

Unfortunately, yesterday we had to close our Year 6 bubble for the rest of this week. We are really hoping and praying that we do not need to close any further bubbles so that the whole school community can finish the year off together. The government has confirmed that it will put Step 4 of its road map in place on Monday 19th July. This involves a range of measures, some of which include the removal of bubbles in schools. At St Francis, we will not be removing any of our bubbles until we return after the summer holidays. We will continue with our current measures in line with our risk assessment to continue making our school as safe as we can. This is because we will only have one day left of the term and opening up bubbles at that stage would create a huge risk for children and staff going into their much-deserved summer holidays testing positive for covid, having to isolate and potentially becoming very ill. From 16th August, the government has said that children under the age of 18 years old will not have to isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case. We will look at our plans and risk assessment over the summer holidays and we will communicate more details of the new arrangements and updated risk assessment closer to the start of the Autumn term. Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding during what has been a very difficult 18 months for everyone.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

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The children have made a great start to Sports Week finding out about BMX and Jesse Owens as well as doing a skipping challenge. On Thursday we will have our

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Please note that swimming will go ahead as usual on the last day of term - Tuesday 20th July.

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We are hoping to be able to inform everyone of each class's PE days (and Forest school days) for September in next week's Tuesday News. In the meantime, we can confirm that we will continue having children come to school already dressed in their PE kits on their PE days in September. It is important to note that from September, we will expect children to be dressed in the St Francis PE uniform, which is outlined below. Please ensure the children have this kit ready for when they return in September.

- plain navy blue or black joggers and sweatshirt
- white t-shirt
- plain navy blue or black shorts
- pair of pumps/trainers
- PE bag

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We have slightly amended our uniform policy for September. From 1st September 2021 onwards, children in Year 2 will have the option to wear a tie but it will no longer be statutory school uniform. Ties in Year 3 - Year 6 will continue to be statutory. Please ensure your child has a tie if they are going into these classes in September. Please note: children eligible for free school meals are also eligible for financial support for school uniform.

Year 6 Fundraiser



As is tradition at St Francis, our Year 6 children are organising an event to raise funds to go towards paying for the blazers for our Year 5 children moving into Year 6 in September. They are holding a Teddy Bear's picnic on Friday 16th July. All the children are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear into school and will eat their packed lunch or school dinner (Only a cold option will be available on this day) all at a cost of just £1 which can be paid on Parent Pay under donations. Let's hope the sun shines!

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Saturday 17th July 2021, would be Alfie's 15th birthday. Alfie is a very treasured former pupil of St Francis who sadly passed away just before Christmas in 2015. In honour of his birthday, on Friday 16th July (the same day as the Teddy Bear's picnic), children are invited to come in non-uniform dressed in as much blue as possible. This was Alfie's favourite colour and is a fitting way to remember him. We keep Alfie and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

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Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Attendance has been hit badly this year with Covid and as a result we have not made our target. We all hope next year will be different and we will achieve our attendance target once again.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 05.07.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2		94.70
Year 1	97.30	97.86
Year 2		96.20
Year 3	95.93	95.11
Year 4	93.51	97.46
Year 5	99.25	96.27
Year 6	95.59	95.16
Average	96.43%	96.10%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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Thank you to everyone who has paid their deposit for the Year 6 residential visit in September. We need to have our numbers in by Friday, so could you either pay your deposit or send in your confirmation slip by Friday morning. Thank you.



TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

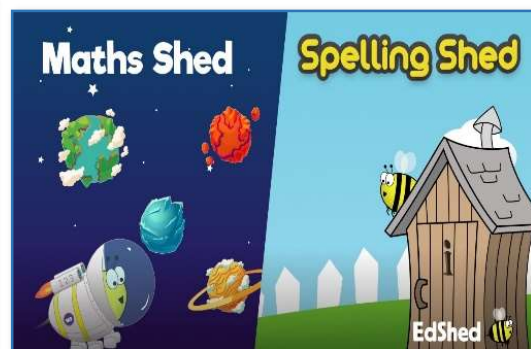
Our Merit Winners last week: Cassandra Pickthall, Archie Metcalf, Bosco Jarvis, Anna Houtmeyers, Emma Thomas, Lucas Harris, Joshua Longbottom, Clelia Cappelli.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Lily-May Cousins for being a model pupil! Lily-May puts her heart and soul into everything. She is a true ambassador for St Francis and I am very proud of her.




Big Cat Merit Reading Award: Kyle Riley for always reading above and beyond what he has to. He reads every day without fail and it is really paying off.

Well done everyone.

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	34,296,844
2.	Year 1 2020-21	13,876,780
3.	Year 5 2020-21	5,989,500
4.	Year 2 2020-21	5,672,901
5.	Year 3 2020-21	5,212,080
6.	Year 6 2020-21	60,160



Top Spellers

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
2.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Lucas Heppleston	Year 5 2020-21

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School uniform

Due to the high demand for school uniform at this time of year, School Trends have asked that parents place their orders before July 19th in order to guarantee delivery in time for the new term.

Uniform can be order through our website via the link below:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StFrancisCatholicPrimarySchoolBD24ES>

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Email address

Please note our new email address is: office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk

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Health and Safety

Please can parents not walk through the car park when picking up and dropping off children. This is not safe for children as there could be moving vehicles in the car park at any time.

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Please remember that our last day of school is Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 starts on **Saturday 10th July**. It continues until the end of September. Not only does it offer children from 4 to 12 years the opportunity to continue reading during the summer holidays but also plays a key role in supporting reading catch-up after a difficult year.



Hello Parents, Carers and Children ,

Have you heard about the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children from 4 to 12 years to read for Enjoyment during the school summer holidays.

It's free to join and only requires a library ticket. The FUN starts on **Saturday 10 July** at all libraries throughout the Bradford district

How does it work?



Pop down to your local library, ask to join the **Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021** , show your library card, give your name and school. You're ready to be a **Wild World Hero**.

Or if you use the Order and Collect service to request books, just mention over the phone/email along with your name and school.



You can read **ANY** library books you like.

Children who join will receive a Wild World Heroes kit bag, complete with reading poster to record the books read, stickers and bookmark, and will be awarded a **Wild World Heroes Certificate** and **Medal** in September via your school.

And this year's theme - 'Wild World Heroes' - will inspire children to explore ways of caring for our planet and the environment.

For more information and updates visit www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries

