

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



Learning and growing together in God's love

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## WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 11 23<sup>rd</sup> November

### ALL

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Advent Mass  
2pm (parents and family welcome)

–note change of date

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – remainder  
of the flu vaccinations in school.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas  
Fayre 3pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Wear a  
Christmas Jumper for CAFOD day.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2  
Children in Talent Show – KS1 to  
watch – Children only**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas  
Lunch Day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Carol  
Service at Cathedral am

Christmas Holiday Break up

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and  
return Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2pm Epiphany  
Mass

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Ash  
Wednesday

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March Parents Evening

### Reception

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.45 am

Nativity performances

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45 pm

### Year 3

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Parent  
Workshop in class**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Trip to The  
Hippodrome Circus (payment via WISEPAY)

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

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang The Musical –  
tickets available to buy on WisePay by  
1<sup>st</sup> December**

### Year 4

**4<sup>th</sup> December Level 1 Pedal Power  
Form completed by Friday this  
week**

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

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Choir to the 02

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April Theatre trip to see Boy  
at the Back of the Class 10.30 am –  
payment via WisePay by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

### Year 1

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Multiskills  
Festival Easton College - Coach  
9.45- 12

### Year 5

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8.40 am to  
9.40 am Parents invited to join  
classes for English

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 5W Dance  
Show

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 60 members  
of the Choir to the 02

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang The Musical  
– tickets available to buy on  
WisePay by 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Cross Country  
Horsford

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Cross Country Old

### Year 2

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Year 2  
parents invited to participate in  
Topic Lesson**

### Year 6

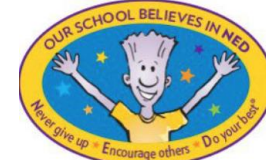
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the Choir to the 02

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Trip to Houses of  
Parliament

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Cross Country Old  
Catton

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY AWARDS



**1LP Tate** for challenging himself this week in maths

**1L Avril** for always working so hard in phonics and doing her best.

**2B: Chimdebem** - Chimdebem has had an outstanding half term, raising the standards of his learning to new heights. This was exemplified by a wonderful scientific drawing of an ant he completed this week, achieved through careful attention to detail and a lot of care.

**2H Cecelia** for writing with good knowledge and interesting sentences about amazing ants and drawing a stunning accompanying picture.

**Wilfie** for working very hard in writing and topic, showing a great attitude when editing and improving his work to make it even better.

**Gift** and **Lily** excellent attitude and participation in our multi-skills sports trip.

**3MD - Frank:** for your exceptional hard work in English and your very carefully put together Thor story. Well done!

**3M: Isaiah** wrote a very thoughtful Advent promise in RE this week, thinking about how he could help the wider community during this time of year.

**4D Joseph** - for making thoughtful and creative contributions to discussions in English this week.

**Oscar** - for persevering in maths and learning to use column subtraction, even with an exchange!

**4HD - Zina:** For creating a very reverent, thoughtful and mature Advent prayer - it was lovely to read.

**Mia** - For producing an incredibly persuasive letter to Sir Ernest Shackleton - he'd be silly not to choose you on his next voyage!

**5W Jacob PM** - all round amazing efforts in every subject this week. Keep it up Jacob!

**Jed** - working hard on his reading.

**5J Laura** for her positive and determined attitude towards all her learning and for being such a kind friend to everyone.

**Violette** for her love of learning, her excellent work ethic and for being a great role model in the class.

### Knowledge Organisers for Autumn 2

Year 1	<a href="#">The Wheels on the Bus</a>	<a href="#">Music</a>		
Year 2	<a href="#">Marvellous Minibeasts</a>	<a href="#">Computing</a>	<a href="#">RE</a>	<a href="#">Music</a>
Year 3	<a href="#">Invaders</a>	<a href="#">Science</a>	<a href="#">RE</a>	<a href="#">Spanish</a>
Year 4	<a href="#">Ernest Shackleton</a>	<a href="#">Science</a>	<a href="#">RE</a>	
Year 5	<a href="#">Rainforests</a>	<a href="#">Science</a>	<a href="#">RE</a>	

#### KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

All the Knowledge Organisers are Plans are on our school website, but for your information here are links for each year group so you can see the key information being learnt this half term.

