



St Francis R.C. Primary School

We believe that with God everything is within our reach!



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS & VISITORS

At St Francis we aim to provide our children with a rich and varied curriculum that they know and remember to prepare them well for their next steps. Off sites trips and on site visitors can really enrich that curriculum and bring it to life for the children.

In an ideal world, we would give the children as many hands on experiences as possible. However, the cost of transport has become prohibitive coupled with increased entrance fees to many of the venues. We recently costed a trip to Tatton Park to support the Year 5s World War 2 topic and the cost is over £25 per child. We know that this is a big ask from families, especially those with more than one child in school.

We want to continue to run trips but must factor in the financial burden they may cause. Taking this into consideration we will commit to:

- One 'big trip' per year, carefully chosen to best support learning.
- Plenty of notice for families and a payment plan option.
- School budget to subsidise trips.
- Visitors and workshops to be brought into school to provide enrichments to the curriculum at a fraction of the cost of trips.
- Free trips and visitor's where possible such as local museums and landmarks.

We hope this is clear and feels like a reasonable approach to the issue. We would welcome your thoughts on this matter.

We are already buying in some fantastic support for our curriculum—ALFA Music support the delivery of our music curriculum and Key PE Sports help us deliver PE. For the last couple of weeks, a local artist has been supporting lessons in some of our classes, helping children develop their observational, drawing and painting skills. We have recruited a specialist French teacher who taught her first lessons to Key Stage 2 today. We are aiming to provide the best possible curriculum for our children where everyone has the opportunity to develop the individual talents that God gave them.

**Friday 24th
January**

Prayer for the week...

*I pray this weekend is one of recovery, relaxation, and communion with you, Lord God our Father.
Amen*

**This week's
Attendance**

- ☺ **Year 1:** 97.3%
- ☺ **Year 2:** 95.6%
- ☺ **Year 3:** 97.6%
- ☺ **Year 4:** 97.3%
- ☺ **Year 5:** 97.7%
- ☺ **Year 6:** 98.9%

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 31st January 9am	Year 2 Class Mass
Thursday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 6th February 9am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12th February 9am	Year 1 Class Assembly

PE KITS

We have a number of children who do not have a PE kit in school. Please aim to leave a full PE kit in school so that your child is never without their kit if they need it. This is not always necessarily on their PE day!



Stay with us Lord on our journey!