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

Thursday 27th November Steps for Parents – see below

Friday 28th November 9.15EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

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

Friday 28th November 9.15 EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

9th December Parent Workshop about London 2pm in class

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

Friday 28th November 9.15 EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

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

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

Thursday 27h November 3MD CANCELLED DUE TO CLOSURE (hopefully reopening for 11th December)

Friday 28th November 9.15 EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

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

Friday 28th November 9.15 EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

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

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

Friday 28th Wreath Making in School Hall 6.30 8.30 pm

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

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

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

Thursday 23rd April CHOIR at St Peter Mancroft Church performing in CASMA Rehearsal 4pm Performance 7pm

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

26th November Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

Friday 28th November 9.15 EPSS/ SCT Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs the neurodiverse learners

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

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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

1PL Muna for writing really exciting sentences about London landmarks and drawing a beautiful London skyline on her poster.
1L Elliot for remembering and telling us exciting facts and sentences about London landmarks.
2B Azura: for fantastic independent work in maths. Well done Azura!
2S Ted, for his excellent efforts in his handwriting. Ted has written beautifully about the Annunciation of John the Baptist. He has also been a superstar in maths, persisting until he mastered applying his number bonds. Well done Ted!
3MD Malcom: for his careful work in lessons and for how well he has settled into life at St Francis. Well done!
3BM Niharika for consistently being a wonderful role model in 3BM. Your superb behaviour and positive example make our classroom a better place every day!
Matias for showing brilliant independence and focus during out English lesson this week to edit his writing.
Edward for working exceptionally hard in Maths this week to subtract numbers with one exchange. Excellent work Edward!
Faron for stepping in as a last minute King in our history lesson. You brought 'Edgar the Atheling' to life wonderfully!
4H **Natalie** for applying her learning about shade and tone to create a beautiful, Hockney-inspired water painting.
Clara for building her resilience and applying herself to her writing, working hard to produce a detailed set of instructions.
4D Maya is a star this week for trying her absolute best in every lesson and wowing us all! Keep it up Maya :)
Till is a star this week for his fantastic work in art, producing a beautiful swimming pool in the style of David Hockney and an ultra realistic volcano. Well done Till!
5W Shika is such a polite and kind member of the class, always ready to be a friend to all. In lessons she is attentive and always tries to do her very best!
5W Panashe is such an enthusiastic and positive class member. Since starting in Year 5 she has grown in maturity and now approaches all her learning in a responsible and thoughtful manner.
5**J Ezra** for working hard with his English – both in writing lessons and with his reading. I love hearing him tell me about the latest book he has read.
5J Anastasia for her excellent focus which has resulted in deep thinking in maths and beautiful descriptive writing in English
Year 6 There are no specific 'Celebration' names this week for Year 6, as we are so proud of everyone for how incredibly hard they have worked in their mock SATs. They have displayed an impressive level of resilience and focus that we know will hold them in good stead for the assessments in May. Well done everyone

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week Year 1 have been creating posters all about London. We carefully drew pictures of famous landmarks and then wrote sentences about the exciting things you could see there. We even learnt some great facts, such as Buckingham Palace has 78 bathrooms! We were really lucky to have a special visitor who works in the Houses of Parliament come and visit us too, which we loved! We have also continued to learn about subtraction and heard the Bible story of Mary visiting Elizabeth to share her good news...We wonder if the children can remember what Mary had to tell Elizabeth and what special news Elizabeth had too?

Year 2 Year 2 thought carefully about the Annunciation of John the Baptist. In writing we created our own diary entries in the role of a mysterious creature living deep in the centre of the earth. In maths we learned how we can use our number bonds to 10 to solve other, trickier calculations.

Year 3 In History this week, we learnt about what happened in one of the most famous years in British History, 1066! We found out that King Edward the Confessor died without an heir to the throne, leaving four men who believed they should be the next King. In small groups, we each learnt about one of the four claimants to the throne, and prepared a short presentation persuading the rest of the class why they should be the next King. The children worked brilliantly as a team to put together their presentations and the chosen Kings acted out their roles with great enthusiasm!

Year 4 This week in Year 4, we have been learning about different types of volcanoes in Geography. In English we have written clear instructions for making our own model volcano, using 'bossy' imperative verbs - we are looking forward to creating our volcanoes in class next week! In Maths, we have been applying our 6 times table knowledge to a range of multiplication and division problems.

Year 5 In Maths, we have been exploring multiplying and dividing whole and decimal numbers by 10 and 100 and using this knowledge to solve problems. In RE, we studied the Bible verses which tell of David's defeat of Goliath and pondered what could be the message of this story. In Topic, we are learning about the rainforest layers and the creatures that live in them. In Art, we have started to create our wire flower sculptures. In Science, we learnt about the life cycle of an insect.

Year 6 It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Year 6 Geography Parent's cafe last week - we hope you learnt lots about the Lake District and map reading skills in general. This week sees us using dialogue in advancing the action in the retelling of the Gunpowder plot; in art, we are creating natural sculptures after being inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and Kandisky. Just a reminder: our Ullswater residential is next week and we will see those coming with us, at the school gates between 5.40am - 5.50am. **Please do not come any earlier than this**. Those not attending will come to school at the normal time on Monday, wearing school uniform.

ALADDIN – PUPPET THEATRE

Please pay £1.50 on WISEPAY for this performance.

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, Eibhlin, Luca, Ben, Judah, Tommy, Frank, Felix and Pablo**
SFA -v- Notre Dame 11-0
SFA -v- Charles Darwin 4-1

Norwich School Sports Partnership Football League 3 and 4

Year 4**: Ines, Teddy, Jason, Niko, Lucas, Nathan and Felipe**

SFA -v- Bluebell 1-0
SFA v-v Henderson Green 3-1

Year 3 **Kylian, Arthur, Kit, Saverio, Ted, Sebastian, Edward, Oliwier and Barnabas**

SFA -v- Notre Dame Prep 5-0

SFA -v- West Earlham 5-0

BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN Link

See below for an example of a few free activities you can access this Christmas Holiday. Press the link to see ALL offers. There are many , many, many more ….

Whitlingham Winter Adventure Days
Join us for a day of festive fun. Each day will include different activities including woodland arts and crafts, and adventure activities on land and water.
Monday 22nd December - Katakanu and Arrows.
Tuesday 23 December -Fencing and Canoeing.
Monday 29 December - Bouldering/Climbing and Fun boat sailing.
Tuesday 30 December - Archery and Mega Sup
Friday 2nd - Raft building and Fencing
Monday 5th January - Team challenge and Canoeing
A packed lunch and hot drinks will be provided. All activities are subject to weather conditions.
What will they need
Information will be sent upon confirmation of booking.
Who can join
Everyone from 8-16 years of age.
What to expect
Woodland arts and crafts and adventure activities.
Location
Whitlingham Adventure.

https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/ac0a7aff-f49c-47d0-85dd-d386485fa327

PREMIER Holiday and Food Programme is now live and open for bookings.
The programme will run on 22nd and 23rd December and offers a range of engaging activities and nutritious meals for children throughout the holidays. All pupils who receive Free School Meals are eligible to attend, and we encourage families to secure their place as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

👉 https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/

BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN

Norfolk Hoopstars Basketball - School Years 1 to 6

Welcome to Norfolk Hoopstars Basketball, where young ballers aged 5 to 11 can hone their skills and have a blast on the court at Open Academy. Get ready to dribble, shoot, and score in a fun and supportive environment!

Who can Join

This session is open to boys and girls in school years 1 to 6, aged 5 to 11. We welcome all skill levels and abilities, including those needing additional support for hearing impairment, learning impairment, mental health issues, or social/behavioural problems.

What to expect

Participants can expect engaging drills, friendly matches, and expert coaching to improve their basketball skills. Our sessions focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and most importantly, having fun on the court!

Capacity

Our sessions have a capacity of 25 players to ensure individual attention and a safe playing environment. Book your spot early to secure your spot!

Pricing

Join us for a fantastic basketball experience for just £0 per session. Affordable and accessible for all young athletes!

Location

Come and join us at Open Academy for our Norfolk Hoopstars Basketball sessions. The address is [insert address here]. Get ready to shoot some hoops and make new friends!

https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/2f4102f8-6031-4a8f-9fb2-10f56d042160

Festive Hair and Nails - The Norwich School of Hair and Beauty (BNHF spaces)

https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/341113d1-71e6-4ee7-bf0a-17f5230949e9

Description of your activity

Join us for a fun, festive day of Christmas makeup and hair styling, complete with a lively dance party and plenty of sparkle at our glitter station. Children will get hands-on with creative looks and enjoy a relaxed, festive atmosphere.

What will they need

Please send your child with a water bottle and any dress-up clothes they'd like to wear. Festive outfits are welcome, but they may get a little messy with makeup and glitter.

A hot lunch is provided, along with a fruit snack and orange and apple juice.

