# St. Faith's Church of England Infant and Nursery School Family Newsletter

16th October 2026

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

Thank you so much to all our families that joined both Year 1 and 2 at St Faith's Church for their Harvest Festival on Monday and Nursery and Reception at school on Wednesday for their Harvest celebration. It means such a lot to have so much support, for both the staff and the children. We are so proud of the children and know that you are too!

This week we have been very busy with the Family Progress evenings. We always love to meet with you to celebrate the amazing progress that your children have made so far this year. If you have any further questions, or were unable to attend your meeting, please do speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Last week we celebrated our wonderful new School Council, Worship Council and Reading Ambassadors. This week, at the end of the newsletter, please meet our incredible new Team Captains, who will lead their teams throughout the year. Congratulations to them all.

Each year we write a School Development Plan that highlights priorities for our school, for the year. We have created a version for parents and carers, which is a summary of the priorities and what this means for your child, and how you can support your child at home. This has been sent home alongside the newsletter today.

Following on from our Grandparent's afternoons, if you, your children or the Grandparents would like to give any feedback, please do so by following the link: https://forms.gle/F1hVVh1WkWpJkeNs9 Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your love and support.
Warmest wishes
Amanda Konrath,
Head teacher

**Miss Barkes**

I would like to inform you of some changes to the Butterfly class, with effect from January 2027. Miss Barkes is embarking on a very exciting adventure and is emigrating to Australia to live and work for at least a year.

Of course, this means that Miss Barkes will be leaving St Faith's and the Butterflies. We will be appointing a new class teacher for the Butterfly class, to work alongside Mrs Rawlins.

We are so sad to say goodbye to Miss Barkes, as I know you and your children will be too. However, we are thrilled for Miss Barkes, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every luck for her future.

| Diary Dates *new dates for this half term are highlighted* | |
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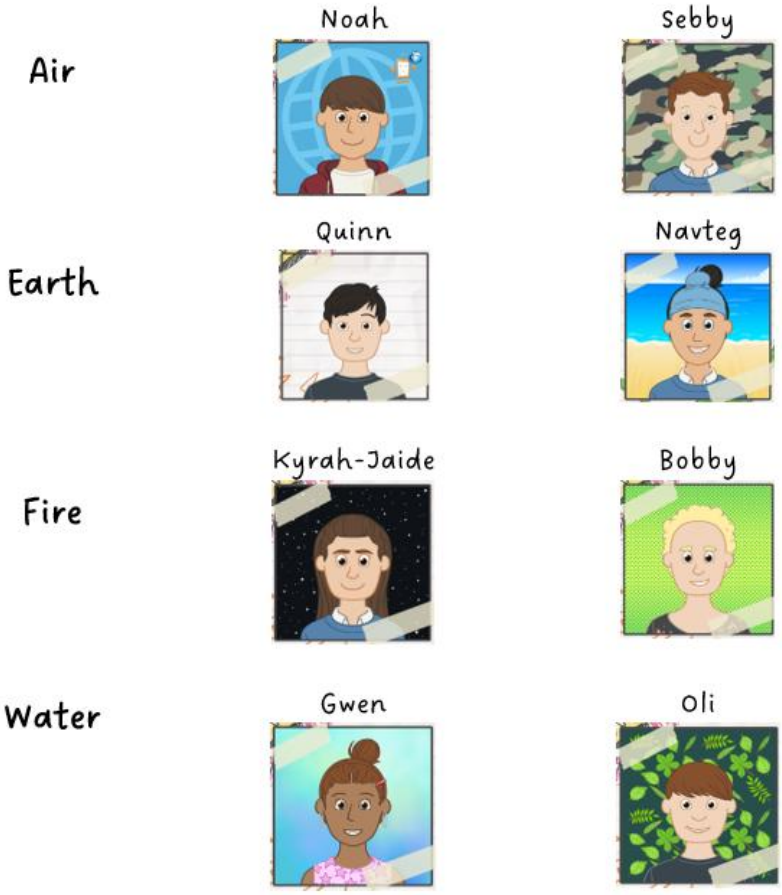
| Tuesday 20th October | Open Evening for new families for Reception 2027 5pm<br>This is for families of children who will be starting Reception in September 2027 (please book at the office) |
| Friday 23rd October | Last day of term |
| Monday 2nd November | Back to school |
| Friday 6th November | Family Reading 8.50am - 9.05am |
| Tuesday 10th November | Writing in Action Morning 9.10am<br>This is for Year 1 and 2 families, a presentation in the hall and demonstrations with some children |
| Wednesday 11th November | Reading and Phonics talk for families 5pm<br>This is a repeat of the one in September, in case you were unable to attend. |
| Thursday 12th November | Michael Rosen Poetry Day<br>This is for the children, during the day |
| Friday 13th November | Children in Need and Run Pudsey!<br>Information to follow! |
| Monday 16th November | Odd Socks Day and launch Anti-bullying week<br>Information to follow! |
| Monday 16th November | Open Evening for new families for Reception 2027 5pm |
| Wednesday 18th November | Maths in Action morning<br>This is for Year 1 and 2 families, a presentation in the hall and demonstrations with some children |
| Thursday 19th November | FOSF Disco |
| Tuesday 24th November | Drop in's for families to look at children's work<br>This is for the whole school, a chance for you to visit classrooms and see your child's work and classroom |
| Wednesday 25th November | We Are Wonderful Wednesday<br>Our second Health and Happiness Day! |
| Wednesday 25th November | 9.10am Natterhub Talk for Year 1 and 2 families<br>This explains our computing curriculum and internet safety |
| Wednesday 25th November | FOSF Wreath making (evening) |
| Tuesday 1st December | Family Reading 8.50am - 9.10am |
| Wednesday 2nd December | 2.20pm Nursery Family Film Afternoon |
| Thursday 3rd December | 9.30pm Year 2 Christmas Play |
| Thursday 3rd December | 2.15pm Year 2 Christmas Play |
| Friday 4th December | West End Lights |
| Tuesday 8th December | 10am Reception Christmas Play |
| Wednesday 9th December | 9.30am Nursery Singalong |
| Wednesday 9th December | 2.15pm Reception Christmas Play |
| Wednesday 9th December | Open Evening for new families for Reception 2027 4.30pm |
| Thursday 10th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day |
| Friday 11th December | 2.15pm Year 1 Family Film Afternoon |
| Monday 14th December | Church Service 10am |
| Monday 14th December | 2.20pm Reception Family Film Afternoon |
| Tuesday 15th December | 2.15pm Year 1 Singalong |
| Wednesday 16th December | 9.30am Year 1 Singalong |
| Wednesday 16th December | 2.15pm Year 2 Family Film Afternoon |
| Thursday 17th December | Party day |
| Friday 18th December | Last day of term |

We will send more information about the Christmas events nearer the time!

**Bling your Bike**

As you know, during Cycle / Scoot to School Week, we gave you the opportunity to Bling Your Bike/Scooter. The winning design was Ever's bike, and Ever has been entered into the Lincolnshire competition! Well done, Ever – and good luck!

## Meet our amazing Team Captains ……




**The Big Future Survey**

The Big Future is my final national survey of children and young people as Children's Commissioner for England. It is a vital opportunity for pupils to tell me what matters to them, what they want for their futures and what they believe needs to change.

The survey can be completed here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/

With the deadline fast approaching, every school that takes part can make a real difference. I want to hear from children in every part of England, from every background and in every type of school. We cannot achieve that without your help.

Together we can make sure as many children as possible are heard.

Thank you for your support and for helping me ensure that children's voices are at the heart of decisions about their futures.

Yours sincerely,

**Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England**