St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Felicity Hope

WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 2 12th September 2025

Reception

21 and 22 October Parents Evening in class

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

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

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

PE DAYS TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS

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

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

8th July Welcome to Year 3

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

Friday 10th October Ed the Mini Monster Man in class - pay via WISEPAY £3.18 per child

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

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

Thursday 18th September 3BD Swimming #2

Thursday 9th October Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

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

Thursday 20th November Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

11th December Parent Workshop 1.45 pm in class

Thursday 11th December Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Mid/end March Circus Skills Performance tbc

8th June Parent Workshop (Reading)

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

9th July Welcome to Year 4

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

Tuesday 30th September Trip to Happisburgh Beach – payment via WISEPAY

Thursday 9th October Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

21st/22nd October

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

11th November Parent Workshop 2.30 pm class

Thursday 20th November Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Thursday 11th December Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm

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

ALL

Friday 12th September 3.30 pm Welcome BBQ

Monday 22nd September PTFA Meeting 7 pm

Monday 6th October 2025 Individual and Sibling School Photo

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

Friday 17th October PTFA ADULT Quiz and Chips 6.30 pm

THURSDAY 23rd October LAST DAY OF HALF TERM.

Friday 24th October FIRST DAY OF HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd November BACK TO SCHOOL

2nd December Advent Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

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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

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

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

Wednesday 1st October Whitwell Residential for 5W

Thursday 2nd October Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Friday 10th October – 1pm Cross Country Sprowston Junior

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

Friday 7th November 1pm Cross Country Falcon Junior

Thursday 13th November Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

26th November Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

Thursday 4th December Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Friday 5th December Cross Country Eaton Park

Friday 6th March Cross Country Old Catton FINAL

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

Tuesday 30th September Parent Meeting re ULLSWATER 3.30 to 4pm 6HD

Thursday 2nd October Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Friday 10th October – 1pm Cross Country Sprowston Junior

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

Thursday 23 October 2025 National Child Measurement Programme

Friday 7th November 1pm Cross Country Falcon Junior

Thursday 13th November Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Thursday 13th November Parent Workshop 2.15pm in class

Monday 24th November ULLSWATER TRIP – return Friday 28th November

Thursday 4th December Mixed Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

Friday 5th December Cross Country Eaton Park

Friday 6th March Cross Country Old Catton FINAL

16th March Parent Workshop 2.15 pm in class

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

CELEBRATION NAMES

1PL Zebedee - for being resilient and trying hard with a maths job that he found really tricky! He has a super growth mindset. **1L Nina** - for not giving up and being involved and enthusiastic in every lesson.

2B: Kuba - Kuba has been on fire this week - not literally of course! He has tried his best in all his learning, particularly maths where he produced some excellent work on fact families.
2S Nina: Congratulations to Nina! Nina has blown all the adults away with her fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has written wonderful sentences and has shown maturity and kindness towards others
3MD Annabel - for your involvement in lessons and fantastic RE knowledge
Melody - for your enthusiasm in lessons and great sharing of answers.
3BM Theodore - for his thoughtful answers to our Literacy and History lessons this week.
Gabriel - for settling so well into Year 3.
4H Toby for working so hard in every lesson with excellent learning behaviours and positive attitude to writing with increasing independence.
4D Milo for demonstrating great behaviour and engagement in all of the new learning as well as modelling kindness to peers at playtimes.

