St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

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Reception

Visits from People Who Help Us
Tuesday 18th November Optometrist visit
9th 2pm and 10th 9.30 am December Nativity Play
Tuesday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY
Friday 19th December Carol Concert St John the Baptist Cathedral – Parents welcome to join with their children – pick up from school 10.15 to take to cathedral if you wish
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
Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY
Monday 23rd February Gressenhall Trip
19th March Parent Workshop Victorians 2pm in class
19th May Parent Workshop Plants –

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

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

Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day
Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

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 20th November 3MD NO SWIMMING AS POOL STILL CLOSED FOR REPAIR
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
Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY
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
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
Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

3rd March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in Class
Tuesday 24th March Sports Leaders Training
9th June Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class
Wednesday 24th June Kentwell Hall Trip (info to follow)
29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class
6th July Welcome to Year 5 3.30 pm

Monday 27th Sept – Friday 2nd Oct Year 5 Trip to Whitwell (2 nights each class)

ALL

Mon 17 Nov Flu Vaccinations

Monday 17th November PTFA Meeting 7 – 8.30 pm School

Tuesday 2nd December Norfolk Childrens' Book Centre (Book Sale and workshops)
Thursday 4th December Advent Mass 2pm Hall (change of date)

Friday 5th December Non School Uniform Day

Mon 9th December Flu Vaccinations

Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

Tuesday 16th December CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

Friday 19th December Carol Concert 11 am St John the Baptist Cathedral

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

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

18th 19th November 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

Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

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 class

6th July Welcome to Year 6 3.30 pm Hall

Thursday 9th July 5W Dance Show at The Space

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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

Tueday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

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 - Thea for working really hard in phonics learning new Phase 5 sounds.
1PL - Emmeline for trying really hard to have consistent finger spaces and writing a beautifully descriptive Annunciation story.
2B: Niko - Niko worked thoughtfully and creatively to write two excellent diary entries in role as characters, choosing words and lengths of sentence carefully
2S Carla- for excellent writing in which she really pushed herself to create exciting sentences. Carla has also been fantastic in maths and art. Well done!
3BM Sebbie and Theodore - for brilliant concentration in Maths to add two numbers in a column with exchanges. You both worked so hard to practise this new skill!
Milana - for fantastic persevering in Writing with her purple pen edits.
Enzo - for super listening in Science to identify the three different types of rocks.
3MD:**Ariella**: For her perseverance in Maths which has led to her whizzing through her Maths work - well done!
Alex D: For the care he is taking with his handwriting - thank you Alex, your work is always a pleasure to read!
Georgia: For her very careful work in Maths - well done for taking care over your layout
4D Jessica and Gigi for tackling tricky column subtraction calculations in Maths with confidence!
4H Lucas for writing an excellent volcano poem with beautiful presentation.
Bede for paying great attention to detail in his volcano poem and Guided Reading
5W Flo is such a creative learner and the art work she produces is always a pleasure to behold! **Gabe** is such an enthusiastic and positive learner – in each and every lesson, he works with determination and focus. And most importantly, he is a great friend to all
5J Chito is involved and focused in every lesson. She takes responsibility for her learning and shows determination to be the best she can be. **Luca** is always involved in his learning – keen to share his ideas, learn new concepts and he is resilient when challenged. Well done, Luca.
6HD - Iris is a star this week (and every week!) for always being attentive, helpful and ready to learn. Her work is a wonderful example of these traits and we are very proud of all the hard work she is putting in.
Sofia is a star this week for working really hard with her written work, particularly when editing and improving. This is clear to see in the work she has produced this week about the Gunpowder Plot - well done Sofia!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week we have been continuing to learn about the Annunciation and wrote beautiful stories about the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. We also have been consolidating our understanding of addition and writing number stories to match images. We have also been using a range of instruments to play a beat to march to, just like the elephants in Colonel Hathi's march!
Year 2 have been going diary crazy this week, learning about diary features and how to write in the voice of different characters. In maths we have been looking at how to use our number bonds to 10 to help figure out calculations with other numbers. For example, 2 needs 8 to make 10 (2+8=10) so 20 needs 80 to make 100 (20+80=100)
Year 3 In DT the children have started their textiles project of creating a felt cushion. Last week the children practised threading a needle and sewing a running stitch. This week the children have designed the cushion that they want to create, focusing on their applique design and colour scheme. In writing the children have continued their set of instructions on how to care for a dragon. They have focused their attention to using imperative verbs and adding number steps in order. This week, the children learnt about Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks in Science. At home, why don't you ask your child to explain how each of these rock types are formed? We are sure they will impress you with their key facts using their new knowledge!
Year 4 It was fantastic to welcome so many parents into our Year 4 classrooms this week for our times tables workshop. We had a lot of fun and were very proud of the way the children led the adults in all activities. The feedback was really positive so we hope that everyone gained a few new ideas for practising times tables at home in more creative ways! We are fully immersed in our new Geography Extreme Earth topic and have been busy learning more about the way volcanoes are formed and their fascinating features.
Year 5 This week, in English, we have completed our description of a peaceful walk through the woods. In Maths, we have been exploring multiplying and dividing whole and decimal numbers by 10. In RE, we learnt how David was chosen by God to become King of Israel. In Topic, we located the tropical rainforests of the world and learnt about their climate. In Art, we produced a carefully drawn picture of a rainforest creature paying attention to texture and proportion, In Science, we learnt about the life cycle of an amphibian and differences between a common frog and one found in the rainforest. Well done to the children who have taken part in bikeability, cross-country and football.
Year 6 This week, in RE, Year 6 have 'met' four very important women from the Old Testament and we will be going on to learn more about Miriam. In English, we are continuing with the Gunpowder Plot and zooming in on Will Danby and his conflicting thoughts and feelings about the plot. In Science, we are developing our knowledge about how light travels and how we see in colour

