St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Felicity Hope

WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

ssue 4 26th 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
Tuesday 9th December Trip to Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus
Tuesday 11th November Cross Country Earlham Park am
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
Monday 3rd November Level 1 Bikeability am
Tuesday 11th November Cross Country Earlham Park am
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

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

Monday 6th October 2025 Individual and Sibling School Photo

Monday 13th October – National Cycle to School Week

Friday 17th October PTFA ADULT Quiz and Chips 6.30 pm

Monday 20th October 7 -8.30 pm PTFA Meeting

THURSDAY 23rd October LAST DAY OF HALF TERM.

Friday 24th October FIRST DAY OF HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd November BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2nd December Norfolk Childrens' Book Centre (Book Sale and workshops)

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

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

ALL continued ..

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

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

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

Mon 4th and Tues 5th November Group 1 Bikeability

Friday 7th November 1pm Cross Country Falcon Junior

Tuesday 11th November Cross Country Earlham Park am

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

Tuesday 18th and Wed 19th Group 2 Bikeability

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

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

Tuesday 11th November Cross Country Earlham Park am

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

CELEBRATION NAMES

1L - Ella - for producing amazing writing this week and sounding out all the words so carefully.
1PL - Edmund - for working as a team to create a city landscape and writing all the labels for the group!
2B: Olivia - Worked hard on her spider non-fiction book this week, using new vocabulary and responding well to feedback so she could grow her sentences. Well done!
2S: **David -** Wrote beautiful sentences this week, challenging himself to extend his writing by the use of conjunctions. David also did fantastic 2-digit exploration, finding and recording accurate number sentences. Well done David!
3MD Jacey - for her inventive sentence work in Topic and English
Dominick and **Bernie** - for their collaborative work in English
3BM Robyn for her fantastic ideas in Writing this week - 'the smells of the Viking market danced through the air' - you inspired lots of the class with this Robyn, thank you!
4H **Matylda** for her superb efforts in writing, checking and editing her own work.
Chris for having an excellent work ethic and sharing his knowledge to help others, especially in Science.
4H Jason for inspiring us all to be the best that we can be! You always try your absolute best, whilst never forgetting to be kind. Thank you Jason :)
Dylan T for taking great care in English to craft interesting and ambitious sentences, consistently providing us with excellent WAGOLLs!
5W Chioma for being such an active learner in class and always ready to share her ideas and thoughts with others.
5W Leah for always listening carefully in class and trying her best in every lesson
5J Michael for his involvement in every lesson: sharing ideas, deepening his thinking and challenging himself.
5J Sophie for being such a focused learner and working hard to produce quality work.
6HD: Stella is a star for taking part in her group's biome presentation to the class. She was confident, showed wonderful presentation skills and interacted with the audience. Well done Stella!
6SW: SK is a star for being a super learning partner in maths. She supported her partner with just the right amount of information and help. She has been an asset to the class and works really well independently.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 In Year 1 we have been busy counting forwards and backwards within 10 and finding one more and one less of numbers. We also wrote about the amazing things we can do now that we are not babies. We thought really hard about our writing treasure and remembered to use capital letters and finger space. We tried to write our letters on the line, grow our sentences and form our letters correctly. In geography, we have been thinking about the features of a city and we worked in small groups to create a model city landscape.

Year 2 explored sketching and watercolours this week, making close observational drawings of spiders before painting. We have also reflected more deeply about the beauty of creation all around us by writing Psalms praising the natural world.
Year 3 - In Maths this week the children have revisited their knowledge and understanding of place value, focusing on finding 1, 10 and 100 (more and less) of a three digit number. Within English lessons, the children have explored prepositions. They learnt how to use these effectively within their Viking writing, using their imagination to walk through their Viking village that they created last week.
Year 4 In Year 4 we have been building our knowledge of how coastlines are formed ahead of our field trip next week and we are now beginning to learn about some of the sea life inhabiting our local waters. We are using this knowledge to write scientifically in English and create factually rich non-chronological reports! In Maths, we are learning to become fluent and flexible in our concept of number, by ordering, comparing and explaining our thinking.
Year 5 In Topic, Year 5 have been learning about the differences between satellite maps and Ordnance Survey maps. In maths, the children have been looking at place value and brushing up on their column addition and subtraction skills. After looking at metaphors and similes we have now turned our attention towards personification in English and how this can improve our descriptive writing. In RE, we have been looking at the 10 Commandments and thinking about why God gave these rules to Moses. In Science, we are learning about pollination and how this is an important process in the reproduction of plants.
Year 6 In Topic, the children presented their biome to the class - we were very impressed with their presentation skills, confidence and knowledge. In Art, we have been experimenting with our art painting and blending skills which we will be using over the next few weeks

St Francis of Assisi Day

On **Thursday 2nd October** we will be celebrating St Francis of Assisi Day. The children will have the opportunity to complete a variety of activities within their classrooms linked to St Francis. We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us in the afternoon that day for our whole school mass at **2pm in the school hall**.

