted.

All participating children must bring their instrument, music, and attend in full school uniform.

We are very proud of our pupils and look forward to seeing them shine at this special event. Thank you for your continued support.

Why Some Tech Leaders Set Screen-Time Boundaries at Home



Across Silicon Valley, many well-known technology innovators choose to set clear boundaries around their children's device use. While their approaches vary, interviews and reports suggest that these decisions are often based on personal family values, routines, and an understanding of how digital tools can shape children's daily habits. Their choices don't reject technology—they simply reflect a desire for balance.

Early Examples: Steve Jobs and Bill Gates

Reports have highlighted that **Steve Jobs** encouraged device-free family dinners and set limits on iPad use at home.

Similarly, **Bill and Melinda Gates** waited until their children were 14 before allowing them smartphones and introduced shared-space computer use and evening screen-time cutoffs.

For both families, these choices were less about avoiding technology and more about supporting routines that worked for them.

How Other Tech Leaders Approach Digital Balance

A number of other tech executives have talked about creating structure around digital tools at home:

- **Chris Anderson** described setting firm boundaries to help guide his children's tech use.
- **Evan Williams** encouraged reading by providing many physical books alongside digital options.
- **Mark Cuban** uses parental controls and set times for turning in devices, tailoring routines to his family's needs.
- **Sundar Pichai** has spoken about maintaining consistent expectations for technology use at home.

These examples show a shared emphasis on thoughtful, intentional tech use rather than avoidance.

More Recent Perspectives

This balanced approach continues with today's tech leaders:

- **YouTube CEO Neal Mohan** has said his family uses moderation—stricter limits on weekdays, more flexibility on weekends.
- **Mark Zuckerberg** highlights the importance of critical thinking and meaningful engagement rather than restricting devices outright.
- **Sam Altman** has spoken about integrating technology carefully so that it supports, rather than replaces, healthy relationships and routines.

Again, these approaches focus on balance and intentionality.

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.gov.uk/love



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>.




Struggling to get your
child to school?

Talk to us

-we are here to help!



Extra Curricular Activities - Summer Term 1



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

SUMMER TERM		2026	
MONDAY	3.30PM	3.30PM	3.30PM
	KS2	KS1	KS1 & 2
TUESDAY	RUGBY	FRENCH	STEM
	FIELD	Y1 CLASS	Y4 CLASS
WEDNESDAY	3.30PM	3.30PM	
	KS2	KS2	
THURSDAY	NETBALL*	TENNIS*	
	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	
FRIDAY	8.15 AM	3.30PM	
	CHOIR	CONCERT	
SATURDAY	LIBRARY/ MUSIC ROOM	BAND	
		Y3 CLASS	
SUNDAY	3.30 PM	3.30 PM	3.30 PM
	GARDENING	STARDUST	Y5 & 6 BOYS
MONDAY	CLUB	DANCE CLUB	FOOTBALL
	QUAD	HALL	FIELD
TUESDAY	3.30 PM	3.30 PM	
	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Y1 - 3	
WEDNESDAY	GIRLS	MARTIAL ARTS	
	FOOTBALL	HALL	
THURSDAY	FIELD/ PLAYGROUND		




ELEVATE
 PERFORMANCE ACADEMY
RUGBY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
EVERY MONDAY
15.30 - 16.30
KS2
13TH APRIL - 6TH JULY
[HTTPS://WWW.ELEVATE-PERFORMANCE.UK](https://www.elevate-performance.uk)

@TINKERTIGERS
 TO BOOK A PLACE VISIT
 WWW.TINKERTIGERS.CO.UK/STORE/SCHOOLS
 & SELECT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL
 WWW.TINKERTIGERS.CO.UK
 TINKERTIGERSLTD@GMAIL.COM
 DATES/TIMES:
 STARTS W/C 13TH APRIL 2026
 KS1 & KS2: EVERY MONDAY 3:30-4:30PM
 6 SESSIONS - £58 PER CHILD (BEFORE HALF-TERM)
STEM
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
 LEARN THE SKILLS FOR A FUTURE IN STEM

LCF Fun Language/Fun Explorers
 Mouzel
 Cloweswood Lane
 Earlowood
 B94 5SE
 Tel: 07787 118755
 E Mail: Funexplorermichael@gmail.com

Fun French Club At St Francis Primary School – Summer Term Places Now Available!

We are currently running a very exciting Fun French after school club for the St Francis Primary school children and will have a limited number of places available for the Summer Term. The sessions take place on the school premises immediately after school every **Monday** and last for one hour.