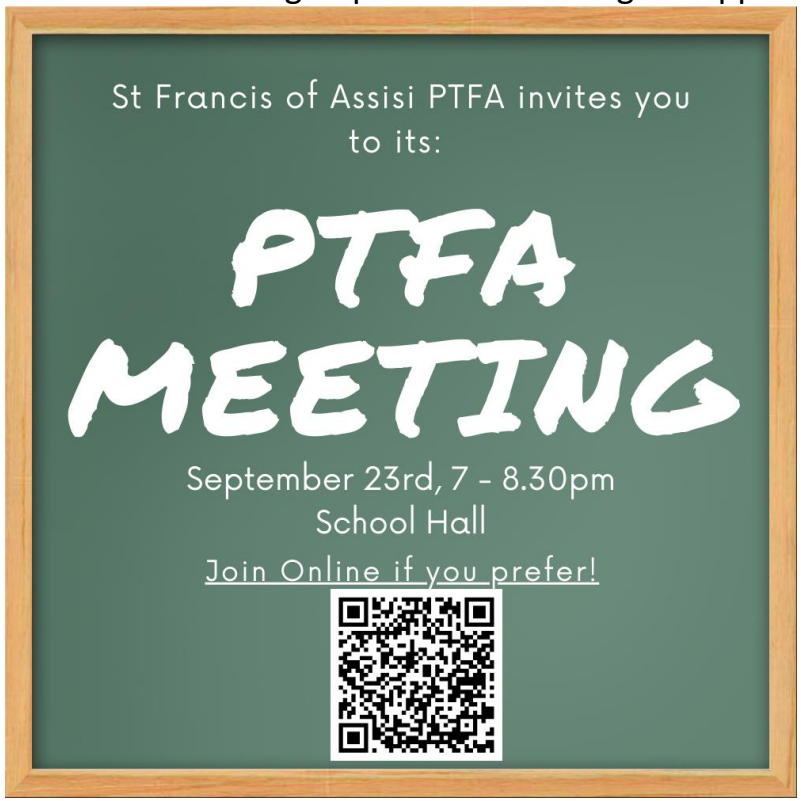
5W Leo – For the excellent, positive attitude he has shown in maths lessons this week.
5W Lenny – For the excellent, positive attitude he has shown in maths lessons this week.
5J – Henry for thinking deeply and creatively about his maths to find original solutions.
5J – Briella for her super start to Year 5 – she has been hardworking, involved in all of her learning, and a kind and supportive classmate

6HD: Jay is a star this week for his brilliant attitude towards learning, especially in creating a poem about his favourite place. We have been very impressed with his perseverance and positive attitude.
6SW: Frankie is a star for his super poetic features in his writing this week. He has been an absolute asset to the class with his wonderful manners and helpful attitude.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 What a fantastic first week we have had in Year One! All of the children were happy and engaged and we had a great time beginning our topics. This week we have been practising counting to 10 accurately, understanding that the last number we counted represents the amount. We carried on thinking about all the beautiful things God created and wrote a prayer to say thank you. In Geography, we looked on Google Maps to find the UK and Norwich and zoomed in on some landmarks in Norwich, talking about what you can do there. We also learnt a Psalm about stars and made chalk star pictures.
Year 2 has been fully immersed in learning about an eight-legged visitor who appeared in class on Monday. He asked us to learn all about spiders and see if we could help convince people that they were in fact remarkable. We have spent time learning lots of facts and writing these into excellent sentences.
Year 3 This week kicked off with a BANG and our Year 3 Viking Day. We would like to say a huge thank you to grown-ups for the children's fantastic costumes! During the day, the children made some additional accessories - a precious clay amulet and a beautiful 'silver' brooch. It was a fun day to start our Invaders topic off with!
Year 4 What an exciting return to school we have had in Year 4 so far! We have done so well to establish ourselves in our new learning environments whilst delving straight into our new topics. With 'Extreme Earth' in Geography, we are starting 'local', looking at UK coastlines and learning how they form and change. In Science, we are learning about the digestive system and how the process begins in the mouth... we tested out the functions of our four types of teeth munching some tasty apple slices!
Year 5 This week Year 5 have started their new topic, 'Our Green Planet' exploring the different plants that can be found in our school grounds. They are writing a poem, 'What is Green?' using descriptive language to 'paint' a detailed picture. In maths the children have been learning about additive structure and the relationship between addition and subtraction. We have begun our 'Creation and Covenant' topic in RE by exploring the story of the Israelites in Egypt and God's plan for Moses. In Science, we have been developing our understanding of food chains.
Year 6 have made a wonderful start to their learning. We have seen some creative writing about their favourite place, great research techniques in geography lessons and they have all settled in really well into the Year 6 maths curriculum. We hope they are all coming home with smiles on their faces and telling you about their days!

