

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



*Learning and growing together in God's love*

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## WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

**Issue 13 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**ALL**

**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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Class Photos

**Reception**

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

**Nativity performances**

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

**Year 3**

**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*

**Year 4**

**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 30th

**Year 1**

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

**Year 2**

**Year 5**

**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>h</sup> January** 5W Dance Show

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

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

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

**Year 6**

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**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** 60 members of 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



**1L Edward** for always doing his best and being like NED when blending words in phonics.

**1PL Angelina** for great effort and enthusiasm in our science lesson.

**2B: Finley** - For some superb writing of the Christmas story this week

**2H Emmy** for fantastic effort in writing her Christmas story this week, using interesting details and making her sentences grow.

**James** for persevering with his writing of the Christmas Story this week and remembering interesting details that make it a good read!

**3MD: Agnes** - for her ship building skills in Topic and her helpfulness and kindness around the class. Thank you, Agnes!

**3M: Ethan** has been an extra kind member of our class this week, helping others during our DT lesson by demonstrating how to sew a running stitch. Thank you for being so helpful, Ethan!

**4D: Frankie** is a star this week for being a model student and helping his peers in a supportive, kind manner during maths lessons. You are a teacher in the making!

**4HD: Betsy** is a star this week for being a fantastic role model in our class. She is always organised, tidy, ready to learn, kind and polite. Well done Betsy - you are a shining example for your peers!

A big '**Shout Out**' to the Year 4 children who completed their cycling proficiency this week.

**5J Maria** - her excellent focus and engagement in her maths lessons

**Max** - being super involved in his learning - thinking deeply, sharing his ideas and then working hard independently

**5W. .. Kayla** - For working really hard in maths this week and being an active learner.

**6SW: Mpas**o for excellent focus and sentence work in both English and RE - well done!

**Mary** for wonderful accuracy and discussion work, with our comparisons of the Nativity story - well done!

**6M: Olivia P** for contributing ideas to the class discussion about the Nativity story.

**Patrick** for writing a thoughtful thank you letter to Ullswater!

## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ON WEDNESDAY

Wear a Christmas jumper WITH your school uniform

on Wednesday and bring a donation to CAFOD. .Please donate what you are able to. Thanks from the CAFOD team .

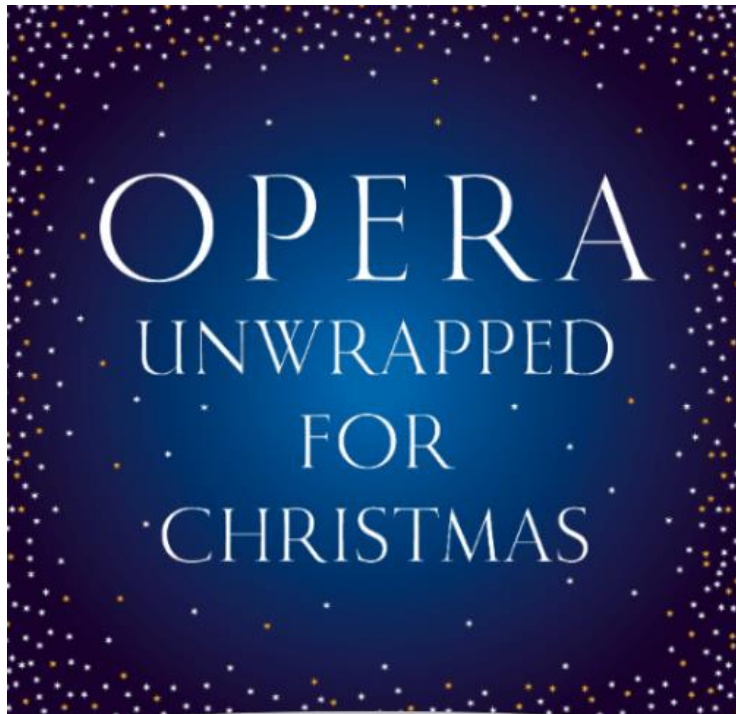


## FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LUNCHES THAT DAY FOR KS2

On Friday children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 are walking to St Andrew's Hall to watch the [britteninfonia.com](http://britteninfonia.com) with Into Opera Unwrapped for Christmas. We will be leaving school at midday on the dot so will eat at 11.30. **Can all children bring a packed lunch to school that day.** If your child is eligible for a free school dinner please booked a packed lunch by Thursday morning.

6 parents have volunteered to join us on our trip to the concert, we could do with a few more. Please email Claire Furness on [deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk) if you are able to help. All **volunteers** will need to arrive in school by 11.45 am.

Many thanks.



### Extra information about the learning this week.

**Year 1** - This week in Year 1 we have been learning to describe 2D shapes using mathematical vocabulary. We played a game and asked our partners questions about a mystery shape. We asked questions such as 'Does the shape have 4 equal sides?' or 'Does the shape have 4 vertices?'. We also designed our own pictures using 2D shapes.

**Year 2** have really enjoyed their recent study on Ants, learning and writing some brilliant facts. We also loved welcoming parents in for our minibeast clay workshop and look forward to hosting more of these events in the future.

**Year 3:** We had an excellent topic workshop with parents and carers this week. The children are very proud of their amazing Viking longboat creations. Thank you to all grown-ups who were able to join us for our arty afternoon. Take a look at our school Twitter page for some photos!

**Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been lucky enough to have a zoom session with The Polar Museum in Cambridge and another zoom session with an explorer, Mr Avery. We learnt about how polar exploration equipment may or may not have changed over the years.

**Year 5** we have been writing moving stories telling of an orang-utan's plight as his rainforest home is destroyed. In Science, we have learnt about the food chains of the rainforest, and, in maths, we have continued with last week's work on multiplicative reasoning. A special thank you to those children who had a role in our Advent Mass – especially those who had a reading or read a prayer.

**Year 6** This week Year Six have been writing letters about their experiences at Ullswater and also about their excellent time in Reception with their buddies. We have been practising our carols for the upcoming Carol Service; the children are looking forward to the festive activities over the coming weeks.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUCCESS

It is unusual to hear the word success and football in the same sentence in Norfolk this year but today you do. Our Years 3 and 4 as well as our Years 5 and 6 have been attending a League Tournament at the UEA Sportspark organised by [Norwich Schools Partnership \(online results here\)](#) throughout the Autumn term. All teams have played so well and two teams have won their divisions – yes WON. Thank you to Mr Jahi Bingham for attending all matches and for Miss Mendham’s additional support as well. We will celebrate their success in our Assembly next week where they will be awarded certificates and suitably applauded.



## 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.