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
Mon 10th November Fire Service visit
Tuesday 11th November Dentist visit
Thursday 13th November GP visit
Friday 14th November Police visit
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

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

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
Tuesday 11th November Cross Country Earlham Park am
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
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

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
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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

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

6th January Epiphany Mass 2pm Hall

Friday 9th January Wellbeing yoga

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

Tuesday 11th November NSSP Cross Country Earlham Park am

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th Group 3 Pedal Power

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

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

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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

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 Jack for working so hard in phonics to sound out new words super carefully.

1PL Imogen for using her phonic fingers to sound out when she is writing new words in Phonics.

2S Fred, for his excellent artwork, maths and science. Fred has also been an incredibly kind friend this week, helping others when he saw that they needed some extra guidance.

2B: Jesse - For being superbly careful, organised and thoughtful in the creation of his sculpture in the style of Rakou Inoue.

3MD Rudy: for sharing his fantastic background knowledge in Science and History and for his focus and involvement in lessons

Elin: for her excellent attitude to her learning and for her keenness to always want to do more!

3BD Nell and **Marcie** - for their detailed chalk pastel strokes in Art to create realistic hair strokes for their wolf pictures.

4D Bertram for frequently participating in class discussions and sharing all of his lovely ideas with the class!

Florence for creating a beautifully presented volcano diagram in Geography.

4H Elliot for making great progress in his writing and his great work on Elijah in RE.

Rachel for creating an amazing labelled diagram of a volcano in Geography.

5W Chikuru for always being such an active learner in every lesson – thank you! **5W Ava** for being so focused and hard working in every lesson. She always tries to do her best and is eager to correct her mistakes. A real pleasure to teach**. 5J April** is involved and focused in every lesson, whether she is working independently or with others. She is supportive, kind and willing, with a smile, to help in any way she can.

5J Charles is such a pleasure to teach: he listens to feedback and acts on it, he is always involved in his learning and shows stamina to stay on any task he is given. Most important of all, he is kind and a friend to all.

6HD: Celeste is a star for her creative and imaginative poem based around Bonfire Night. It was a pleasure to listen to and we were very impressed by her eloquence and descriptive phrases. Well done Celeste!

6SW: Zach is a star for being a superstar all day, every day! Without fail, he is always pen ready, up for a challenge, works to his best ability and is a shining example to his peers.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 In Year 1 we have been busy thinking about ways of making numbers to ten and have used our ten frames to solve number word problems. We have also thought about how we can find out what number is missing from a part, part, whole model. In RE we have thought again about how Mary felt when Angel Gabriel visited her with an important message. We thought about why she said yes to God. In Topic, we have designed beautiful pictures of London in the style of Vincent Van Gogh's painting 'Starry Night'.

Year 2 Year 2 has returned with a bang! We have an art filled week, enjoying the work of Rakou Inoue and sculpting minibeasts from natural materials, designing habitats for an invented insect, and using evidence from a text to imagine a character from a new story we will be studying.

Year 3 This week Year 3 started their new topic in Science called Rocks and Soils. They explored seven different types of rock, such as chalk, granite, marble etc. and identified the properties such as texture. In RE the children have started their new learning of Branch 2 called Prophecy and Promise, looking at the key vocabulary that they will be using this half term. We have had a super start to the half term, well done Year 3!

Year 4 This week in Year 4 we have had an explosive start to the new half term, beginning our new Geography topic all about volcanoes! In English, our creativity has been erupting as we've been writing fiery volcano-themed poems, using similes and alliteration to great effect. In Maths we've been solving subtraction problems and have moved on to our 6s... We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday for our times tables workshop!

Year 55 This week, in English, we have been developing our sentences to create a description of a peaceful walk through the woods. In Maths, we have been learning about factors, prime and square numbers. In RE, we will focus on the 23rd Psalm, the Lord is my Shepherd - its historical context and the meaning behind it. In Art, we are planning flower sculptures made with wire and tissue paper. In Science, we researched the life cycle of an oak tree and how this tree is important to its habitat by providing food and shelter to other creatures.

Year 6 We started the week by exploring some poems and moving on to create, write and perform our own Firework poems. In Topic and in English, we have started our new unit of work based on People, Power and Politics. We now understand a little bit more about how our government works and what happens in the Houses of Parliament.

Next week on Thursday (13th), please remember that you have been invited to come into our classroom and take part in a geography lesson. (2.15pm - 3pm)

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.

REQUEST FOR GOOD CONDITION BOYS UNIFORM – 9-10 years

(especially white shirts, white polo shirts, and black, grey or charcoal shorts)

WANTED BY FAMILY AT SFA

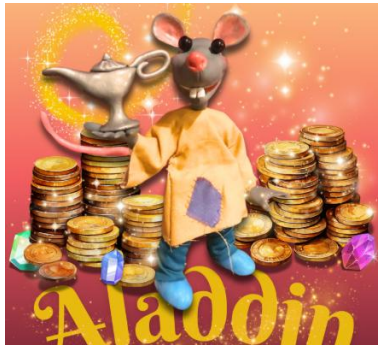


PUPPET THEATRE – ALADDIN

We are lucky that the Norwich Puppet Theatre will be offering us two performances (one in the morning and one the afternoon) of Aladdin on the Christmas Lunch day – Tuesday 16th December.

All children will attend either one of the performances. Please could **all parents** pay **the £1.50** contribution on **WISEPAY** by the end of next week so we can pay the invoice.

Many thanks.



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





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

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.

St Francis of Assisi PTFA invites you to its:

PTFA MEETING

November 17th, 7 - 8.30pm
School Hall

Join Online if you prefer!



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