Drama Club

Autumn 2

Rosalind Burt who leads the Monday Drama Club has asked me to share this link so that you can sign up.
https://forms.gle/Tfvj9kpvbzbFhLgx7

PARENTS EVENINGS – Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October

These meetings are now ready to book on WisePay. It is so good for the teachers to get an opportunity to meet with parents at the beginning of the new school year so both parties can share success and any targets that need working on. We encourage all parents to attend.

If your child spends time in The Nest, please book meetings with the class teacher. Miss Betts will be in The Nest both days for parents to speak to her before or after their appointment.

Please note 5W meetings are on Monday and Tuesday instead of Tuesday and Wednesday so if there is a sibling, please book for Tuesday.

Meetings for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held in the classrooms.

Meetings for Years 3,4 5 and 6 will be held in the Hall. The classrooms will be open so parents/carers can look at books etc.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The costs for these clubs went up in September.

Breakfast Club from 7.40 am £6 or from 8.10 £3.50

After School Club £12 to 6pm £5.50 for 1 hr and £3.50 to 4pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Posters were stuck around the school and all 13 candidates spoke in Assembly last week. The children from Year 2 to Year 6 then voted for their choices. All the candidates received a lot of votes this year but the winners are:

Chair Lizzie D (6HD)
V.Chair Ruby CM (6HD)
Secretary William C (6SW)

We are confident that these three children will lead the Council meetings very effectively and Mrs Hope and myself look forward to regularly meeting with them.



St Francis of Assisi PTFA invites you to its:

PTFA AGM MEETING

Annual General Meeting
October 20th, 7 - 8.30pm
School Hall

The PTFA needs you – help us make great things happen

Why it matters

- Your PTFA funds the extras school budgets can't: welly shed, £15k sound/lighting system, play-area fence, bike shed, studio screen, AC for Year 2, and (planned) Reception storage shed and BBQ.
- Our events build children's skills and community: teamwork, creativity, confidence, entrepreneurship.

What we do

- Christmas Cards & Products, Quiz Night, Christmas Wreath Workshop, Christmas Fair, Valentine Disco, Easter Tombola, Family Quiz, Summer Fair.

What we need

- We need new committee members: A treasurer, an assistant-treasurer, a vice-chair and a secretary.
- Our treasurer and assistant treasurer will step down at this AGM as their children are leaving the school. Without these vital roles being filled the PTFA cannot operate and will have to fold. There will be an initial shadowing period for anyone interested - and you will get training in the roles.
  This is a great opportunity for anyone with a background or interest in finance to help make a difference to the school and enhance our children's experiences
- Event leads/co-leads for activities (Christmas/Summer Fair, School Discos, Tombola)
- Micro-volunteers for 60–90 minute shifts (setup, stalls, refreshments, tidy, baking, prizes).

What's the commitment?

- Committee: 2–4 hrs/month (monthly meetings).
- Event Lead: 8–12 hrs over 4–6 weeks.
- Micro-volunteer: 1 hour per event. No experience needed; templates and support provided.

If we don't have a PTFA

- Fewer/lower-key events (Christmas Fair/Disco/Tombola/Summer Fair at risk).
- Less funding for the "extras" that make a big difference.
- Missed sponsorship/match funding opportunities.

How to help (3 easy ways)

- Join the committee, lead/co-lead an event, or pledge a 1-hour shift.
- Write to us at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk.
- AGM with role elections: Mon 20 Oct 2025—please come along and get involved.

Every hour counts—thank you for supporting our school community.

Role description:

Treasurer (Trustee) Purpose: Manage PTFA finances in line with committee decisions and charity law. Key tasks:

Day-to-day finances and accurate record-keeping

Clear finance reports at meetings; prepare event floats and cash handling

Bank income; manage payments and expense claims

Year-end accounts; Charity Commission return

Present the annual financial report at the AGM. Good fit: Confident with money and budgets, numerate, methodical

Assistant Treasurer (Trustee) Purpose: Support the Treasurer and act as deputy when needed. Key tasks:

Help with day-to-day finances and simple monthly snapshots

Prepare floats, support secure cash handling at events, bank takings

Be a bank signatory; step in for the Treasurer if absent
Assist with year-end tasks and AGM prep. Good fit: Comfortable with numbers, reliable, organized
Vice-Chair (Trustee) Purpose: Support the Chair and deputise in their absence. Key tasks:
Work closely with the Chair; help set agendas and keep meetings on track
Run meetings when Chair is away
Encourage volunteer participation; co-ordinate/lead selected events
Help liaise with the school on priorities. Good fit: Strong organiser, diplomatic, enthusiastic team player
Secretary (Trustee) Purpose: Keep PTFA activities running smoothly through excellent comms and admin. Key tasks:
Plan meetings with the Chair; circulate agendas; ensure quorum
Take minutes (decisions and actions) and keep records/templates up to date
Manage communication between committee, volunteers, and school
Support event publicity (flyers, posters, tickets)
Run officer elections and minute the AGM. Good fit: Clear communicator, accurate note-taker, well organized

Thank you