Language of the Month Cantonese

Please do get in touch with Mrs Furness on deputy@st-francisofasssi.norfolk.sch.uk if you would like to come into school this month and talk to either a class or the whole school on a Friday afternoon 2.50 pm about this language and your culture.

Cross Country at Falcon Road Junior School

On Friday last week, 7 boys and 6 girls ran against over 200 others in the second race of six as part of the NSPAA League.

Individually Pablo came 6th , Gabriel 24th, Zach 62nd and Oliver 65th to win points. For the girls, Grace came 12th Ray came 19th, Thea 21st and Hollie 41st to win points.

The Boys Team are collectively in 10th place and the Girls in 4th place. 23 Norwich schools are competing.

Norwich School Sports Partnership Football League 5 and 6

Well done to the two teams in the second night of the League matches.

Year 6 : **Frankie, Guy, Zach, SK, Jack, Jakub, Leon and Heston**
SFA -v- West Earlham Junior 2 -0
SFA -v- Little Melton 2-1
Year 5 : **Ezra, Evelynn, Luca, Ben, Judah, Tommy, Frank, Felix and Pablo**
SFA -v- Notre Dame 11-0
SFA -v- Charles Darwin 4-1

Norfolk School Sports Partnership Cross Country Competition at Earlham Park on Tuesday

Congratulations to the children who represented our school, especially those who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd and received medals. 50 children entered each race so St Francis did very well indeed. There is no Final this year due to the costs for NSSP to run this. However,they invite children who are interested to participate in an event in January – please sign up here Norfolk XC Championships . I have attached as a separate document with this email.