PTFA Meetings – please come along to support.



SISTEMA NORWICH MUSIC EDUCATION

Sistema Norwich offers a rounded music education opportunity aimed at supporting access to instrumental teaching and being part of an orchestra.

All children participate twice a week after school, covering four sessions: instrument lesson, orchestra/ensemble, general musicality and choir. All teaching is in groups, provision is free, and instruments are supplied.

Beginners undertake a 5-week carousel across all our instrument groups to support the choice of instrument

This is on offer for parents to express an interest for their child :
https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/events/event/sistema-norwich-orchestral-programme-3/

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.

BROOK STREET BAND - performing Baroque composers including Vivaldi, Teleman, Bach, Tallis and Pachelbel

We are very luck that on Monday 22nd September Brook Street Band are offering performances to all our school and workshops with Years 4,5 and 6.

All Parents are warmly invited to a FREE CONCERT between 3.30 to 4pm in the HALL on Monday 22nd September. We do hope some of you can come. Your children are of course invited to join you too.

SCHOOL START TIME

Early morning work starts at **8.40 am** in Years 1 to 6. Please try to ensure your child is in school at this time so they can fully participate in this learning.

Thank you.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

As per the website, be aware that half term ends on Thursday 23rd October and the holidays begin on Friday 24th October 2025.

Language of the Month

This month our language is **Russian.** In Assembly we are listening to Russian composers and their famous music:

Sergei Prokofiev – Peter and the Wolf

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake

Igor Stravinksy Firebird Suite

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No 2

If any parent would like to come and speak to us about their Russian culture please deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk. We would be delighted for you to join us on a Friday at 2.50 pm in our Singing Assembly.



If your son or daughter are interested in this club, please get in touch using this email: morganmarshall.coaching@gmail.com

REMINDERS

Contact details of external clubs

Tennis club : Tom.kenny@nationaltennis.org.uk on a Thursday for Years 1-3
Art Club : julimobbs@icloud.com
Drama Club : rosalind@actouteducation.co.uk
Premier Clubs https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/14119/?location=Nr2%203QB&distance=0.1&distance=0.1&type[]=ExC

Music Lessons on Offer. Wind and String instruments -Monday afternoon

Singing and Piano - Thursday

Drums, Guitar and Brass – Friday all day



Dear Parents/Carers

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

My background is in family support and Young Carers, having started working with families in 2009 through the Surestart children's centres.

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. 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 living costs

"The Small Football School U6's & Heigham Park Rangers Pathway is launched"

Small Football School started the year with a Bang 💥
We had our first Year 1 Football sessions at the UEA SPORTSPARK on Friday 5th 6-7pm and Saturday 6th 11-12pm.
It went wonderfully well Thanks to the support of Cat, Tom and Mark my parents assistant coaches.
At the same time I coach the kids the parents support me and learn the ropes so they will be able to coach U7 Football teams next year on their own at Heigham Park Rangers.

📣We are still recruiting 📣

September 2025.
➕ 5 Spots available for Friday 6-7pm session. For children entering Y1
➕ 5 Spots available for Saturday 11-12pm session. For children entering Y1

📣 **BOOK NOW YOUR** FREE TASTER FOR FRIDAY 12th or SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER AT UEA SPORTSPARK PITCH 1. 📣

📣 REGISTRATION CLOSES THURSDAY 4th 6pm: Text DADDY:07957 970674 📣

☑Check out website:
http://smallfootballschool.co.uk/
Contact me directly 07957 970674

Kids Disabled children say we can

Norfolk Parent Carer Service

Coffee & Connect

Fortnightly on Wednesday
10.30 - 12.30

Autum Term 2025

10th Sept - Guest Speaker (Stacey, Anglian Water)

24th Sept - Lego Workshop

8th October - Guest Speaker (Alice MacDonald MP)

