



TUESDAY NEWS

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



28th September 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



Harvest Festival

Yesterday, we gathered together as a whole school for our Harvest Festival, giving thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given. Our wonderful school chaplains prepared the worship table and led us beautifully through the prayers and readings, helping everyone to reflect on the meaning of Harvest.

We listened to Jesus' words, "I was hungry and you gave me food," and thought about how being thankful should also inspire us to notice and help others.

A huge thank you to all our families who generously donated food for Bradford North Foodbank. Our Harvest mission this week is simple: Notice. Thank. Share. We are incredibly grateful for what we have and proud to be a school community that shares God's goodness with others.



Our new virtue is CITIZENSHIP.

Our virtue to live by:

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



As part of our reflections on this virtue, we will hear all about the work of David Attenborough as inspiration.



St Francis Feast Day Mass

We will celebrate our wonderful patron saint with a special Feast Day Mass in school on Friday 2nd October at 9:30am, in place of our usual parish Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to join us!

This year has also been declared the Year of St Francis by Pope Leo XIV, and Bishop Marcus has invited us to join the other two St Francis schools in our Diocese for a special Mass at Leeds Cathedral on Tuesday 6th October. Our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will represent our school – it promises to be a very special occasion celebrating our shared Franciscan faith and identity.



COMING UP SOON...

Wednesday 30th September
FS2 Come Dine With Me

Wednesday 7th Oct–9th Oct
Y6 residential to Winmarleigh

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CONGRATULATIONS to Vogue in FS2 for receiving the Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award for making such amazing progress since starting Reception! Although she found the first few days a little tricky, she has grown in confidence so much and is now settling into school life brilliantly. She comes into school ready for all the fun, learning and adventures of the day, and it is lovely to see her happy little personality shining through. We are so proud of you, Vogue! ✨

CONGRATULATIONS to Hephzibah in Y1 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for being a fantastic reader and having a brilliant week with her phonics and guided reading. Hephzibah gets straight into her books and reads with focus and determination. When she comes across a tricky word, she uses her phonics and segmenting fingers to help her until she cracks it! We are very impressed!



WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week

FS1: Momina FS2: Zachary Y1: Stephanie S Y2: Sigmund
Y3: Alleyna Y4: Taelor Y5: Ishaan



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Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday	30 th September	11am-12pm	FS2 (Reception)	Come Dine With Me
Wednesday	7 th October (until Friday 9 th October)	TBC	Y6	Winmarleigh Hall Residential
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

Come Dine With Me

This event will return for all classes this year starting with Reception Class on Wednesday 30th September. Parents/carers are invited to come and watch a short phonics session at 11am and then go and have lunch with their child in the dinner hall. A link has been sent out by the school office to book on to this event.

Early Closing – End of Full Terms

As stated in Mrs Haines' letter earlier today, 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.

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.



The PFA are holding their first meeting of the year in which all the events are agreed and dates are put into the school diary. EVERYONE is welcome to attend this, either to be a regular member or to offer a helping hand at events when possible. Please follow St Francis PFA on Facebook to keep up to date with all fundraising events.

The Book fair will be in school from 6th-16th October in the small hall – available before/after school and during both parents evenings.

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

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL TOGETHER

PEOPLE FRIENDS ACTION
A STRONGER SCHOOL TOGETHER

PFA MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME!

New and existing members and children can come too!

WEDNESDAY
1st OCTOBER

3:30pm

School's Small Hall

Come along to find out more about the PFA, share ideas, help plan future events and support our school community.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AVAILABLE

REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

★ PEOPLE ★ FRIENDS ★ ACTION

LET'S CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 WHO HAD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 99.3% EXCELLENT!

YEAR 2, YEAR 4 & YEAR 6 WERE ALSO VERY CLOSE WITH OVER 98% WELL DONE!

ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
LAST WEEK:

98.1%

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY AND ATTENDANCE POLICY SUMMARY WHICH WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL TOMORROW. THESE DOCUMENTS OUTLINE OUR PRINCIPLES, COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF ATTENDANCE FOR OUR SCHOOL.



Attendance Policy Summary

Together we are exploring our special gifts; together we are growing closer to God.

Our Ethos

Rooted in our Catholic mission, we believe every child is known, loved and welcomed. Good attendance reflects our commitment to ensuring all pupils flourish academically, socially and spiritually.

Our Principles

Attendance is everyone's responsibility and we believe strong relationships with families are key. We will use accurate data to drive early intervention, and high expectations are balanced with care and inclusion. A consistent Trust-wide approach ensures fairness.

Our Expectations

Pupils will attend school every day, on time. If children are not going to attend, parents report absence before 9:00am each day. Medical appointments should be outside school hours where possible and evidence of such appointment must always be provided. Term-time leave is only granted in exceptional circumstances.

Attendance Targets

Our school attendance target is 97%. We will contact parents by telephone and letter to improve attendance and punctuality across all year groups. We will intervene to reduce persistent absence (below 90%) and reduce severe absence (below 50%).

Roles and Responsibilities

- Governors: Provide challenge, oversight and accountability
- Headteacher: Leads implementation and enforcement
- Senior Attendance Champion: Drives strategy, monitoring and intervention
- Staff: Record attendance accurately and promote high expectations
- Parents: Ensure regular attendance and communicate with school
- Pupils: Attend every day and be punctual

Recording & Monitoring

Registers are taken twice daily using national codes in accordance with guidance from the Ofsted. Attendance is monitored daily, weekly, termly and annually. We analyse data by pupil, group and cohort. Any concerns are addressed quickly through structured support. Attendance is reported to governors regularly and our policy will be reviewed every 2 years.



Policy and Procedure

Attendance policy

Reviewed and approved by:

Trust Board

Approval Date:

March 2026

Review Date:

September 2026

Version:

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ATTENDANCE FOR THE
YEAR - 97.6%