



They were then chosen to ask a question. Nylah was our Y2 spokesperson and she asked why Rob chose to use the word 'fall' instead of 'Autumn' in his book 'Odd Dog Out.' We wondered if he was American! He said that it was a very good question and one that he'd never been asked before. His answer was that he couldn't think of a word to rhyme with 'Autumn'!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Year 5 are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 14.6.21	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	90	94.60
Year 1	95.86	97.67
Year 2	98.67	96.59
Year 3	94.67	95.48
Year 4	96.13	97.68
Year 5	97.39	96.22
Year 6	95.83	95.40
Average		
TARGET	95.50%	96.23%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Last week's merit winners: Tommy Williams, Sophie O'Connor, Elijah Brook, William Saunders, Willow Lillington, Mason Nolan, Lucina Jarvis, Chloe Walker, Miley Dunn and Oliver Potter.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Grace Artist for consistently demonstrating a positive and diligent attitude to school life. Grace can always be relied upon to try her absolute best and throw herself into everything!

The Big Cat Reading Merit: Sophia Shaw in recognition of superb reading at home this week! Practicing each day leads to great improvements in reading. A great effort with reading and Sophia has shown a great deal of enthusiasm.

Maths Award: James Pickard for his phenomenal progress in Maths, as evidenced in his outstanding test result this week.

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Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	48,892,988
2.	Year 6 2020-21	27,731,211
3.	Year 3 2020-21	24,160,280
4.	Year 1 2020-21	10,898,349
5.	Year 5 2020-21	3,182,586
6.	Year 2 2020-21	2,901,166



Top Spellers

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
2.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Maisie Walker	Year 3 2020-21

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Performance Poetry

On Thursday 1st July, Y2 and Y4 children will be performing their chosen poems as part of our performance poetry programme, live from the school hall this coming Thursday. A link for Y1 and Y4 parents/carers will be sent out on Thursday morning via text message if you would like to join us at 9am.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew

Aspirations Week

In line with our vision and mission at St Francis we want our children to aspire to be the best that they can be and develop resilience to prepare them for the world in the 21st century. The aim of the week is to give children the opportunity to explore different fields of work, speak to people who work in these fields and ask them questions and also to develop important life skills. We are bringing back 'Live for 5' in which people from the different areas of work will be interviewed by the children via Google Meet. Y6 are not participating in the Live for 5 section of the week due to being busy preparing for their end of year production. Please see below what each class will be doing:

	Life skill	Live for 5 interviews
EYFS	Washing up	Fireman Nurse
Y1	Folding clothes	Cafe owners Chef
Y2	Making a bed	Electrician Plumber
Y3	Tying shoe laces	Postman Bank worker Project Manager for Sainsbury's
Y4	Making a hot drink	Scientist Re Recording Mixer for a film studio
Y5	Touch typing	Amanda's brother?? Freelance Journalist
Y6	Using public transport/tying a tie	

ASPIRATIONS
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In addition to this, the children will be engaging in a challenge to 'make £5 grow'. Each class will be given £5 and tasked with investing this in an idea to make a profit, Dragon's Den style! We are really looking forward to what we hope will be an interesting, informative and rich experience for the children.

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Sports Day

As last year's virtual sports week was so popular during the full lockdown, we have decided to run a full sports week again this year during the week beginning 12th July, culminating in a traditional sports day on Friday 16th July. Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to not invite parents/carers on site to watch this event. Of course, we know how much parents/carers look forward to sharing in this event, but with the number of children involved in this event, plus the Delta variant on the rise, and an increase in bubble closures in other schools near us, we have decided it is not worth risking people's health and having to close a bubble, putting children and their families in isolation potentially for the start of the summer holidays. We have come so far this year, it would be a real shame to have to close a bubble right at the end of the year.

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Y6 End of Year Celebrations

I am now able to share with you the arrangements for the different leavers' activities. The Y6 performance of Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat will be pre-recorded and shared with Y6 parents;/carers once it is ready to view. As the performance can only be done indoors and the risk of contracting Covid is higher indoors, we are very sorry that we are unable to invite parents/carers into school for this event. As stated above in relation to Sports Day, we need to minimise the risk to everyone's health and potential bubble closures. We hope you understand. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Year 6 will be arranging a fund raising event before the end of term for a whole school's summer teddy bear picnic. Watch out for key details in the coming weeks.

Please remember that the deadline for the BCWCAT Art competition is tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd June. Entries must be sent in by this date. Please note that any art projects that children have worked on in the past can either be sent in as entries or photographed and the photos sent to the office email address.

Y6 parents/carers, please note: Unfortunately the staff at St Bede's and St Joseph's College have had to make the difficult decision to cancel all transition arrangements for Y6 children. This is due to the rapid increase of the delta variant being detected in Bradford and SBSJ engaging with the enhanced testing of their pupils. A letter confirming this will be sent out to parents imminently.

The choir did a superb job last week of singing their hearts out for the Young Voices Biggest Sing. This was an event in which Young were aiming to smash their own Guinness World Records™ for the Largest Simultaneous Sing-Along and top the charts with a charity single! Hundreds of thousands of children, their teachers and families came together all over the UK, the US and the rest of the world last Tuesday in the safety of their schools and/or home to sing the iconic song 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers with special guest artists to raise vital funds in support of Place2Be, the chosen charity for 2021. I am so very proud of the school choir not only for their wonderful singing, but also for how they have managed to learn a song with many words in two part harmony, having not been able to practise together at all. Well done choir and keep it up!

As part of our continued monitoring of the catering contract, our catering consultants have provided us with a Consumer Insight Survey to be completed by both parents and pupils. The children will complete their survey in class. Below is the link for the Parent Survey. Please can parents complete the survey by 2nd July at the latest. Your help in this is much appreciated.

Please remember that the last day of school is Tuesday 20th July. We will return to school after the summer break on Monday 6th September.