The sessions will once again be taken at the school by the very popular Madame Aureole and are thoroughly enjoyed by the children who are currently attending. Le Club Français offers:

- Small Informal Groups
- Only £6.00 per week
- End of Year Certificate and Presentation
- A professionally designed Summer Term program suitable for all levels
- Fun activity based learning methods ie games, songs, drama, stories, role play
- FREE membership to our fantastic interactive Babelzone learning site – normally £69.00
- Resources including CD's, Flash Cards, on line games and activity sheets
- Quality and Experienced Fun teachers – all DBS checked

If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please complete and return the attached reply slip to the school office or ourselves at the above address as soon as possible as available places are limited and will be offered on a **first come, first serve basis**.

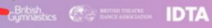
I would like to reserve a place for my child(ren) on the Summer Term Fun French Club from **Monday 13th April 2026**

St Francis Primary French Club

Name of Child(ren) _____ Age(s) _____
 Class(es) _____
 Parent/ Guardian _____
 Address _____
 _____ Telephone No _____
 E Mail address _____



Carla - 07957 283 808 Beccy - 07958 791 809
 Email - info@stardustdance.net
www.stardustdance.net
 Facebook - Carla Cameron (Stardust Dance)
 Insta - @stardustdance



**St Francis C of E Primary School
 Extra Curricular Dance Club**

We are pleased to be able to offer the children in years 3 - 6, the chance to join our **extra-curricular** Dance club. Dance club will be held in your school hall, straight after school, on Thursdays until 4.30pm. The club will continue to run each term. Dancers have the opportunity to perform in our annual shows and they will learn technique and routines, in a fun and supportive environment.

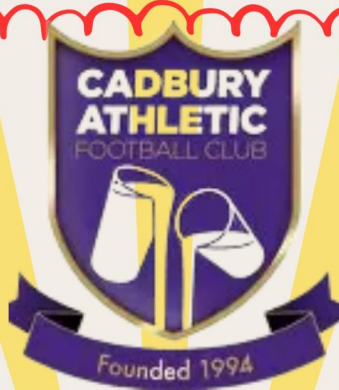
Club	Dates this term	Time	Classes	Cost
Thursdays Dance	1 st May - 17 th July	3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 3 - 6	£62.50 or £43.00 each half term

To **book** your child, please register them at <https://stardust-dance-academy.class4kids.co.uk>

Please pay the term fees by BACs (please reference your child's name and school. For example, S Smith St Fr). Please note that if you pay through class4kids, they add on an additional charge, so please make your payment by BACs.
 Account name: Stardust Dance
 Sort code: 40 41 27. Account number: 71522744

For any enquiries, please email info@stardustdance.net

Many thanks,
 Stardust Dance Academy.



Y5 & Y6 Boys Football Club –
 Cadbury Athletic @ St Francis CE
 Primary School & Nursery



Founded 1994

HOPEFULLY COMING SOON TO
ST FRANCIS CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY!



WITH HEAD INSTRUCTOR LEIGH SIMMS

WHAT'S PLANNED

- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Fun, practical self-defence
- ✓ Positive behaviour or respect

Suitable for ages 5-8
 (KS1 & lower KS2 mix workable).

- Safety & credentials



PROPOSED DAY
FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

(3.30pm start in the main School hall - children escorted by SLT)

Leigh is currently confirming availability and will give a final yes by FRIDAY.

PRICE

Expected pricing (from instructor).

£7 - 5 per child per session.
 (Parents would book directly with Leigh)

WHAT CHILDREN NEED

- Comfortable sports-wear or PE kit
 - Water bottle
- NO specialist equipment required for beginners.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If your child would be interested in joining please let grant inours and move ahead.

SAFETY & CREDENTIALS

- Instructor holds current DRS
- Full indemnity insurance
- Experienced martial arts teacher working in multiple Birmingham schools

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Leigh Simms is a highly experienced martial arts and self-defence instructor working with schools across Birmingham. His sessions build confidence, resilience and practical awareness in a fun, structured environment.

www.birmingham-martialarts.com/kids-karatetokjudo-birmingham



Extra-curricular Clubs Information

We are delighted to offer a wide range of extracurricular clubs for our pupils this term. Details of each club can be found in the sections above.

Please note that some clubs are run by external providers, while others are delivered in-house by school staff.

External Provider Clubs

The following clubs are run by external companies. If you wish to book your child onto any of these activities, please refer to the contact details listed above for each provider:

- Rugby
- French
- Dance
- Boys' Football
- Martial Arts
- In-House Clubs

The following clubs are run by school staff and will be managed internally:

- Netball
- Tennis
- Choir
- Gardening Club
- Girls' Football

Please also note that Concert Band is by invitation only.

