



TUESDAY NEWS

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20th October 2026

Vision: "You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do." (Matthew 5:16)

Mission: Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God.



Catholic Life and Collective Worship



Our KS1 children played a special part in the parish Mass on Sunday 18th October, confidently leading the readings and sharing a Communion reflection based on the Gospel of Matthew: "Give to God what belongs to God." This Gospel reminds us that, while we have responsibilities in our everyday lives, we should always make room for God in our hearts. For children, this means showing love, kindness and respect to others, being thankful for all that God has given us, and making choices that reflect our faith. We can give something back to God by the way we treat others, help those in need and share our gifts and talents. The children spoke beautifully and confidently throughout the Mass, representing our school and parish with great pride. It was wonderful to hear so many members of the parish speak so positively about the children's involvement and the important contribution they made to the celebration. We are incredibly proud of our KS1 children for sharing their faith so confidently and helping to bring the Gospel message to life for our parish community. Well done to everyone involved!



Our virtue is CITIZENSHIP.

Our virtue to live by:
I am a good citizen. I show love for my neighbour through my actions.

The Romans arrive at St Francis



Year 4 travelled back in time for an exciting Roman experience day! The children had the opportunity to handle fascinating Roman artefacts, try on Roman armour and discover what life was really like for soldiers in the Roman army. They learnt about the Roman invasion of Britain, explored how Roman soldiers lived and worked, and discovered more about the impact the Romans had on Britain. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought our history topic to life and sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 4, for being such enthusiastic historians!



COMING UP SOON...

Friday 23rd October-School closes (1 week)
Tuesday 3rd November- School reopens to pupils.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Rory in Y1 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for working hard with your reading this week.



Teacher Training Days – Monday 2nd November and Friday 27th November. School will be CLOSED to all children.

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week

FS1: Siguard FS2: Harper

Y1: Zofia Y2: Delilah

Y3: Hooriyah Y4: Oliver Y5: Amiyah

Y6: All of Y6



NOTICES

Headteacher Award: Jamal



Diary Dates

Wednesday	21 st October	09:30am	Y4	Mass in Church
Friday	23 rd October	3:15pm	All	Break Up
Tuesday	3 rd November	08:40am	All	Return to school
Wednesday	11 th November	09:30am	Y6	Mass in Church
Friday	13 th November	9am	Y6	Performance Poetry
Friday	20 th November	9am	Y5	Performance Poetry
Wednesday	25 th November	09:30am	Y3	Mass in Church

Early Closing – End of Full Terms

Following Governor approval, school will close slightly earlier on the final day of each full term this year:

- 18 December – 1:30pm
- 24 March – 1:30pm
- 21 July – 2:00pm

This is to help families start longer journeys or holidays a little earlier and, importantly, to support strong attendance by reducing the need for children to miss full school days for travel.

Children will still receive their full learning entitlement across the school year.

Christmas Fair

ST FRANCIS PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAVE THE DATE–start the festive season with our wonderful Parish Christmas Fair at St Francis School! ❤️

Join us for a fun-filled day of Christmas cheer, festive treats and community spirit! 🎅 🌲

🎁 Christmas gifts and festive stalls

🍰 Delicious cakes and treats

🌲 Christmas fun for all the family

❤️ Bring your family, invite your friends and come along to enjoy the magic of Christmas while supporting our wonderful parish community.

📅 When: Sunday 29th November

🕒 Time: 10am–3pm

🎅 🌲 Everyone is welcome! We can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you!

#StFrancisChristmasFair #ParishCommunity
#ChristmasIsComing #FestiveFun 🌲 ❤️



Poppy Appeal



As we approach Remembrance Day, we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal and remembering the service and sacrifice of those who have served and continue to serve our country. Poppies and a range of other poppy-related items are available to purchase from the Main Office. We invite families to support this important cause by purchasing an item and making a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we come together as a school community to remember and honour those who have given so much for others.

"Lest we forget."

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO ATTEND A MEDICAL OR DENTAL APPOINTMENT, THIS CAN BE COUNTED AS AUTHORISED ABSENCE AS LONG AS THE PUPIL'S PARENT NOTIFIES THE SCHOOL IN ADVANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT (UNLESS AN EMERGENCY) AND PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF THE APPOINTMENT TAKING PLACE DURING SCHOOL HOURS. EVIDENCE MUST BE PROVIDED IN ORDER FOR THE ABSENCE TO BE AUTHORISED!

PLEASE TRY TO MAKE MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS WHERE POSSIBLE. WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE PUPIL SHOULD BE OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY.



New attendance email address!

We now have a dedicated attendance email address -
attendance@fra.bcwcat.co.uk

Please use this email address going forward to report any absence and provide evidence of medical appointments or leave of absence.