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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Our end of year/Leavers' Mass will take place tomorrow morning (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July) at 10:30am in school. It will be a very special occasion with parents/carers and families warmly invited.

Our Y6 Leavers' Liturgy will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:15pm in school. All Y6 parents/carers are all warmly invited to come along and celebrate your child's school journey at St Francis.

### Farewell and Good Luck

We are immensely proud of our Y6 children and the success of their school journeys at St Francis. Whether they have been here for 7, 8 or maybe even just 1 year, they have all done themselves, their families and our school very proud. We know that each and every one of these children is going on to their secondary schools to build on the progress they have made here at St Francis and to go on to lead happy and successful lives which they truly deserve. The St Francis family are delighted to have played a very small part in that. We will miss you all Y6 but we are excited to see what you go on to achieve. Goodbye and good luck!

Good Luck!  
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Wow! What a performance! Congratulations to our Y6 children on their performance of Dr Where? The acting, singing and confidence of our children was just wonderful!

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### **Breakfast and After School Club Payments**

**We respectfully ask all of our parents/carers to keep up to date with payments for both clubs and not run into arrears. If you could please clear these arrears as soon as possible. Please log on to ParentPay and check your account. Payments need to be up to date by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 or we will be unable to offer your child a place at Breakfast and After School Club in September. Please log on to ParentPay and make your payment when you make your weekly booking.**

## After School Club

As usual, ASC will be closed this Friday 22nd July. Please make alternative childcare arrangements for your children. Thank you.

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

# Merit Worship

Our Merit winners last week: FS1 – Kitty; FS2 – Arthur, Ishaan & Seb; Year 1 – Reuben; Year 2 – George; Year 3 – Krystal; Year 4 – Fabian; Year 5 – Alfie; Year 6 – Harley

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Aoife for being such a wonderful role model to other. Aoife is just a delight, happy, hardworking and full of enthusiasm.

**Well done everyone!!!!**

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What a wonderful Sports Day we had last Thursday! It was a fantastic school community day and we were delighted to welcome so many parents/carers and families back into school for it. The children were brilliant the whole day. A huge thank you goes out to the PFA for the refreshments on the day (raising £80 and £100 Rainbow Hamper raffle tickets) and specifically to TC's Cafe who donated cups when we ran out!



## Dress in Blue Day

Yesterday, we held a 'dress in blue day' in memory of a past pupil, Alfie Barraclough, who sadly passed away 6 years ago. Sunday the 17th July would have been Alfie's 16th birthday and

his favourite colour was blue so our children dressed in blue to honour his memory. Thank you to everyone who made donations for the upkeep of our Peace Garden and ICT Suite which hold memorials for Alfie.

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## PE uniform

Please ensure you purchase correct PE uniform over the summer ready for September. We are really clamping down on this so that our children hold high standards in their uniform and presentation every day, whether they are doing PE or not. PE uniform is as follows:

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

## School uniform

School uniform can be purchased from Whittakers Schoolwear, 21 Briggate, Shipley BD17 7BP or on their website.

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/shipley/st-francis-catholic-primary-school>

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## PFA Update

Rainbow Raffle tickets (£1 per strip) are on sale until Wednesday via children's classes. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday morning, winners will be notified via text and prizes must be collected on Thursday and Friday. Good luck to everyone and thank you for your continued support.

We were delighted a few weeks ago to spend £1000 donated by the PFA on new toys and equipment for playtimes. We will share photos of these in September.

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## Music Concert

The postponed Music Concert will take place this Thursday at 2:15pm. Please note: Due to the fact that Mr Lee can't make it to the rescheduled date, children's performances in Y1,3 and 4 have been videoed with Mr Lee and will be shown as part of the concert.

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## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Year group	Event
Wednesday 20/07/2022	10:30am	All	End of Year/Leavers Mass
Thursday 21/07/2022	9am	All	Final Special Merit Worship – Parents will be invited by text message
Thursday 21/07/2022	2:15pm		Music Concert
Friday 22/07/2022	2:15pm	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy
Friday 22/07/2022		All	Break up for Summer
Tuesday 06/09/2022		All	Return to School

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## Story Trails weekend at City Library, Bradford.