Sign-up and Payment Information


All sign-up and payments for in-house clubs will be managed through Arbor. Please ensure payment is made in advance. Failure to make payment will result in your child being removed from the club, and their place may be offered to another pupil, as spaces are limited.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your child's place in a club, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

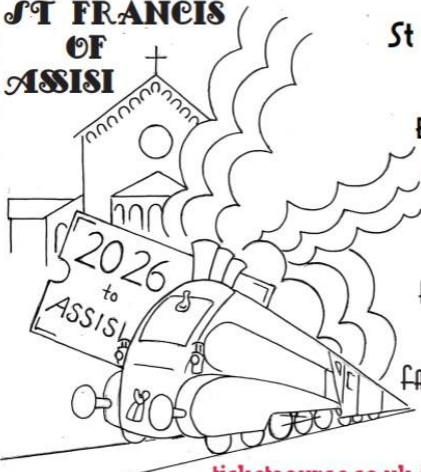
- Refunds cannot be guaranteed and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- If a child withdraws once a club has started, their place may be given to another pupil on the waiting list.
- In the event a club is cancelled by the school or provider, parents will be notified and refunds or rescheduled sessions will be arranged where possible.

Local Interest

Coming to a platform near you . . . 

The 20:26 to Assisi

IN THE 800TH YEAR OF HIS DEATH
DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



7pm Friday
10th April
2:30pm Sat
11th April


St Francis' Church
Bournville
B30 2AA

TICKETS
ADULTS - £8
U17 - £5
FAMILIES - £20

Booking:
ticketsource.co.uk/st-francis

A new play by
Malcolm Morse

Box Office:
0333 666 33 66



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>



**BIRMINGHAM
CITY** MORE THAN FOOTBALL
FOUNDATION

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**



Happy Birthday to those with birthdays this week



Harry in Year 5

Tilly in Year 2

Phoebe in Year 1



Star of the Week



Nursery - Jedidiah- For trying really hard to do the right thing and being engaged in his learning. Well done Jedidiah :)

Reception - Phoenix- For always trying your hardest to take part in our learning and do the right thing even if it is a bit tricky and you might not want to! We are very proud of you, Phoenix.

Year 1 - Khaleb- For always doing the right thing and showing integrity in his actions

Year 2 - Niviah- For showing great integrity by always trying your best, joining in with your learning, and choosing to do the right thing even when it feels tricky.

Year 3 - Laith- For trying his hardest with all of our learning this week. Well done Laith!

Year 4 - Isabella- For showing integrity in both her work and actions.

Year 5 - Harry- For always choosing to do what is right, even when it appears that no one is watching.

Year 6 - Seb- For Consistently making the right choice in all he does in and out of the classroom and choosing to do so because it is the right thing to do.

Star Writer



Nursery - Noah

Reception - Delilah

Year 1 - Diana

Year 2 - Rio

Year 3 - Theo

Year 4 - Mhairi

Year 5 - Georgia

Year 6 - Billy

Writers Spotlight



Writers Spotlight

Every so often, someone in our community reminds us what it truly means to be a changemaker. Today, we're celebrating **Agnes**, whose determination, curiosity, and powerful voice have made a real-world impact — one that deserves a round of applause.

Recently, Agnes learned about the environmental impact that large companies can have on our planet. Instead of simply accepting what she heard, she decided to take the next step: **writing directly to Mondelēz International** — the global company behind some of the world's most popular snacks — to ask about their **carbon footprint** and what they're doing to protect the environment.

And guess what?

They wrote back.

That's right — Agnes's thoughtful message reached the company, and her question was important enough that Mondelēz responded with information about their sustainability efforts. Her courage to speak up shows that **every voice matters**, no matter your age or your audience. Change often begins with a single question, and Agnes asked hers boldly.

Agnes didn't just speak up — she represented all of us with kindness, intelligence, and passion. Her curiosity inspired action. Her voice inspired conversation. And her letter inspired all of us to think about what *we* can do next.

We are incredibly proud of your initiative, your writing, and your courage. Thank you for reminding us that when we care about something, we should never be afraid to speak up. You showed us that one letter can start a ripple — and that ripple can help build a better world.

Keep shining. Keep asking questions. And keep making a difference.

Attendance Champions



Attendance Champions

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

Whole School Attendance:

96.6% for the academic year so far!

Dojo



Dojo Winners This Week

1. Year 4
2. Year 2
3. Reception

Celebrating Clara's Achievement at the British Schools Judo Championships

Clara proudly represented both St Francis and her club, Stewart Judo Academy, at the British Schools Judo Championships, held at the Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

This prestigious event welcomed around 750 young judoka from schools across Britain. Competing in the Years 6 & 7 Under-44kg category, Clara placed 7th out of 15 contestants—a fantastic accomplishment and one she should be immensely proud of. We certainly are!

Across four bouts, Clara secured two impressive wins and showed great resilience in overcoming a few nerves along the way.

Clara may be a little shy about the spotlight, but her dedication, courage, and hard work deserve to be recognised and celebrated.





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



Awards



2025 – 2027



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Schools**

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**Bronze
Rights Committed**