St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 3 19th 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 25th September 3BD Swimming #3

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

Tuesday 23rd September PTFA Meeting 7 pm School Hall

Monday 6th October 2025 Individual and Sibling School Photo

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

Monday 13th October – National Cycle to School Week

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

Thursday 4th December Advent Mass 2pm Hall (change of date)

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

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Thursday 5th March WORLD BOOK DAY – children to dress up as book character

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

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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

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

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – New Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 10th July 2026– Year 7 Transition Day

Tuesday 14th July Crucial Crew am

CELEBRATION NAMES

1PL Emilia B - for spotting patterns in Maths and contributing brilliantly to number talk.
1L Ivan - for listening really hard on the carpet and writing independently with careful handwriting and spelling.
2B Evan: Evan has been superb in all learning this week. He has been brilliantly independent in maths when learning about recognising tens and ones and Mrs Wilson was super impressed with his spider sentences. Well done Evan!
2S: **Albie:** Albie has been fantastic in all of his lessons this week. He written excellent factual sentences about spiders and has stood out in maths for his brilliant explanations and reasoning. His dancing has also made us all smile! Well done Albie!
3BM Lukas for his incredibly detailed Viking village drawing in Literacy this week.
3MD **Julian, Arthur and Alfie** - for their careful planning of a design of a Viking village. Welldone for the care in presentation, and also for the thoughtfulness of where you have placed your buildings.
Freya for always sharing her ideas and taking part in class discussions.
4H Henning for being super involved in Maths and becoming more resilient when things go wrong with his work, especially in Art.
Jerusha for being such an excellent example of behaviour in every lesson and also for creating a wonderful self portrait.
6HD Lizzie is a star for her articulated response to RE questions about 'Who is John?'. She clearly put a lot of thought into her answers and showed maturity and her great depth of understanding.
6SW Hollie is a star for always asking for help if she needs it, having a really good attitude to her learning and always striving for excellence in everything she does.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

This week in Year 1 we have continued to explore counting within 10, focussing on counting forwards and backwards from any given number and finding one more. We have also written sentences about the things that we like to do, trying our best to collect our 'writing treasure' as we go. Our writing treasure is how we self assess our work, looking for writing on the line, using fingers spaces, capital letters and full stops and making our writing grow. We have also made a map of the school in Geography and had great fun starting on our junk model city. Finally, in RE we have been talking about how we can look after God's world.

Year 2 This week, Year 2 has loved learning more incredible spider facts to help our guest Sid and put these into different types of sentence, including some "Did you know..." facts. We have loved exploring the micro habitats in our school and perhaps you might like to do the same in your neighbourhood. Maybe you could create some tally charts like we did, showing the minibeasts you found.

Year 3 In Science this week, Year 3 have been investigating whether the number of seeds in a pot will affect how the plant grows. We worked in groups of four and set up an experiment by planting different numbers of seeds in four pots: one pot with 1 seed, another with 2 seeds, one with 4 seeds and another with 8 seeds. Before planting, we made predictions about which pots might grow best and why. We will carefully observe the plants over the next few weeks and measure their growth and see if our predictions were correct. We are excited to find out what will happen!

Year 4 We have been keen scientists this week and taken our learning about the teeth further! We have set up an experiment to investigate tooth decay and over the next week we will observe and record the effects on eggs (their shells mimicking the enamel of our teeth) that have been submerged in various drinks. In English we are learning all about Haikus, a form of Japanese poetry, and are using descriptive language to become poets ourselves.

Year 6 The children have been working hard on researching and completing their 'Biome' posters and are getting ready to present their findings to the rest of the class. We are looking forward to hearing their presentations and finding out about the 6 biomes. In English we have been revising some important grammatical concepts ready to be used in our setting and character descriptions.

Reading at Home:

At St Francis, one of our core aims is to foster a love of reading by ensuring the children learn to decode fluently and are exposed to a variety of classic and current texts through whole class and individual reading opportunities.

One of the ways in which we ensuring this is by tracking the number of reading experiences children have **in school** and **at home.** This includes collecting in reading diaries each week to change books and/or have a glance at how much children have read at home. To help you in persuading your children, we are going to be offering prizes to the classes who have the most **reading experiences** at **home** and **in school.**

We are aware that there can be barriers to this taking place so wanted to include school experiences to support those of you who have circumstances that make reading at home difficult.

This initiative will work alongside other whole school events and experiences that form part of our strategy to help children learn to read and love doing so.



TOYS

Just a reminder that Toys of any kind are not permitted in school. We are getting a lot of them, especially in Year 3 and they are getting lost or broken.

They will be confiscated if seen by an adult.

Thank you.

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.

PTFA

It would be lovely to see lots of you at the PTFA meeting on Tuesday 23rd September.

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 and Dance of the Knights

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake and Nutcracker

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.

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