Year 3

Nell 3
Robyn C 4
Viviana 6
Ella 11
Georgia 27

Killian 3
Alfie 6
Sebastian 8
Alex D 15
Savario 18

Year 4

Ines 6
Nancy 16
Evie 29
Emily L 33
Natalie A 42

Jason 2
Teddy 6
Lucas 33
Felipe 38
Thomas H 40

Year 5

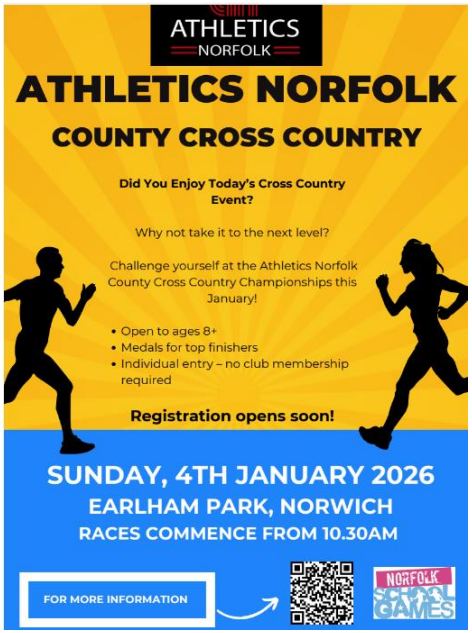
Eibhlin 2
Thea 5
Carmen 28
Leah 27
Esther 19

Pablo 1
Henry 6
Gabe 7
Ben 28
Elio 38

Year 6

Grace 4
Lizzie 5
Ray 7
Hollie 15
SK 26

William C 3
Guy 11
Oliver 32
Rory 38



Academic Year 2025-26		Academic Year 2026-27	
Autumn Term 1	3rd September – 23rd October 2025	Autumn Term 1	3rd September - 22nd October 2026
Half Term Break	24th October – 31st October 2025	Half Term Break	23rd October to 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	3rd November – 19th December 2025	Autumn Term 2	2nd November to 18th December 2026
Christmas Holiday Break	22nd December – 5th January 2026	Christmas Holiday Break	21 December to 4 January 2027
Spring Term 1	6th January – 13th February 2026	Spring Term 1	5th January to 12th February 2027
Half Term Break	16th February -20th February 2026	Half Term Break	15th February to 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	23rd February – 27th March 2026	Spring Term 2	22nd February to 25th March 2027
Easter Holiday Break	30th March to 10th April 2026	Easter Holiday Break	26th March to 12th April 2027
Summer Term 1	13th April – 22nd May 2026	Summer Term 1	13th April to 28th May 2027
Half Term Break	25th May – 29th May 2026	Half Term Break	31st May to 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	1st June – 17th July 2026	Summer Term 2	7th June to 21st July 2027
Summer Holiday	17th July 2026	Summer Holiday	22nd July 2027

St Francis of Assisi PTFA invites you to its:

PTFA MEETING

November 17th, 7 - 8.30pm
School Hall

Join Online if you prefer!

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School PTFA

Join us for the

Christmas Fayre!

December | 12 | 3.30-5.30pm School Hall

Santa's Grotto
Christmas Carols
Christmas Raffle
Fun Games and Activities
Arts and Crafts for Kids
Food and Drinks

Let's celebrate!



Get Festive at Our Christmas Wreath Workshop!

The PTFA warmly invites parents, family, and friends to our Christmas Wreath Workshop—a perfect way to welcome in the holiday season with creativity and community spirit!

Parents are invited to join in with children in Year 3 and above (Y3+), and everyone is welcome to come along. For £25, you'll receive everything you need to make a beautiful wreath—base, foliage, wire, ribbons—a warm drink and a mince pie to enjoy while you craft. Feel free to bring extra greenery or decorations from home to personalise your wreath, and if you have your own secateurs or glue gun, you're welcome to bring those too!

If a wreath isn't your thing, you can still join the fun: bring your own materials to create any Christmas decoration for a voluntary £3 contribution.

We hope that you are able to join us!

Safety note: Due to the use of tools (secateurs/glue guns), only children in Year 3 and above may attend and they must be supervised by a parent or carer at all times.

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

Do you want to help us? Sign up in the form below:
https://forms.gle/cvni3jTnQaGeHgNY9











Christmas Project orders have started to arrive and are being sent home with your child in batches. The final batch is expected to be sent home on Monday.

If you have any comments, or if there is anything missing from your order, please contact the PTFA directly at: ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you for your support!

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SECOND CHANCE!

Missed out last time? Don't worry, we have reopened our shop!

21st Nov - 1st Dec



HURRY, LIMITED TIME ONLY!!
UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK ONLINE

Lost your code? No problem!
Contact the PTFA at:
ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk