

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 10 17th November

ALL

**Tuesday 5th December Advent Mass
2pm (parents and family welcome)
–note change of date**

Thursday 7th December – remainder
of the flu vaccinations in school.

Friday 8th December Christmas
Fayre 3pm

Wednesday 13th December Wear a
Christmas Jumper for CAFOD day.

Friday 15th Year 3 to 6 walking to St
Andrew's Hall, Norwich to

*Celebrate Christmas with Into
Opera and Britten Sinfonia in a
magical morning full of festive
music*

*Evening Choir performing at the
Concert open to the public*

**Monday 18th December KS2
Children in Talent Show – KS1 to
watch – Children only**

Tuesday 19th December Christmas
Lunch Day

Wednesday 20th December Carol
Service at Cathedral am

Christmas Holiday Break up

Wednesday 20th December and
return Thursday 4th January 2024

Reception

Tuesday 12th December 9.45 am

Nativity performances

Wednesday 13th December 1.45 pm

Year 3

Wednesday 6th December 2pm Parent
Workshop in class

Wednesday 12th December Trip to The
Hippodrome Circus (payment via WISEPAY)

Friday 15th Year 2 to 6 walking to St
Andrew's Hall, Norwich to *Celebrate
Christmas with Into Opera and Britten
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music*

Year 4

Thursday 30th November Synagogue and
Anglican Cathedral £7.30 WisePay

**4th and 5th of December Level 1 Pedal
Power Form completed by Friday this
week**

Thursday 14th December 2.15pm Parents
invited to participate in immersive drama
lesson about our Topic

Friday 15th Year 2 to 6 walking to St
Andrew's Hall, Norwich to *Celebrate
Christmas with Into Opera and Britten
Sinfonia in a magical morning full of festive
music*

Tuesday 30th January Choir to the 02

Thursday 25th April Theatre trip to see *Boy
at the Back of the Class* 10.30 am –
payment via Wisepay by Nov 30th

Year 1

Norfolk and Waveney Dental Team
Wednesday 29th November at 9.15am
20 selected children

**Thursday 30th November 2pm Parents
invited to participate in Topic Lesson**

Year 5

**Thursday 23rd November 2.30 pm
Beauty and the Beast Ballet**

Friday 15th Year 2 to 6 walking to St
Andrew's Hall, Norwich to *Celebrate
Christmas with Into Opera and Britten
Sinfonia in a magical morning full of
festive music*

Wednesday 17th January 5W Dance
Show

Tuesday 30th January 60 members of
the Choir to the 02

Year 2

23rd November Yr 2 Multi Skills Festival
(12.30-2.10pm Easton & Otley College
Tennis Centre)

Year 6

Ullswater Residential Trip 27/11/23 to
1/12/23 Year 6

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY AWARDS



1L Elin for writing an amazing description of a treehouse.

1PL Niharika for independently writing an amazing description for 'The King's treehouse'

2B - Elizabeth A: For a truly stunning scientific drawing of a bee. Excellent care and effort Elizabeth.

2H Prudence for having two great days in school; trying her hardest with her work and making sensible choices. Well done!

2H Albin for being so determined to get unstuck when work is tricky and for trying his hardest with every challenge in his work.

3MD: Elena - for her hard work in all lessons, her beautiful presentation and fantastic attitude to learning. Very well done, Elena!

3M: April created an excellent Viking Settlement in our Topic lesson this week, deciding where would be best to build her farm and defences on a coordinates map.

4HD: Zoe is a star this week for her amazing work in our maths 'telling the time' lesson last week. She worked so hard and this hard work then continued into a fabulous English lesson! Well done zoe!

Lelan is a star for teaching the class how to sing a 'sea shanty' - he performed it fabulously and the whole class was very impressed. Well done Lelan!

4D Isla - for working incredibly hard in maths and making fantastic progress!

5W Kacper for his attitude towards all his learning,

Tilda for her fabulous presentation and pride in all her work.

5J Laura for always doing her best with both her learning and in the way she shows kindness every day

David for his focus and engagement and especially for being a deep thinker in math looking for the most efficient way to solve a problem.

Olivia - for writing a fabulously persuasive and creative letter to Ernest Shackleton.

6M - Imogen for working hard to improve her writing and carefully punctuating speech.

6SW - Henry for excellent writing skills in English - well done!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (ASC)



A few parents have enquired if they can just pay £5 for ASC between 4.30 and 5.30 on occasions when their child has a club held by either Premier, Tennis, Science or Art organisations. Unfortunately, the answer is no.

The reason is that our ASC is funded by the children who attend. If a place is taken between 4.30 and 5.30 pm, this takes a place that could have been offered at £10 from 3.15 to 6pm.

Our ASC would then not make enough money, we would have to reduce staffing and offer even less places to students at St Francis.

I know this is not the answer you wanted but to keep the prices low and the children safe we cannot change this structure.

On another note, this is a reminder that ASC does not give refunds unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances or payment has been received twice accidentally.

CARS AT ST FRANCIS



There was a very near miss of a child being hit outside our school.

We beg all car drivers and pedestrians to pay attention and walk or drive with due care at all times.

Equally, please never park on Gould Road, on double yellow lines or in front of driveways. There is never an exception to this rule.

Remember, cars are not allowed to drive into our back car park before 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.



19th December
£3.25

Turkey Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey with Sticky Chipolata,
Roasties, Christmas Vegetable
Medley & Gravy

OR

**Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry &
Cheese Puff Pastry**

with Roasties, Christmas
Vegetable Medley & Gravy

and

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

By Aspens

We Ask; You Inform; We Act

Following feedback from a survey with a small group of parents, from next week, year groups will be sending a weekly email updating you on some of the learning that is happening in their class. They will also ensure that all parents are sent copies of the knowledge organisers linked to each topic they are learning from January. Furthermore, each year group is holding a workshop event during the school day inviting parents to join in with topic learning. Please see above for dates already planned.

Remember that there is lots of information on our school website (including plans and knowledge organisers <https://www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk/> and we celebrate success outside of school on Twitter @francisassis5

Also we have our very own parent support advisor from the Benjamin Foundation, Lydia Wilds, who is in school every Monday. Please email her on: Lydia.Wild@benjaminfoundation.co.uk

Some people asked if we had a **Parent Teacher Association**.

Yes we do.

Mrs Kate Hinings is our lead teacher involved with the PTFA and she and her team would love, love, love to have more members support them. Please email her on : khinings9lr7@nsix.org.uk if you would like to be part of this merry band.

Some people asked if we have clubs during lunch time or after school.

Yes we do.

Please see the website for the clubs on offer this half term.

<https://www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk/this-month/> School will pay for one club per half term for pupil premium children but parents must complete a form for these each half term for us to book them.

Some of you said you would like more notice about events happening in school.

We do add all events to the diary part of this newsletter above once we know they are happening so please accept our apologies if this sometimes seems too short a notice however it is usually at least a month.

Friday 15th December –Into Opera Unwrapped for Christmas? – Years 3 to 6

Opera Unwrapped is a popular Into Opera concert series where opera singers share some of their favourite music with audiences and share stories and anecdotes about what that music means to them. These concerts always involve a lot of laughter, conversation, as well as... of course... some fun and festive music from the world of opera, films and Christmas music.

On Friday 15th December Into Opera will be holding their biggest concert yet: **Opera Unwrapped for Christmas at St Andrews Hall Norwich.**

There is a school's version of the concert during the day and then there will be a concert on sale for the public in the evening which our school choir are invited to perform in. Into Opera are teaming up with the extraordinary ensemble Britten Sinfonia, one of the best classical ensembles in the UK and the only professional orchestra in the East of England. Into Opera soloists include the much in demand soprano Alison Langer, internationally renowned mezzo soprano Yvonne Howard who is a long-term friend and collaborator of Into Opera, as well as the outstanding baritone James Cleverton. The event will be conducted by the award-winning conductor John Andrews.

For more information on the event and artists performing please visit <https://www.into-opera.org.uk/christmas>

What happens at The School Matinée?

The afternoon school concert is available for all pupils in Year 3 and above and is completely free for us to attend. Year 3 and above will be walking to St Andrew's Hall, leaving at 11.45 after an early lunch. After a warm up with the choir master, they will watch the concert between 1.30 pm and 2 20 pm with Britten Sinfonia and Into Opera. The children will then walk back to school, hopefully returning by 3.20 pm.

As part of the school matinee concert, pupils will be invited to join in and sing from their seats: *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and *Winter Wonderland*. The choir from our school will also be invited on to stage to sing *Walking in the Air* from *The Snowman*.

If any parents can help us with walking the children to and from St Andrew's Hall, please contact Claire Furness on deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk. Ideally, I would like one parent per class as additional support.

OPTIONAL THEATRE TRIP - CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG – The Musical

Current Year 3 and Year 5 pupils have received an invite to purchase tickets to see the above musical on Wednesday 25th September. If you would like a ticket, payment can be made via WisePay for those year groups. £21.50 each. School will pay for children eligible for pupil premium – see the office.

