



TUESDAY NEWS

Headteacher: Mrs A. Wilkinson
Senior Assistant Headteacher: Mrs V. Needs
Assistant Headteacher: Mrs B. Crowther

6th 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 A Warm Welcome to Mr Wilkinson



We are delighted to welcome Mr Wilkinson to St Francis Catholic Primary School, who will be supporting our school community as Headteacher whilst Mrs Haines is on adoption leave.

Last week, we had the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful contribution Mrs Haines has made to the lives of our children and to the wider life and community of St Francis. We marked this special occasion with a beautiful Mass, giving thanks for all that she has done for our school. Mrs Haines is coming back! We wish her and her family every happiness as they enjoy this precious time together, and we look forward to welcoming her back to St Francis in the future.



Mass with Bishop Marcus

This week, our children also had the wonderful opportunity to visit Leeds Cathedral for a special St Francis Feast Day Mass, led by Bishop Marcus, alongside children and staff from other St Francis schools across the Bradford and Leeds area.

Our children were a real credit to St Francis and their families. They represented our school beautifully, showing respect, reverence and excellent behaviour throughout the celebration. We were particularly proud to receive lots of positive comments from members of the public about how wonderfully the children conducted themselves.



COMING UP SOON...

Monday 12th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 15th October Parent's Evening 3:30- 7:30pm
Friday 16th October- Performance Poetry at 9am

Sunday 18th October-KS1 Family Mass in Church (11am)
Friday 23rd October-School closes (1 week)

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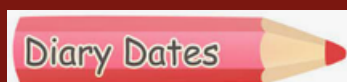


Our virtue is CITIZENSHIP.

Our virtue to live by:

I am a good citizen. I show love for my neighbour through my actions.

Due to our celebration Mass for St Francis Feast Day, no merit worship took place last week. Awards will return on Friday 9th October at the usual time of 9am ✨



Monday	12 th October	3:30-5:30pm	All	Parent Consultations
Thursday	15 th October	3:30-7:30pm	All	Parent Consultations
Friday	16 th October	9am	Y5	Performance Poetry
Sunday	18 th October	11am	KS1	Family Mass in church
Friday	23 rd October	3:15pm	All	Break Up
Tuesday	3 rd November	8:40am	All	Return to school

Early Closing – End of Full Terms

As stated in Mrs Haines' letter last week, 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.

Teacher Training Day – Friday 27th November. School will be CLOSED to all children.

NOTICES

Art Competition

Bradford Council's Christmas Card Competition is back! This year's theme is 'A Child's Christmas'.

🎨 Create an eye-catching drawing, painting, collage or photograph showing what Christmas means to you – a local Bradford touch would be brilliant!

- ★ No words – image only
- ★ Open to all year groups
- ★ School will select 20 entries to send to the competition
- ★ Winners receive a prize and certificate and their design will become an official electronic Christmas card!

 Please return entries to school by Tuesday 20th October.

Get creative – we can't wait to see your designs! 🎄 ✨

A polite reminder about parking

Our school car park is for staff and Blue Badge holders only. Please do not use the car park for drop-off or collection. Parents and carers should use the available on-street parking, taking care not to park on the zig-zag markings outside school. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe at busy times.





YOUR SCHOOL PFA NEEDS YOU — WE CANNOT KEEP GOING WITHOUT MORE HELP



Dear parents and carers,

Our PFA is currently run by a very small group of volunteers, and the same few people cannot continue to carry every event and fundraising project. This is not sustainable. We urgently need more parents and carers to join our team.

The money we raise makes a real difference to your children and to families across our school. During the 2025–26 school year, we contributed £3,517 towards school trips, helping to reduce the amount parents had to pay.

We have also recently funded playground equipment, scooter helmets and a scooter shed, providing resources for our children to enjoy.

Without volunteers, fundraising cannot happen. Without fundraising, our support towards the cost of school trips will have to stop, and we will be unable to continue funding these additional resources. We know family life is busy. We are not asking you to give up hours every week. Helping at just one or two events a year would make a huge difference. You do not need any experience — just a willingness to get involved.

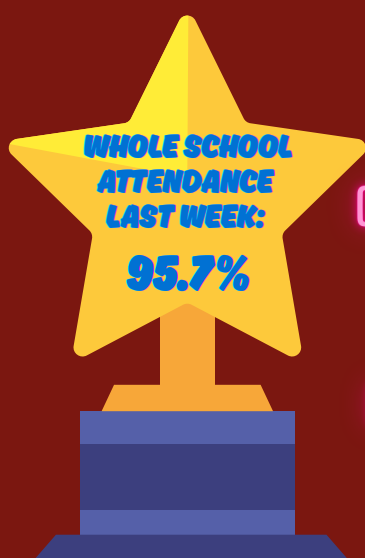
We already have three discos planned, all of which will need volunteers, alongside other projects coming up.

Helping to set up, run a stall, serve refreshments or tidy away are all practical ways you can support us. Please don't assume someone else will step forward. At the moment, there simply aren't enough of us.

If you value the support the PFA provides, please help us keep it going. Contact the PFA at pfa@fra.bcwcac.co.uk or the school office to let us know you can help — even if you can only commit to one event.

♥ An event or two of your time could help us continue making a difference for every child in our school.

Thank you,
The PFA Team



LET'S CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN IN NURSERY, YEAR 4 & YEAR 5 WHO HAD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 98.4% EXCELLENT!

RECEPTION, YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 WERE ALSO VERY CLOSE WITH OVER 97% WELL DONE!

New attendance email address!

We now have a dedicated attendance email address - **attendance@fra.bcwcac.co.uk**
Please use this email address going forward to report any absence and provide evidence of medical appointments or leave of absence.

