St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Felicity Hope

WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 1 5th September 2025

Reception

Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th February – National Child Measure Programme and Vision and Hearing Tests

21 and 22 October Parents Evening in class

9th 2pm and 10th 9.30 am December Nativity Play

2-6th March Mystery Reader week

6th March Potato Parade

4th June Heigham Park Trip am

1st July Welcome to Year 1 3.30 pm Hall

Year 1

21st and 22nd October Parents Evenings (in class)

9th December Parent Workshop about London 2pm in class

19th March Parent Workshop Victorians 2pm in class

19th May Parent Workshop Plants – 2pm class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings

2nd July Welcome to Year 2 3.30 pm Hall

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

Wednesday 3rd December Parental Engagement Bug Workshop **2pm**

Wednesday 7th January – Parental Engagement - Timeline Creation **2 pm**

Monday 9th March Trip to Great Yarmouth Tide Museum for Roman event

24th June Parent Workshop 2pm Class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

Monday 8th September Viking Day in Hall

Thursday 11th September 3BD Swimming #1

21st/22nd October Parents Evenings 3.30 onwards in Hal

11th December Parent Workshop 1.45 pm in class

Mid/end March Circus Skills Performance tbc

8th June Parent Workshop (Reading)

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

21st/22nd October Parents Evenings 3.30 onwards in Hal

11th November Parent Workshop 2.30 pm class

3rd March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in Class

9th June Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

6th July Welcome to Year 5 3.30 pm

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

Monday 29th September - Wednesday 1st October Whitwell Residential for 5J

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21st/22nd October Parents Evenings 3.30 onwards in Hal

26th November Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

18th March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

1st July Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

6th July Welcome to Year 6 3.30 pm Hall

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

Thursday 18th September 2025 - Prospective Year 7 Parents and Pupils Evening

21st/22nd October Parents Evenings 3.30 onwards in Hal

Thursday 23 October 2025 National Child Measurement Programme

13th November Parent Workshop 2.15pm in class

16th March Parent Workshop 2.15 pm in class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – New Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 10th July 2026– Year 7 Transition Day

14th and 15th July Year 6 Production 6.30 pm Hall

ALL

2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 12th September 3.30 pm Welcome BBQ

Monday 6th October 2025 Individual and Sibling School Photos

Friday 17th October PTFA ADULT Quiz and Chips 6.30 pm

2nd December Advent Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 6th March Group Photos and Leavers' Individual Photos

Friday 27th March 2026 1.30 pm Pinnochio Theatre Play in school - please pay on WISEPAY

15th April Easter Mass 2pm Hall

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to St Francis after our long and sunny summer. It has been a joy and delight to see so many happy faces in school over the last few days, and to hear an enthusiastic buzz coming from each classroom; we're really looking forward to a busy and productive Autumn Term!

A reminder about morning drop-off: the main Jessopp Road school gate is unlocked at 8:30, when children may come into the first playground area to be supervised by myself, Mrs Furness or Mrs Bowen before the internal gates open at 8:40am and children go into class. This is slightly different on a Tuesday morning, where children have access to two areas and the internal gate opens at 8:45am (due to Teacher/TA weekly morning meetings taking place.) Please do not leave your children unsupervised on the pavement outside the main school gates before 8:30am; it is not safe for them to be there alone.

I want to update you on a couple of the building projects that are currently underway or will be starting shortly, as they may impact on your movement around the playground. Firstly, our long anticipated new bike shed is about to be constructed; the delay was due to planning issues – now resolved.

Secondly, a new gated fence will be put in place during September around the Year 2 Quiet Square area. This is to ensure that there is a secure space for the Year 2 children to access. It will also help with school security. For Year 2 parents picking up children at the end of the day, this will mean that you will not have access to the Quiet Square until the Year 2 teachers open the gate into this area at home time. Before then, you are welcome to wait in the wider playground with the Year 3 -6 parents.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in and around school this term. Please remember that I am here to listen to and help with any worries, concerns or comments you might have.

Mrs Felicity Hope

NAMING SCHOOL ITEMS

PLEASE ensure all sweatshirts, ties, shoes, coats, hats, scarfs, lunch boxes and water bottles are very clearly named. Our lost property gets out of control with unnamed items and very expensive clothing and water bottles are either thrown away to taken to charity shops every half term.







ABSENCE FIXED PENALTY NOTICE LETTER

All parents should have received the warning letter about unauthorized absence via email on Wednesday. The law states that if an absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more is unauthorized a fixed penalty notice must be issued. As you will see from the letter. This is £80 per child per parent which can mount up to a very sizeable charge.

Please remember that the Headteacher can only authorize an absence in exceptional circumstances.

Academic Year 2025-26	
Autumn Term 1	3rd September – 23rd October 2025
Half Term Break	27th October – 31st October 2025
Autumn Term 2	3rd November – 19th December 2025
Christmas Holiday Break	22nd December – 5th January 2026
Spring Term 1	6th January – 13th February 2026
Half Term Break	16th February -20th February 2026
Spring Term 2	23rd February – 27th March 2026
Easter Holiday Break	30th March to 10th April 2026
Summer Term 1	13th April – 22nd May 2026
Half Term Break	25th May – 29th May 2026
Summer Term 2	1st June – 17th July 2026
Summer Holiday	17th July 2026

NO DOGS IN PLAYGROUND

Although many of us love dogs, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are dogs allowed on our school property. I know this might be frustrating but it is for obvious legal reasons.

Thank you for your understanding.



PARKING

Hello all car users. Please can all drivers make sure that they park appropriately around our school. Do not:

- block accesses;
- park in Gould Road/Elizabeth Fry residents' parking spaces; or
- park on grass verges or communal grassed areas.

Sally Grant, the Local Delivery Team Leader/Neighbourhood Officer South Norwich of Broadland Housing has been in touch as she has had a significant numbers of local residents complaining about the parking of some of our St Francis parents. The Highways Department of Norfolk County Council have also been in touch about the number of complaints they are receiving from residents in Christchurch Road, Jessopp Road and Meadow Rise Road.

Thank you.

REMINDERS

Mrs Rowena Cove, our parent support worker from The Benjamin Foundation is usually in school on Mondays. Her email address is rowena.cove@benjaminfoundation.co.uk

You may email her directly or ask myself (Mrs Furness) to get in touch with her.

JEWELLERY - Watches are allowed to be worn. Earrings must be studs only. On PE or swimming days these must be covered with tape for safety reasons. Please remember nail varnish or make up is not allowed.

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – these are above on the newsletter plus under the parent tab on the website.

READING DIARIES – please record all reading at home. It really helps the teachers know how much support is able to be given at home. Reading for pleasure is one of the most important routines you can support your child in completing. Thank you.