

Friday 5th December 2025

A Star of our Friars Community is retiring at the end of term. Joan, who works in the office, has been a member of staff here for 35 years. She attended Friars as a pupil and returned as a parent. Joan has been a committed and hard-working member of the team, and we wish her all the best for a wonderful retirement.

We would like to invite all parents to a tea/coffee morning at 9am on Thursday 18th December in the hall to say farewell to Joan.

Please watch our November Newsround:
<https://www.friarsprimaryschool.com/friars-newsround-november-2025/>

Our stars this week are:



Dates for your Diary

10.12 Y4 to Shell Carol Concert

12.12 Dance Performance Nursery, Rec, Y1, Y2 3.00pm

16.12 KS2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm

17.12 Christmas Jumper Day

17.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

17.12 Christmas Lunch

18.12 Joan Retirement Coffee Morning for parents 9.00am

19.12.25 Final day of term - **school finishes at 1.00pm**. No Playcentre

06.01.26 Children return to school

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Holidays during the school year are not allowed.

Term time leaves can only be authorised by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances only.

As a school, we ask parents to work with us and ensure children are in school every day and on time.

If your child is going to be absent from school with an illness or appointment, please inform the office before 9am.

	Absences	Punctuality	Total Points
Year 1	5	4	1300
Year 2	29	11	2000
Year 3	21	3	1525
Year 4	8	17	900
Year 5	13	14	1500
Year 6	13	7	900

Overall whole school attendance for beginning 01/12/2025 94.14%

1st Place Attendance: Year 1

1st Place Punctuality: Year 3

Year Six

Two weeks ago, Year 6 took part in a week-long project with a charity called INTO UNIVERSITY.

The theme of the project was Evolution and Inheritance. We looked at plants and animals and how they have evolved and adapted over thousands of years in order to survive in their environment.

We worked in 3 groups to find out about 3 notable naturalists - We researched the life and works of all three.

David Attenborough (at 99 years old, Britain's most treasured naturalist)

Mya - Rose Craig (a British-Bangladeshi ornithologist and environmentalist who is only 23 and travelled the world as a teenager to study birds)

Joseph Graves (an American Biologist and geneticist who taught himself to read and write)



We also went to the Horniman Museum to attend a workshop on evolution and went on a scavenger hunt to look for animals and match them to their habitat.



On the last day of our project, we went to Jesus College, Oxford. It was amazing; we got a tour of the city and even got to eat lunch in the dining hall where all the students eat - it had a massive portrait to Elizabeth I watching over us!

We had an amazing, educational and fun week!

