

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

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th January Parents' Evening Meetings with Class Teacher.

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 25th February – Early World Book Day and Author Visit – Children dress up as a book character

Wednesday 13th March Choir singing at St Peter Mancroft 4pm to 8pm Families 7pm to 8pm. CASMA

Friday 15th March Class Photos

Tuesday 18th June Diversity Day

Wednesday 26th June Sports Day

Thursday 11th July – School Discos during day for Years EYFS to Year 4 6-8pm Year 5 and 6

Reception

Vision and hearing screening on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January at 9.15am.
Wk beg 4th March Mystery Reader Week
13th June Heigham Park Trip
Wednesday 4th July Year 1 Teacher Talk 3.30 – 4pm HALL

Year 3

Viking Day Tuesday 6th Feb
Year 3 Circus Skills Showcase in the hall: Tuesday 19th March 3MD 11:30am - 3M's 2:45pm

Tuesday 16th April- Reading Workshop in classrooms 2.15 pm
Wednesday 10th July Year 4 Parent Talk Hall 3.45 – 4.15 pm

Year 4

Tuesday 23rd January 2.30pm Reading Café (date will be re-arranged)

Tuesday 30th January Choir to the O2
Tuesday 13th February Moroccan Dance Workshop
Thursday 25th April Theatre trip to see Boy at the Back of the Class 10.30 am
Tuesday 26th March Trip to Walsingham
Wednesday 19th June Trip to the Forum
Thursday 4th July Year 5 Parent Talk 3.45 to 4.15 pm HALL
Friday 12th July 2.30pm Year Group Assembly

Year 1

Thursday 29th February Gressenhall Trip

Tuesday 19th March Parental Engagement Sewing Workshop

Tuesday 26th March Multiskills Festival Easton College - Coach 9.45- 12

Thursday 23rd May Year Group Assembly
Monday 8th July Year 2 Parent Talk 3.30 – 4.00 HALL

Year 5

Wednesday 17th January 5W Dance Show 4pm and 7pm

Tuesday 30th January 60 members of the Choir to the O2

Friday 9th February Cross Country Horsford

Tuesday 15th February 9 am Parent Drop Reading (changed from 25th January)

Friday 8th March Cross Country Old Catton

Friday 24th May 2:30 Year Group Assembly

Wednesday 3rd July Year 5J Dance Show 2.30 pm The Space 4pm and 7pm

Tuesday 9th July Year 6 Parent Talk 3.45 to 4.15 pm HALL

Year 2

7th February Reading Café for Parents 2.30 pm
Thursday 7th March Time and Tide Museum Trip

Thursday 13th June Year Group Assembly 2.30 pm

Friday 5th July Year 3 Parent Talk 3.45 to 4.15 HALL

Year 6

Tuesday 30th January 60 members of the Choir to the O2

Thursday 1st February 2.15 - 3.15 Parent Workshop .

Friday 9th February Trip to Houses of Parliament

Tuesday 27th February SATs meeting at 3.45pm

Friday 8th March Cross Country Old Catton

Thursday 11th July School Disco 6-

Friday 12th July Transition Day Notre Dame

Year 6 Production 6.30 pm Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July

Learning in school this week

1L Alex D for thinking very hard in maths and finding patterns and connections.

1LP Ariella for being independent and trying your best in maths this week.

2B: Natalie - We would love to celebrate Natalie who has been working really hard on her writing, thinking hard to 'say it, like it, write it' and reviewing her learning to make sure she has included all of our treasure. Well done Natalie!

2H Maya for her excellent work in Maths this week, trying her hardest, listening so carefully and never giving up.

Thomas for trying so carefully to improve his handwriting and making great progress in spelling.

3M: Maria always helps others (both her friends and adults!) and continuously works hard as a team. Thank you for all your hard work Maria, it does not go unnoticed!

3MD - Michael: for showing perseverance in his first Circus Skills session and not giving up on completing the activities. Well done for keeping on going until you got it!

4D Guy for taking responsibility for his learning and producing high quality work across all lessons and Ray for settling into 4D and making a wonderful addition to our class.

4HD: Sophie and Leon are STARS this week for demonstrating wonderful partner and table work. They have been kind, supportive and encouraging whilst working with peers in their class.

5J Michael for his enthusiasm and deep thinking in maths which is allowing him to develop his skills as a problem solver searching for the most efficient method!

Olivia - for her not only her positive and determined attitude in all lessons but for the kindness and support she shows to others every day.

5W Alex B for superb efforts with his reading

Rosa - she always has her hand up in class and is such an active learner

6M - Clodagh for always sharing her ideas in class discussions. Your ideas are always thoughtful and you explain why.**6SW - Ethan** for excellent presentation and outstanding handwriting in English - well done!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been thinking hard about what it might have been like living in the Stone Age. We looked at an ancient settlement called Skara Brae and talked about what life was like in the past. In our writing we wrote about their daily lives.

Year 2: Year Two have enjoyed beginning our new History topic! We read 'The Street Beneath My Feet' and wondered about what interesting items we might find underground, producing some excellent writing. Then, to learn about the work of an archaeologist, we excavated cookies! There was lots of excellent discussion and nibbling of course. We look forward to seeing any timelines that may arrive over the next few weeks to display and celebrate in school.

Year 3 - In Science this week, the children loved creating their very own fossils, using plasticine, plaster of paris and shells. On Thursday the children had a fantastic first Circus skills lesson with The Oak Circus Centre and they are so excited for the next week's lesson. If you don't already do so...follow us on Twitter to see weekly photo updates of the children learning new circus skills and routines, in preparation for their performance on Tuesday 19th March!

Year 4 - Last week, Year 4 'flew' to Morocco on St Francis of Assisi Airlines. With their boarding passes in hand, they explored images of Morocco, investigated the distance from Norwich to Rabat - walking, driving and flying. They also used atlases to investigate which countries, seas, oceans over which they would fly. We hope they told you all about their 'flight'!

Year 5 - We have been learning about the oceans of the world, negative numbers and have written some beautiful haikus about winter. We have started our class reader, 'The Silver Sword' which is a classic story set in Poland in WW2 and many children are keen to read books about this time in history. We recommend When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr, A Candle in the Dark by Adele Geras, The Boy in the Striped Pjamas by John Boyne and I Am David by Ann Holm!

Year 6 This week Year 6 have been learning about the causes of the Civil War and recording some wonderful work in their Topic books. In English, the children have been writing some super diary entries and developing their grammar skills.

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS FOR SUBJECTS SPRING 1

	Topic	RE	MFL	Science (if separate to Topic)
Year 1	Through the Keyhole – The Stone Age	Galilee to Jerusalem		
Year 2	Through the Keyhole – Roman Rule and Battling Boudicca	Galilee to Jerusalem		
Year 3	Invaders – Need, Greed or Glory	Advent and Epiphany	Spanish	Forces - Magnets
Year 4	Morocco – The Sand Beneath Our Feet	Jesus the Teacher	Spanish	Habitats
Year 5	Plastic Pollution	God’s Covenant	French	
Year 6	Democracy : By Chance or by Design	Jesus the Bread of Life – Exploring Mass	French	Animals Including Humans

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NORWICH PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS
SEASON 2023/24

SATURDAY
10 FEBRUARY
2024

2.30 & 4.30pm

THE KING'S
CENTRE
NORWICH

The Phil's Children's Concert

*A fun and informal concert for
young children and their families*

Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra
Matthew Andrews conductor
Bernard Hughes narrator

Composer Bernard Hughes narrates James Mayhew's
funny children's book *The Knight Who Took All Day*
and introduces heroic music by Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Grieg
and others, plus the theme to *How To Train Your Dragon*.

With 2 performances of about an hour each, children can sit on the floor or on bean bags
close to the musicians and have a go on some of the instruments during the interval!

Suggested age range 5-11 but older children will enjoy it too

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PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM – see flyer sent on Wednesday

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School Norwich

Dates: 19th February-23rd February 2024

Times: 9.00-15.30 (Full Day)

Price: £17.49 (Full Day)

Ages: 5-12 & Early Years 4 (9.00-13.00) £10.76

Additional info: Book the full course for 10% discount

Language of the month - January

French

hello: **bonjour**

thank you: **merci**

goodbye: **au revoir**

Click this link
and learn from an
expert how to
pronounce these
words!

Vacancy at Notre Dame High School

Start Date: Easter

Job Title: Exams Manager – Permanent

Job Grade: Scale H Actual salary £29,263.87 - £30,967.02 per annum (includes pay review)

Hours: 37 Hours per week term time plus 3 weeks

The post holder will be required to work flexible working patterns during the academic year, especially in the exam season, May & June, and the results weeks in August.

Closing date: Thursday 1 February 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

Interview date: Thursday 8 February 2024

For an application form and further details including a job description and person specification, please visit our website at www.ndhs.org.uk.

Preliminary visits to the school or discussions regarding the post are welcome by arrangement with Lorna Thompson, Exams Manager lthompson@ndhs.org.uk

Notre Dame High School welcomes applications from members of minority ethnic communities and those with disabilities.

We are unable to provide sponsorship for this position, so please ensure you have the right to work in the UK before you apply.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment in accordance with safer recruitment practices and the statutory guidance in Keeping Children Safe in Education. Successful applicants will be required to provide references and undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and comply with the Safeguarding Policy and Child Protections practices of the Trust.

PTFA Update

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas fayre last term, whether it was through donating items for the hamper, offering your time to help at the fayre or simply attending – we are pleased to announce that we raised £2026.70! This is an amazing amount of money and will go towards our latest venture of updating the sound and lighting systems in our school hall and studio.

If you would like to get involved with our next fundraising venture (Quiz and Chips, Easter tombola to name a few) then we would love to welcome you! **Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY and will be via Zoom.** A link will be sent out nearer the time – but save the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you (even if it is remotely!)

From all of us on the PTFA, we would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

TEMPORARY MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are in urgent need of an adult to support us over lunch time. If you are available or know someone who may be interested please either call the office on 01603 441484 or email deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk.

This may be able to become a permanent position.

EACH East Anglian Children's Hospice

Thank you to all who attended the Carol Service on the last day of term. Thanks to your generosity we raised £497.19 to send to this Charity.

Huge appreciation to all





