

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

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

Friday 15th March Class Photos

Monday 25th March Catholic Relationships and Sex Education programme 'Live Life to the Full'. Presentation by Mrs Hope in the Hall 3.30 to 4.15 pm (see below)

Tuesday 18th June Diversity Day

Wednesday 26th June Sports Day

Saturday 15th June – Heigham Park Centenary

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

Friday 15th November 2024 Choirs for Change Norwich Citadel 6pm to 8.30 pm

Reception

Wednesday 4th July Year 1 Teacher Talk 3.30 – 4pm HALL

Year 3

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

Thursday 18th April Parents in for learning 2.15pm
Tuesday 26th March Trip to Walsingham
Wednesday 19th June Trip to the Forum

Thursday 25th April Theatre trip to see Boy at the Back of the Class 10.30 am
Thursday 4th July Year 5 Parent Talk 3.45 to 4.15 pm HALL
Friday 12th July 2.30pm Year Group Assembly

Year 1

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 April 5J Dance Show The Space

Friday 24th May 2:30 Year Group Assembly

June – Year 5 Gressenhall Trip coming up

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

Thursday 11th July School Disco 6-8pm

Year 2

Thursday 13th June Year Group Assembly 2.30 pm

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

Year 6

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



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NAMES



1L Arthur for writing a brilliant recount of our trip to Gressenhall Museum

1PL Zina for trying so hard to be an independent writer with her Gressenhall trip report.

2B - Henning: Henning has had a superb Spring Term but this week has showcased just how much progress he has made at working independently, particularly when writing, and dealing with mistakes when they arrive. We are so proud of him!

2B - Stanley: Stanley has been working extremely hard in maths this week, explaining carefully and clearly how to use grouping to divide. Well done!

2H Albin for great engagement in all of the exciting activities on our trip with enthusiastic and kind behaviour.

Ines for being such a good volunteer on our trip, thinking carefully about answers to questions and getting so involved in the learning.

3M - Henry, for growing in confidence in class, working calmly with peers and joining in with our whole class discussions.

Andrea has been a star this week for her hard work and perseverance in all lessons, well done for never giving up Andrea!

3MD - Ezra, for fantastic effort with handwriting, thoughtfulness around the classroom and positively responding to guidance.

4HD: Imogen is a star for her independent home learning where she applied her knowledge of multiplying by 10 and 100. Great work Imogen!

Class 4HD are all stars for being brilliant mathematical thinkers - they all applied their maths mastery skills when completing reasoning questions. Mrs Hinings was impressed with their group conversations and their use of maths vocabulary. Great work everyone!

4D: Ruby is a star this week for the extra home learning she did about 'teeth'. She independently produced a wonderful information poster all about teeth and their functions. Super work Ruby! Mrs Downing was very impressed with your work.

Mason is a star this week for making good choices in class, working very hard on independent activities and producing some wonderful work. This is great to see, keep it up Mason!

5J Joshua - for continuing to work hard, think deeply, and for always doing his best in every lesson. Also for letting his kindness shine through every day.

Herbie - For being so supportive of others - in class and out! Also for his excellent work ethic and determination to do his best.

5W Jacob S - for showing greater focus and concentration in class and becoming a more independent and determined learner.

Alexis - For always being willing to share her ideas and knowledge in class

6SW Josiah - for excellent effort with trickier concepts in Maths this week - well done!

Mpaso - for excellent effort with his handwriting and presentation in English - super!

6M - Clodagh - for showing perseverance in all subjects. She is doing brilliantly and must remember to believe in herself.

Andras - for making good progress in English and working hard on your warning story.

Learning in school this week

Year 1 We have been learning all about the Last Supper and Good Friday this week. We have also written up our trip report to Gressenhall. We were making our writing grow and we were all so proud of our efforts.

Year 2 had an absolutely fantastic time at the Time and Tide museum this week. We met a druid who told stories and helped us create potions, learned how to become Celtic and Roman warriors and were even almost sold as slaves to a rich Roman woman! It was a lovely way to celebrate and consolidate our topic learning.

Year 3 enjoyed their walk to Eaton Park this week, creating amazing journey sticks in preparation for our upcoming list poetry and writing in English. The children showed excellent teamwork skills in their groups of four. Well done year 3!

Year 4 In Year 4 this week we became scientists and learnt all about the digestive system, the organs involved and their function. This involved lots of drawing around people, cutting out and sticking organs in their correct place and attempting a tarsia puzzle.

Year 5 This week, we have been looking at the story of the Three Little Pigs and whether the Big Bad Wolf was as bad as he seemed! In RE, we have been continuing with our theme of reconciliation and exploring the parable of the Lost Son. We have been noticing all things symmetrical in the world around us!

Year 6 This week Year 6 have been enjoying using different medium to create their Station of the Cross artwork. All the children have also made a super start to their warning stories in English; they are all challenging themselves to make strong vocabulary choices and vary their punctuation, which is so pleasing to see.

ST FRANCIS IS A HEALTHY EATING SCHOOL

A reminder that only fruit and vegetables are allowed as snacks during break time.

Also, whilst children may want to hand out sweets for their birthdays, they cannot be handed out in school. If parents wish to hand them out in the playground after school that is their choice but teachers cannot be asked to facilitate this job as many parents do not wish their children to have said confectionary or cake.



CAFOD SPONSORED WALK

On Wednesday 13th March, the children in our school are participating in The Big Lent Walk 2024 for Schools to raise money for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)! Children in Years 2 to 6 will be walking around Eaton Park. Children in EYFS and Year 1 will be walking around our school field a few times.

If you would like to sponsor them or indeed share this link on any social media pages you have we would be very grateful.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-francis-of-assisi-norwich-big-lent-walk>

LOST PROPERTY

We have so many coats and sweatshirts in our lost property at the moment. Please do come and dive in if you are missing any belongings. They are probably there.

Also, if any parent has a spare hour and would like to go through the buckets and find any named items so they can be returned to their owners, we would be very grateful.

PARKING AT ST FRANCIS – an extract of a letter from a local resident.

Staff have seen with their own eyes some deplorable driving and parking by a few, not the many, parents from our school. But as we all know, it only takes one. The letters received by many local residents echo the concerns of all stakeholders in our school who do not want to see any of the children or parents in our school injured.....

Like most local residents, I avoid driving in and out of Meadow Rise at school drop-off/pick-up time whenever I can, because the number of extra cars and traffic due to your school makes it difficult and unpleasant. The situation has been problematic for years, certainly since St John's and St Thomas More merged. However, recently I have noticed it worsening significantly, to the point that Jessopp Road is practically impassable at these times.

Finally, at the end of last week I had to leave my house by car at pick-up time and witnessed a woman driving into Meadow Rise Avenue while waving to her friend and not looking at the road, completely oblivious to the fact that she was driving straight at me, someone driving fast into Meadow Rise Avenue, reversing round the corner into Meadow Rise Road and out again, and a third person driving up Jessopp Road, reversing into Christchurch Road at the junction and then back out again. This was all in the space of five minutes maximum. I know from friends who live on Christchurch Road and the Avenues, that the situation is pretty dire there too. The fact that it is St Francis parents is indisputable by their children's distinctive uniforms.