22nd October - Wellbeing

5th November - Guest Speaker (Young Carers Matter)

19th November - Workshop (tbc)

3rd December - Guest Speaker (Family Action)

17th December - Wellbeing

The Viking Centre, Tills Road, Norwich, NR6 7QZ

Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk/sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk



The Hamlet
Life without limits

Little Bees



Stay & Play

Tuesdays (Term Time Only)
10 - 11:30am

The Hamlet Children's Centre, Johnson Place, NR2 1SJ

Our Stay & Play sessions are designed for children under 5 with disabilities and/or additional needs - and their families. Buzz in for relaxed play, gentle activities, and a chance to connect with others. Come as you are, have fun, and make new friends in a safe inclusive space.



Book on Eventbrite:



Explore, Learn, and Grow!

AFTER SCHOOL

SAILING CLUB

1ST AUTUMN TERM!

Join Whitlingham's Sailing Club!

Y3 - Y6*
Sailing (Fridays)
Sep 19-Oct 10
16:00-18:00
£76

Booking Link:

Link to Sailing Club Bookings

*Children who are only 7yr olds must have an adult present



Clubs at St Francis - Autumn 2025

Club		Who can attend?	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Breakfast	Miss Emily Palmer	Anyone who has paid	Every day	7.40am	8.50pm	£5 all £3 half hour
After School	Mrs Julia McClarnon	Anyone who has paid	Every day	3.30pm	6.00pm	£3 until 4pm, £5 until 4.30 pm £10 to 6pm
Parent Support Worker	Mrs Rowena Cove	By appointment	Monday	9:00 AM	4.00 pm	Free
Football Club	Mr Proctor	Years 3 and 4	Monday	12.30 pm	1:00 PM	Free
Gardening Club	Mrs Raworth	Years 4,5,6 (8 only)	Monday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	£33 (11 weeks)
Drama Club	Rosalind Burt	Years 4,5 and 6	Monday	3:30 PM	4.30 pm	via Rosalind
Premier Sports Football	Premier Sports	Year 2 to Year 6	Monday	3.30 pm	4.25pm	(pay via Premier) £42
Rosary Club	Mrs Saward Clarke and Mrs Renegado	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Library Open - Games Café	Mrs Kelsey	All children	Tuesday	12.30 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Premier Sports Dodgeball	Premier Sports	Years 2 to 6	Tuesday	3.25 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier) £42
Art Club	Mrs Juli Mobbs	Years 1, 2 and 3	Tuesday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Football	Mr Proctor	5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00pm	Free
Gymnastics	Premier Sports	Year 2 to Year 6	Wednesday (1.3.23)	3.30 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier) £42
Sewing Club	Mrs Adamski	Year 5 and 6	Wednesday (1.3.23)	12.30pm	1.15 pm	Free
School Council	Mrs Hinings	Class Representatives	Every other Wednesday	12.35 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Running Club - Eaton Park	Mr Curtis Mr Proctor	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.10 pm	Free
Junior Chaplaincy	Mrs Hope	2 children from each class	Every other Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
Basketball Netball skills	Mr Proctor	Years 5 and 6	Thursday	12.30 pm	1:15pm	Free
Library	Mr Brackenbury	All years	Thursday	12.30pm	1.15pm	Free
Cafod Club	Mrs Savage	Year 5 and 6	Thursday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Tennis Club	National Tennis Assoc	Years 1-3	Thursday	3.25 pm	4.10 pm	(pay via Tennis Association)
Art Club	Miss Juli Mobbs	Years 4,5 and 6	Thursday	3.30pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Library Open After School for parents and children	Mrs Claire Furness	All children and parents	Thursday	3.30pm	4.00 pm	Free
Choir	Mrs Furness	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	8.15 am	8.50 am	Free
Premier Sports Basketball	Premier Sports	Years 1 to 6	Friday	3.25pm	4.25pm	(payment via Premier) £36
Sailing Club	Whitlingham Sailing Club	Years 3 to 6	Friday	4:00 PM	6pm	£76