





## St Francis R.C. Primary School

With God, everything is in our reach!



### LENT

**Ash Monday**  
To mark the beginning of Lent, on Monday we celebrated 'Ash Monday' with Father Kevin, where we were all invited to receive ashes as a sign of repentance and our desire to grow closer to God.

**Purple Lenten Bags**  
This week our Chaplains have given each class a purple Lent Bag, complete with a candle, holding cross, a prayer book and some prayer cards. A different child will take the bag home each evening. When your child brings home the lenten bag, please spend a moment in prayer together, and write a prayer or reflection in the book. We would also love to see some photos of these being used!

**Caritas St Joseph's Penny Boxes**  
Each child will also bring home a Caritas St Joseph's Penny box. Your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Please place any spare change you have over the weeks of Lent. We will ask for boxes to be returned during Holy Week. These can be emailed to the school office or printed and placed in the book.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This year children are invited to come dressed **as a word**. For example, a child might choose the word brave and come dressed as a lion. There is no need to buy anything new - for example - simple clothes in matching 'lion' colours and a handwritten definition of the word attached to their outfit would be great.

This is always such a worthwhile day where we celebrate the joy of reading and are reminded how stories can spark imagination, curiosity, and a lifelong love of books. Please refer to letter sent out before the holidays.



**Friday 27th  
February 2026**

**Prayer for the week:**  
*Loving God,,  
as we begin the  
season of Lent,  
help us to forgive  
others as you  
forgive us, and to  
follow Jesus with  
kind and hopeful  
hearts.  
Amen.*

### PHONICS WORKSHOP

There will be a parent information session about this year's phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils on Tuesday 3rd March at 2.45pm in the school hall.

### INSTAGRAM

Please follow us on Instagram @stfrancismanchester for all the latest updates about school life. [Instagram](#)

**This week's Attendance**

😊	<b>Year 1:</b> 92.8%
😊	<b>Year 2:</b> <span style="color: green;">98.61%</span>
😊	<b>Year 3:</b> 96.94%
😊	<b>Year 4:</b> 92.02%
😊	<b>Year 5:</b> 96.94%
😊	<b>Year 6:</b> 95.56%

### Dates for Diaries

<b>Tuesday 3rd March 2:45pm</b>	Phonics workshop for parents
<b>Wednesday 4th March (note change of date)</b>	Year 5 visit to Gorton Library—author session
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	School celebration for World Book Day
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	Catholic Social Teaching Day
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	Science Week
<b>Wednesday 11th March</b>	SEND Coffee Morning - by invitation



Stay with us Lord on our journey!

# St Francis Roman Catholic Primary School

## Spring 2 2026 Timetable



ALL are welcome to join us for assemblies, Mass and Wednesday Word.

### Assembly Timetable

Spring 1	Year Group	Theme
Friday 13th March - 9:15am	Year 2 Class Assembly	Lent/Celebration of Class Work
Monday 30th March - 9:15am	Year 3	Palm Sunday
Tuesday 31st March - 9:15am	Year 4	The Last Supper
Wednesday 1st April - 9:15am	Year 5	Stations of the Cross

### Wednesday Word Stay and Pray Timetable

Date	Year Group
Tuesday 24th February - 2:45pm	Year 1
Wednesday 4th March - 2:45pm	Reception
Wednesday 11th March - 2:45pm	Nursery
Wednesday 18th March - 2:45pm	Year 6
Wednesday 25th March - 2:45pm	Year 5

### Mass Timetable

Date	Year Group	Venue and Time
Monday 23rd February	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	9:15am in Church
Friday 27th February	Reception and Year 6	9:15am in Church
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	<b>Y1 - Postponed due to Catholic Social Teaching Day</b>	<b>9:15am in Church</b>
Friday 13th March	Y3	9:15am in Church
Friday 20th March	Y2	9:15am in Church
Friday 27th March	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	9:15am in Church
HOLY WEEK - Monday 30th March		

### After School Clubs

Mondays 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3 Homework Club	Wednesdays 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 4 TT Rockstars	Wednesdays 3:30pm – 4:15pm Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby	Thursdays 3:30 – 4:15pm Years 1 and 2 Dodgeball
23.02.26	25.02.26	25.02.26	26.02.26
02.03.26	04.03.26	04.03.26	05.03.26
09.03.26	11.03.26	11.03.26	12.03.26
16.03.26	18.03.26	18.03.26	19.03.26
23.03.26			26.03.26

**Please note Parents' Evening is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 3:30 – 6:30pm.**

**We close for the end on term on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.**