St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 8 23rd October 2025

Reception

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
9th December Parent Workshop about London 2pm in class
Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin
Monday 23rd February Gressenhall Trip
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

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

Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin

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 6th November 3MD NO Swimming as COLMAN SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 13th November 3MD Swimming #2
Thursday 20th November Mixed Development League Football Year 3/4 YEAR 3.30-5pm
Tuesday 9th December Trip to Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus £16.88 to pay on WisePay please
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
Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin
Thursday 26th March Circus Skills Performance Parents invited – times to be confirmed
8th June Parent Workshop (Reading)
29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class
9th July Welcome to Year 4

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY
Monday 3rd November Level 1 Bikeability am CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND MUST BRING THEIR BIKE AND HELMET

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
Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin
3rd March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in Class
Tuesday 24th March Sports Leaders Training
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

Monday 3rd November BACK TO SCHOOL

Mon 18 Nov Flu Vaccinations

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

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

Mon 9th December Flu Vaccinations

Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Aladdin

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 9th January Wellbeing yoga sessions (30 mins per class)

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

ALL continued ..

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 Halll

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

Tues 5th November and Wednesday 6th Group 1 Bikeability – CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND MUST BRING BIKE AND HELMET both days

Friday 7th November 1pm Cross Country Falcon Junior

Tuesday 11th November NSSP 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 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin

Thursday 15th January – 5J Dance Show at The Space

Friday 6th March Cross Country Old Catton FINAL

18th March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

Tuesday 24th March Sports Leaders Training

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

1st July Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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 NSSP 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 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin

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

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

CELEBRATION NAMES

1L Freya for checking her Maths work really carefully to see if she has written numbers the correct way.
1PL Dawid for checking really carefully his writing to check he has all of his 'Writing Treasure'.
2S Penny- for creating a thoughtful, beautiful poster asking others to look after our world. Penny has also created a wonderful DT moving fish, and has worked extra hard in maths. Well done!
2B Margot: For superb effort and use of technical language when creating her moving monster.
3BM Iris for showing greater independence in her learning and writing a beautiful Canticle of Creation prayer in RE.
Lukasz for persevering in Literacy this week to neatly write up his Monsters poem **Barnabas** for his fantastic Canticle of Creation prayer and showing deeper thinking when answering his RE challenge question.
Arayah - for her hard work in lessons and for her creative ideas for her Monster poem
3MD Kit - for his careful ideas and reasoning in Science
Ella - for her continuous hard work in all lessons
4D Emily and Jessica for being brilliant learning partners and creating a wonderful book about the digestive system. **Ines** for creating a wonderful map in Geography
4H Harry for trying his best in all of his learning and being a great role model to others. **Isabella** for excellent teamwork when making 3D maps in Geography
5W Ethan for being such a kind and polite member of our class – a real friend to all. **Isabelle** for her amazing efforts and hard work in maths with grouping and factors
5J Elena for being such an involved learner and for being a kind and considerate friend to all. **5J Feliks** for showing great focus, resilience and determination with his learning.
6SW:Ray is a star for working consistently hard across all her subjects. She has produced a particularly detailed investigation in Science and a written piece in English. Well done!
6HD: Zina is a star for working extremely hard to produce a wonderful written piece of work all about baptism and its effects on our daily lives. She gave great thought to her presentation and how to show her knowledge and understanding. Well done Zina!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week in Maths we have been thinking again about how we can use a part, part, whole model to create calculations. We found out how many different ways 5 teddies could sleep on a bunk bed and recorded these systematically. e.g. 5 + 0 = 5 (5 teddies on the top bunk and 0 teddies on the bottom bunk.). In Topic we learned about different features of London and wrote about them. We tried really hard to remember to use Capital Letters for the names of these important buidlings.In RE we have been thinking hard about how we can organise our prayer time and we now take turns to hold something special while we pray. We also can choose the type of prayer we are going to say.
Year 2 Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed making mechanical monsters this week. They used pivots and levers to make a creation of Fish from our Anansi story! We look forward to showing you them when they come home after half term.
Year 3 - In Topic the children have been working very hard to create their own Viking board game demonstrating their learning for this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed playing each other's games and giving peer feedback. We finished the half term by writing a poem all about monsters in our English lessons. We are very proud of all the creative and imaginative ideas the children came up with to write in their poems. In Science, we have concluded our learning on plants by exploring seed dispersal. We are looking forward to starting our new Science topic 'Rocks and Fossils'. Thank you for a great first half term year 3, we are very proud of all of your achievements!
Year 4 In Year 4 this week, we consolidated our Geography knowledge about coastal erosion by working in mixed groups to create big 3D maps of coastal towns and accompanying keys. We had a lot of fun using classroom items to represent physical and human features, such as cliffs, bays, groynes, sea walls and villages. We had an interesting debate about how we would use council money in the event of an erosion disaster that wiped out whole areas of our maps!
Year 5 This week we have published our leaflet about Whitwell (and are feeling confident that they are very persuasive!) We have used both our writing and art skills to produce the best leaflet we can. In Maths, we are learning the importance of factoring numbers – this will build strong foundations in other topics in Maths. In Science, we have been comparing the gestation period in mammals and seeing if we can identify patterns between the size of an adult mammal and its gestation period.
Year 6 In Science, we have had the joys of looking at mouldy bread as part of an experiment to explore microbes. In Topic, we have discovered many facts about Brazil and later this week, we will compare the biome that Brazil is in with the biome in which we live. In RE, we have been writing about baptism and its effects on our daily lives. **Over half term, please could you start collecting stones, pebbles, leaves, sticks, twigs and other outdoor paraphernalia for our 3D artwork in our first week back.**

New Member of Staff

We would like to welcome our new TA in year 4 Miss Naomi Pratt who joined us this week following Mrs Seely's departure.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all the parents who met with their child/children's teacher this week. The teachers always enjoy meeting parents and gaining valuable information and feedback from you and we hope you all found the meetings informative too.



JUNIOR CHAPLAINS

Children who wished to be considered as Junior Chaplains for this academic year, wrote applications and Mrs Mather and Mrs Hope appointed this week.

The following children were chosen.

1L	Sophia & Callan	1PL	Stanley & Chisom
2B	Martha & Sofia	2S	Magnus & Hazel
3BM	Angelina & Freya	3MD	Hector & Ariella
4H	Chris & Marla	4D	Dylan M & Alice
5J	Eibhlin & Maya N	5W	Elijah & Chioma
6HD	Imogen & Maya S	6SW	Isobel & Guy



Don't forget to sign up!

Christmas Wreath

WORKSHOP

£25

Included:
All essential wreath-making materials, a warm drink and a mince pie

Not interested in a wreath?
Bring your own materials to create any Christmas decoration for a £3 contribution.

November 28th
St Francis School Hall

Family, friends, Y3+
6:30pm

Registration Form

A big thank you to everyone who put their hand up for the new PTFA roles. We're thrilled to confirm that all key positions for 2025/26 are on track to be filled. Your support is truly appreciated and makes a real difference!

PTFA Committee Members

Chair	Maria Isabel Santana-Penczynski (Y2, Y4)
Co-Chair	Emma Blake (Y5)
Treasurer	Monika Guzik (Y4)
Vice-treasurer*	Emily Scott (Y1, R), Rebecca Smith
School Teacher	Kate Hinings

Year Representatives

Reception	Patricia Santos
Y1	Barbara Adamski
Y2	Maria Jose Marin
Y3	Beth Waterhouse
Y4	Elena Gomez
Y5	Elena Gomez
Y6	Anne Hardwick

*Parents who offered for the vice-treasurer, secretary/communications roles will be formally elected to the PTFA committee at our next meeting.

Projects supported by the PTFA in 2024-25: Advent calendars, BBQ, event shelter, container removal, bike shed, studio screen, AC unit for Y2.

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on October 20th are available and can be requested at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk. Our next meeting is on Monday November 17th, 7pm at the school.

To help parents stay informed about school activities and year-specific reminders, we will be sharing links/QR codes to the existing parent-run WhatsApp groups (one per year). The school will forward a message with your group's link/QR code to parents in each year. Please note that groups are parent-run, the school is only forwarding. Joining is optional. If you are already part of the group, no action is needed.

Next PTFA projects and events for the year:

Christmas Cards Project, Shop closes November 4th at 12pm.

Christmas Wreath Workshop: November 28th, 6.30pm, School Hall

Christmas Fair: December 12th, 3.30pm, School Hall.

🎄 The Christmas Project order cards with your child's artwork went home last week with easy online ordering instructions for cards and gifts. The shop is open until 4 November at 12.00pm (midday). If you didn't receive yours, please contact ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk. Thanks for supporting the PTFA!

The PTFA invites parents, family and friends to our Christmas Wreath Workshop. We'll provide all core materials (wreath base, foliage, wire, ribbons). Feel free to bring extra greenery or decorations from home. If you have your own secateurs or glue gun, you're welcome to bring them.

Prefer to use your own materials? You're still welcome—please consider a voluntary £3 contribution if you can.

Safety note: As tools (secateurs/glue guns) are used, only children in Year 3 and above may attend and they must be supervised by a parent/carer at all times.

Register at: https://forms.gle/5j5ijTnkyzBoRZoL6



Support the PTFA for free when you shop online

You can raise free donations for the PTFA via easyfundraising—at no extra cost to you. Over 8,000 retailers (including M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Trainline, Argos and more) will donate a small percentage when you shop.



How to get started:

- Join: Visit Easyfundraising with St Francis of Assisi PTFA as your cause and **Signup**
- Add the app/Reminder: Download the easyfundraising app and add the "Donation Reminder" to your browser so you never miss a donation.
- Shop as normal: The retailer donates automatically.

Please share with family and friends—they can support our school too. Thank you!