We hope this supports parents about being informed of learning in class.

**Celebrate Christmas in Norwich with Into Opera and Britten Sinfonia.**

**Join us for a magical evening full of festive music on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrew's Hall.**

Multi-award winning conductor, **John Andrews**, returns to Norwich to lead one of the final concerts at St Andrew's Hall ahead of the major refurbishment of this historic venue in the new year.

Expect to be immersed in sumptuous music and laughter as our singers share and 'unwrap' music for audiences, sharing stories which truly bring the art-form of opera to life.

This extraordinary line-up of internationally acclaimed singers includes soprano **Alison Langer**, tenor **Monwabisi Lindi**, mezzo-soprano **Yvonne Howard** and baritone **James Cleverton**. These singers are joined by none other than **Britten Sinfonia**, an orchestra famed for its dazzling musicianship.

Look forward to astonishing opera arias and duets from Puccini's *La bohème*, Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* and Verdi's *La Traviata*, alongside a feast of fun, festive music and beautiful Christmas carols.

So, if you're looking for something special to do in Norwich this December, look no further! Opera Unwrapped is set to be a concert guaranteed to bring that extra sparkle to your celebrations this Christmas.

**OPERA UNWRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Friday 15th December, 7:30pm**

**Suitable for all ages**

**See you there!**

**[BOOK NOW](#)**

## **Extra information about the learning this week.**

This week in Praise Assembly we reflected on the music [Winter](#) composed in 1899 by the Russian Alexander Glazunov. We also practised our new [Sanctus](#) response, a [Taize](#) and the Advent Hymns [Waiting in Silence](#) and [Christ Be Our Light](#)

In Year 1 this week, we have looked at different ways we get ready for Jesus' birthday. We talked about all the things we do at home, in school and in church. We looked at the special candles that are lit in church over Advent and then made our very own 'Advent Wreath' using paper and card.

In Year 2, we have very much enjoyed our trip to Easton College for the multi skills festival. The children supported each other superbly and listened brilliantly to the instructors who were hosting each activity.

In Year 3 DT this week, we have explored how to use the technique of applique, using a running stitch, for their felt cushions. Keep an eye out on Twitter over the next couple of weeks for their final products!

Year 4 have enjoyed an amazing visit to the Synagogue and Anglican Cathedral, where we compared the two religious buildings.

In year 5, we are continuing with our Green Planet topic by learning about the impact of deforestation on creatures of the rainforest. We have been focussing on the plight of the Orang-utan and we are using the Greenpeace video, "There's a Ran-tan in my Bedroom" as the stimulus for our own writing. In maths, we are deepening our understanding of the links between multiplication, division and fractions. We are also excited to prepare for our Advent Mass next week.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Unfortunately, despite asking SELECT to allow a £3.25 credit for the Christmas Dinner they refuse. Thus, to be able to book a Christmas dinner this year for £3.25 you will need to use two credits. Select have agreed that you can get £1.55 refund you will need to email [IT@support-services.com](mailto:IT@support-services.com) stating you request a refund. We know this is a massive nuisance. Apologies.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School PTFA presents

The 2023

# Christmas Fair

**FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER**

Come and join us in the School Hall for plenty of fun and games!

Mince Pies - Mulled Wine -  
Raffle - Hot Snacks - Gift Stalls -  
Arts & Crafts - Teas & Coffees -  
Games - Prizes to be won!

3.30pm - 5pm



**Christmas LUNCH**

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

### SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE RISE

The cost of school lunch is increasing from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 from £2.40 to £2.53. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive universal free school lunches. Pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 eligible for Pupil Premium will also receive free school dinners. All these people do have to order lunches on SELECT even though they are free.

The school (funded by DFE) will pay the increase for these meals for those children but all other pupils must pay the £2.53.

ASPENS the catering company have put up their price in line with increase to the minimum wage from £10.42 to £11.44 and the higher cost of food.

We are so fortunate that Adam and his team at St Francis produce delicious meals with this rather small budget.