

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

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ALL
Disco: Friday 10th February - KS1
3.30pm - 4.30pm, KS2 5.30pm -
7.00pm
Friday 10th February – last day of this half term
Monday 20th February – back to school
Wednesday 22nd February ASH
WEDNESDAY Mass

Reception
30th, 31st January
Vision and Hearing Screening

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Wednesday March 8th BIG LENT
WALK FOR CAFOD

Thursday 29th June – Trip to Sealife

Year 1

Tuesday 21st February – Gressenhall Farm and Workshop Trip

Disco: Friday 10th February - KS1
3.30pm - 4.30pm,

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Year 2

Disco: Friday 10th February - KS1
3.30pm - 4.30pm,
Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Wednesday March 8th BIG LENT
WALK FOR CAFOD

Year 3

Thursday 9th February – Viking Day

Disco: Friday 10th February –
KS2 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Friday 24th February Trip to Cirkque
Du Soleil at the Royal Albert Hall
London

Wednesday March 8th BIG LENT
WALK FOR CAFOD

Year 4

Thurs 9th Feb: Morocco Day (no cost)

Disco: Friday 10th February –
KS2 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Wednesday March 8th BIG LENT
WALK FOR CAFOD

Tues 21st March: Pilgrimage to
Walsingham (£14.20)

Year 5

Pedal Power Group1 30th and 31st
Jan Group 2 2nd and 3rd February

Tuesday 7th February 5W Dance Show (depart 12.45 pm)

Disco: Friday 10th February –
KS2 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Cross Country Horsford Junior
Friday 24th February

Year 6

Disco: Friday 10th February –
KS2 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parents Evening Meeting start
Tuesday 21st February week

Cross Country Horsford Junior
Friday 24th February

Wednesday March 8th BIG LENT
WALK FOR CAFOD

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK

We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight extreme poverty. Certainly KS2 will be walking around Eaton Park. KS1 and Reception teachers will advise where they will be walking closer to the time,

We will be walking on Wednesday 8th March 2023 and any donations you can make then would be great.

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

This is covered over a local visit consent form so advise your class teacher if would prefer your child not to participate in this.

Parents Evenings

These will be after half term – Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February. You can book your time slot on Wise Pay from 3pm on Friday. If you will find it hard to attend in person, email your child's teacher directly and for a few of the parents, they may be able to fix up a zoom meeting.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meetings will be held in the classrooms. KS2 children's meetings will be held in the school hall. Parents can visit the classrooms before or after the meeting to look at their child's books and learning environment.

PTFA Valentine's disco – Friday 10th February

The PTFA are very excited to announce that we are having two discos on the last day of half term (**Friday 10th February**). The cost of the disco is **£3.00** and this will provide them with a glow wristband, a packet of crisps and a soft drink. This can be paid via [WisePAY](#) and will be available by the end of the end.

All children can come to school in non-uniform on this day.

The timings for the discos are: **Reception & KS1: 3.30pm – 4.30pm**
 KS2: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there with your dancing shoes on!

PTFA



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



1L Denys for thinking hard in phonics and checking his spellings for mistakes.

1LP Lucas for being an independent writer and writing a great set of instructions to wash a woolly mammoth.

2H Florence B for trying so hard every day with her phonics and reading comprehension and working independently. Well done!

Pablo for always trying his best in his learning and being so supportive when working as a team.

2J Harper for using feedback to make her work even better. Harper, your teacher is especially impressed with your writing.

Luca for his excellent attitude towards all of his learning every day.

3J: Maya C is a star this week for using her imagination and creativity to design a Viking character for her Viking world.

3J: Joseph has tried exceptionally hard all week in English, writing his own very innovative Viking story.

3B Antonio: Antonio has shown a high level of care and focus across all his learning this week. This has particularly been the case in maths, where he has shown superb resilience when exploring multiplication and division.

4HD: Wiktor is a star this week for fantastic hard work and great focus in handwriting lessons. Keep up the excellent work Wiktor!

Laura and Adam are also stars this week for great collaborative research work on Moroccan animals. Fabulous concentration and teamwork on the task at hand.

4M Georgie-May: for her careful work IN Topic, helping others and her wizzy Maths skills!

Clara: for her excellent, imaginative English work. Well done girls!

A shout to **Fabio and Kayla** for their excellent science sentences and to **Tilda for** her whizzy maths skills.

5B Sophia for focusing really well in Maths this week to understanding equivalent fractions

David for improved listening and concentration in our Maths lessons

5M Harry W - fantastic work on fractions this week

Felix P - Amazing piece of writing on a fact file on an animal from Pandora.

6W: George for excellent editing and word choices in English. You have also shown kindness and respect towards others.

Diana for working exceptionally hard in Maths and starting to make links between topics.

6M: Louis for working hard to edit and improve his newspaper report. Well done!

SCHOOL STRIKE ACTION

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on the 1st February, the 1st March and the 15th & 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and how this is funded, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am now getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the first of these strikes next week on the 1st February.

Following the completion of a Risk Assessment, and taking into consideration the number of teachers, Safeguarding Leads and First Aiders who will be in school that day, I am afraid that we will only be able to offer limited places to **some** pupils.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to include the children of Key Workers in this number.

We have identified some families (non-Key Workers) who need to be offered a place and they will be contacted by email in the next couple of days.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. St Francis of Assisi remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.