Who can join

This session is open to children and young people aged 7 to 16. All skill levels are catered to, and our activity co-ordinators will make sure everyone feels safe enough to get involved. Please let us know if your child has any additional requirements so we can ensure we have the correct staffing levels to optimise their experience.

What to expect

A fun-filled day of festive makeup, hair styling, music, glitter, and creative activities. Children will learn simple styling techniques, enjoy a party atmosphere, and get fully into the Christmas spirit while making new friends. Location This activity takes place at The Norwich School of Hair and Beauty, Sapphire House, Roundtree way, Norwich, NR78SQ. Parking is available on-site for drop-off and collection. Free spaces with Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs)

A Parent Workshop on EHCPs and meeting the needs of neurodiverse learners

What are EHCPs?

Does my child need one?

How do I go about getting one?

Answers to these questions and more at a one-off Parent Information Workshop led by specialists from the Local Authority. A short presentation followed by an opportunity to ask the LA specialists the questions you may have.

Friday 28th November at 9:15 in the School Hall

No need to book! Just turn up at the Hall doors

Coffee and Tea

BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN ..continued .. please look at the website for over 100 optionsl

WICKED: FOR GOOD (FACE PAINT & SINGING)
Please let us know if your child is allergic to Face Paint by emailing charley@echoyouththeatre.co.uk
Join us for our Wicked: For Good Workshop for 7-12yrs focusing on Face Paint & Singing. Learn how to paint each other's faces as one of the characters, sing your heart out to one of the film's well known songs, and complete a themed craft and food activity. A healthy lunch is provided for all participants. This workshop runs from 10am to 3pm.
*At the end of the workshop there will be a showcase for parents and carers at 2.45pm. If possible, please arrive on time to watch your child.
WHAT YOU NEED
Please ensure your young person is wearing comfortable clothing and sensible shoes which they can move around in. Please place shorts or leggings underneath dresses. Although all participants will be provided with a snack, lunch and drinks, a water bottle is a useful thing to bring.
Where possible, ensure that belongings are named so we can get them back to you if left behind.
WHO CAN JOIN
This session is open to young people aged 7 to 12 years. 6 year olds can only attend if attending alongside an older sibling. All skill levels are catered for and our activity co-ordinators will make sure everyone feels secure enough to get involved.
https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/e1a34c97-5c4e-4ff7-9246-80f95420918d

WHAM Theatre Schools - Wymondham
This activity is for the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun eligible attendees and combines singing, dancing, and acting with the magic of Christmas. Children will play festive drama games, learn songs and routines from beloved holiday musicals, create dazzling Christmas-themed arts and crafts, and build confidence.
What will they need
Your child will need to dress in comfortable clothing and footwear that they can move well in and bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated. Lunch will be provided.
Who can join
This session is open to children and young people aged 4 to 7. All skill levels are catered to, and our activity co-ordinators will make sure everyone feels safe enough to get involved.
Please let us know if your child has any additional requirements so we can ensure we have the correct staffing levels to optimise their experience. Includes lunch
https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/0875f969-52ef-4bf0-92b0-7adab3450102

The Garage Winter Big Holiday Fun At The Garage Norwich, we want children in Norfolk to grow up confident, happy and healthy. Join us this Winter for 6 days of festive fun and activities! We'll be playing games, taking on challenges, exploring healthy choices, learning ways to relax and enjoying tasty food together. This Winter at The Garage is all about making friends, having fun, and feeling festive, with a dash of drama, movement and creativity to warm up your winter days! **What will they need** Your child should wear clothes they feel comfortable moving around in. Please bring a water bottle too. **Who can join** This session is open to children and young people aged 8 to 11. All skill levels are catered to, and our activity co-ordinators will make sure everyone feels safe enough to get involved. Please let us know if your child has any additional requirements so we can ensure we have the correct staffing levels to optimise their experience. **What to expect** We'll be playing lots of drama games, taking on challenges, exploring healthy choices, enjoying some creative craft activities, learning good ways to relax and eating food. **Location** The Garage 14 Chapel Field North Norwich Norfolk NR2 1NY **Free spaces with Big Norfolk Holiday Fun** This activity listing is for those who can claim a free space through the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme. If you're unsure whether your child is eligible for a space, please see our FAQs.
https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/providers/everymovenorfolk/sessions/aa170238-e8ea-443b-9b33-d716b7c5fc84



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

Christmas Jumper Day

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Wear a Christmassy jumper or top with your school uniform and bring a donation for CAFOD.

CAFOD Club will choose and buy some CAFOD World Gifts with your generous donations.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS