

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

Saturday 15th June – Heigham Park Centenary

Tuesday 18th June Diversity Day

Wednesday 26th June Sports Day

Thursday 27th June to 4th July Book Fair

**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

Wednesday 10th July Year 4 Parent Talk Hall 3.45 – 4.15 pm

Year 4

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

Thursday 23rd May Year Group Assembly

Monday 8th July Year 2 Parent Talk 3.30 – 4.00 HALL

Year 5

Wednesday 24th April – NETBALL TOURNAMENT CITY ACADEMY 3.30 to 5pm

Wednesday 22nd May - NETBALL TOURNAMENT CITY ACADEMY 3.30 to 5pm

Friday 24th May 2:30 Year Group Assembly

Monday 10th June NETBALL TOURNAMENT CITY ACADEMY 3.30 to 5pm

Tuesday 21st June Gressenhall Trip

Monday 8th July Trip to Duxford

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

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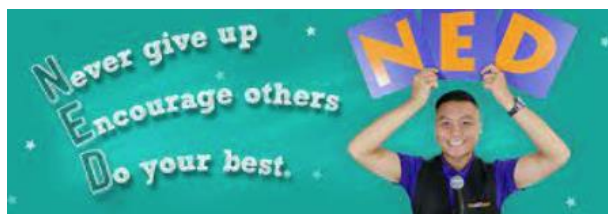
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Friday 12th July Transition Day Notre Dame

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



1LP Julian for working hard on his writing about Jack and the Beanstalk.

1L Arthur for writing in detail about the different parts of the plant

2H Gigi for sticking at her work so that she can grasp tricky concepts in Maths this week - well done!

Logan for reflecting carefully and writing a thoughtful letter of advice in RE.

2B - Evie: Evie worked incredibly hard and showed great patience to create a wonderfully detailed scientific drawing of a flower.

Jason: Jason wrote a superb letter of advice in RE, considering how someone might show they are sorry to a friend and also to God. Great job Jason!

3M - Ben, for his hard work in maths, exploring money and converting pounds and pence.

Sophie has been a star this week for her thoughtful contributions to all RE lessons, delving deeper into The Road to Emmaus.

3MD - Agnes for her fantastic participation and involvement in all lessons, thank you for all your great ideas!

4HD: Sophie is a star this week for being a wonderful assistant to Mrs Hinings in a maths lesson - we think she's a teacher in the making!

4D: Matilda, Joseph and Zuzanna for a well thought out and planned acting sequence in our English lesson.

5J Adela for her positivity and for her engagement with every part of her learning. And well done for achieving special praise from Amelia, our dance teacher.

Izzy for always been kind, for his deep thinking in lessons and for his great moves in our dance J Well done, Izzy.

5W Jed for writing some amazingly descriptive sentences in English.

Finlay for his amazing 'I can attitude' in all his lessons this week

6SW - Bridie for working really hard on complex Maths problems - excellent accuracy!

6M - Aminata for working hard on developing her writing skills. Well done!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have begun our new topic on Plants! We had a special delivery on Monday... it was some special seeds for us to plant. We are going to watch them grow over the next few weeks and then bring them home. We have learnt about the parts of a plant and begun an experiment to see what a plant needs to survive. We have made our predictions about what will happen when the seeds receive no sunshine or water. In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we have become better at it as the week has gone on.

Year 2 Following the Easter break, Year 2 are getting stuck into our new topic - Our Wonderful World. We have started by appreciating the beauty of our very own school field, discussing the nature and habitats that we have so closely around us, before we go on to explore exciting places further away! The children have used their close observational drawing skills to create detailed pictures of flowers from photos that we took outside.

Year 3 - A big thank you to all the grown-ups who were able to join us for our reading workshop this week. Both children and adults enjoyed reading the book "I want my hat back!", exploring predictions, patterns, character emotions, text marking and truthfulness. They even created their own hat for the bear to have in replacement of his own! Take a look at our school Twitter for a few photographs from the afternoon.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have immersed themselves in our class reader 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' through our drama lessons and we have investigated the different thoughts and feelings of various characters to help us understand the story at greater depth. This will help us next week when we go to the theatre to watch a live production of the book.

Year 5 This week, in History, we have started to learn about the Tudors. We are deepening our understanding of equivalent fractions in Maths and in English, we read and analysed a short story. In RE, we reflected on how Jesus's resurrection affected those who witnessed it.* A special congratulations to 5J for their amazing dance performance at the Superstars Dance Show on Wednesday. It was a fantastic experience and the children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Year 6 has enjoyed learning about Greek Myths this week in English. They have produced some detailed, descriptive writing and thought carefully about their punctuation choices. Please could we remind the children that they should bring their own snacks each day for break time. We are working hard, and the children could use the extra energy to aid them!

Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Rowena Cove and I am the Parent Support Advisor (PSA) at St. Francis Catholic Primary School.

My background is in family support and Young Carers, and I have recent experience working with children and families in St John The Baptist Trust schools in Norwich. Most recently, I have been working in my role with Young Carers for The Benjamin Foundation on a part time basis.

My role is to support parents and carers, and to help you and your children gain as much as possible from school life.

Parenting can be overwhelming, and I have first-hand experience of the challenges that parenting can bring. Difficulties and stresses that families face such as juggling work with childcare and everyday life are issues that I am here to help with. Boundaries and routines can be tough, and sometimes our children's behaviour can make us feel concerned or worried. This can add to additional struggles that we face. I am here to help you deal with any worries or concerns you have about your children, and to help you tackle any home issues that are making school life difficult for you and your family.

I can also support families meet 'Early Help' targets or those who wish to be signposted to the right support when things are tougher than usual. My work also involves liaising with the school SENDCo or outside agencies where necessary.

I am also able to issue foodbank vouchers directly to you.

Please contact the school if you require any support or just an informal chat, alternatively email me at rowena.cove@benjaminfoundation.co.uk
We can arrange to meet in person or speak on the telephone. My work phone number is 07471 033670. I work at St Francis one day a week. My working day varies each week so that I can attend meetings where necessary.

Handy Links for parents:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/> - Health and wellbeing support

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/40407/Early-help> – Early Help Norfolk County Council

<https://www.qwell.io/> - Mental Health Support

<https://carersmatternorfolk.org.uk/> - Carers and young carers support

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/norfolk/> - Victim support

<https://www.leewaysupport.org/> - Domestic Abuse Support

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39493/Household-Support-Fund#:~:text=The%20Household%20Support%20Fund%20is%20%C2%A313.39m%20the%20Government,April%202023%20to%20March%202024.> – Help with



Language of the month - April

Ukrainian

Ukrainian is spoken in Ukraine and in Ukrainian communities in Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Lithuania and Slovakia



Remember to check the new display board in the corridor to look at the world map to see exactly where this is... Or use Google Earth!

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

As you will see above, the language of the month is Ukranian. If anybody would like to join us in a Friday assembly or just speak to a class about visiting or living in the Ukraine, you would be warmly greeted. Please contact deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

School Uniform

With lovely weather, children are more inclined to take their sweatshirts off on the field and then leave them there. They can be returned if they have VERY CLEAR names written in them but otherwise they get put in the buckets of unclaimed uniform. PLEASE ensure all uniform, water bottles, packed lunch boxes and book bags are NAMED CLEARLY. Thank you.

Busking Friday



We would like to celebrate the musicians in our school by having a Busking Friday in the Quiet Square on Friday lunchtimes starting next week for the summer term. Claire Furness will ask children if they would like to bring their instrument in on the Thursday and will provide 8 slots each Friday lunch time. If your child is interested in participating, please email deputy@stfrancisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

MUSIC CONCERT

We will be holding a music concert in July for parents and siblings. Any children who are in the choir will perform a number of pieces and any children who play a musical instrument are invited to perform one or two pieces. I am letting you all know now so pieces can be practised. I will let you know the date and time next week. Hopefully Rock Steady Band members can also perform at this event.



CAKE SALE

Just a reminder that there is a cake sale in school on Tuesday. Children are invited to make delicious cakes and bring them in to sell. All children will get the opportunity to buy a cake.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so we can sell them outside.

Knowledge Organisers for Summer 1 2024

	Topic	RE	Science	MFL
Year 1	Plants	To the Ends of the Earth- Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost		
Year 2	Here There and Everywhere – Our Wonderful World	To the Ends of the Earth – Ascension, Pentecost’s Conversion		
Year 3	Latitude 52	To the Ends of the Earth – Mass and Mission	Acorn to Oak	Spanish
Year 4	Hawaii – The Water Beneath our Feet	Early Christians	Sound	Spanish
Year 5	Crime and Punishment	The Risen Christ	Materials and their Properties	French
Year 6	Biomes Under Threat	The Transforming Spirit	Evolution and Inheritance	French