Story Trails is a one-of-a-kind, immersive storytelling experience, where untold stories from the past are brought to life using augmented and virtual reality and the voices of the local community. As the UK's largest immersive storytelling archive project, it will change the way we tell stories about ourselves, reanimating public spaces across the UK and inspire a national conversation about who we are and where we are going.

Expects lots of exciting activities for all ages, including VR headsets and two guided tours that use immersive technology to bring history to life!

**Bradford Libraries has lots of SUMMER FUN to offer children and their families.**



**Summer Reading Challenge 2022**

# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
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**It's HERE! ... this year's Summer Reading Challenge 2022 – Gadgeteers. The FUN starts (TOMORROW) Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at all libraries throughout the Bradford district.**

This year's theme, in partnership with the Science Museum Group, will show children that **science; invention and technology** is all around us every day and will inspire them to be curious and get creative.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children from four to 12 years to read between one and 6 books for enjoyment during the school summer holidays.

It's free and easy to join with a library card and you can read **ANY** library books you like.

Children who join will receive a **Gadgeteers** kit bag, complete with reading poster, stickers and bookmark. When you have read 3 books you will receive your second set of stickers and a science-facts paper game. If you complete the Challenge by reading 6 books, you'll receive your third set of stickers and a **Gadgeteers Certificate and Medal** - in recognition of your fantastic reading achievement.

You can also join us at your local library for our free family-friendly themed events throughout the summer holidays.

For more information; events programme and updates visit:  
[www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries)

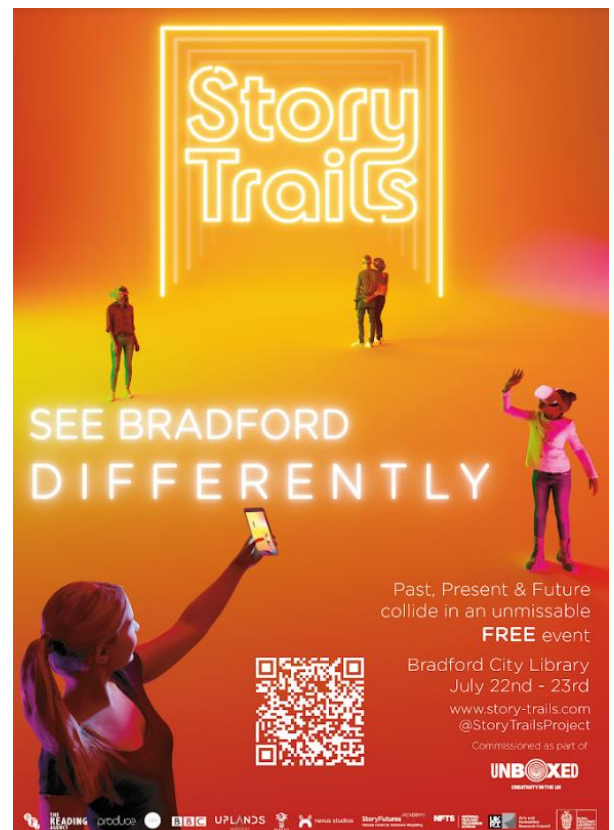
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Story Trails comes to Bradford on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at City Library.

Find out more at [www.story-trails.com](http://www.story-trails.com)  
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# Story Trails

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## THANK YOU!!

Well, what a year it has been at St Francis. Yet again, Covid was a battle throughout the autumn and spring terms but as a community, I am proud of how we all pulled together, gritted our teeth and got through it. It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to have parents/carers and families back through the doors to share in the children's learning and school experience.



We hope to do even more of this next year. Thank you to every single one of our parents/carers for your fantastic support over the year. We really do appreciate it!

Thank you to all of our staff who are incredibly hard working, totally invested in the school and our children and are full of enthusiasm! Their resilience throughout very trying times is second to none! Have a well-deserved summer break!

Thank you to our Academy Councillors, who are a very small group of volunteers who support and challenge the school at all levels. Thank you for all you do for our school.

Thank you to our PFA for giving up so much of their time to put their energies into raising much-needed funds for our school. Everyone knows that school budgets are very tight these days and it is no exception at St Francis so we are grateful for every penny raised!

Last but certainly not least, thank you to our wonderful children! The energy, enthusiasm, happiness and hard work they put in every day is what truly makes St Francis a very special place. We hope they all have a brilliant, happy and safe summer holidays!!

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