# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

*Learning and growing together in God's love*

**Headteacher: Felicity Hope**

**WEEKLY WHAT'S ON**

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## Reception

**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 – 2pm class**
**29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings**

## 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 4th December November SWIMMING 3MD CANCELLED DUE TO CLOSURE (hopefully reopening for 11th December)**
**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 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**

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

**Wednesday 3rd December Flu Vacinnations**

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

**Friday 5th December Non School Uniform Day**

**Monday 8th December Choir at The Forum 10 am**

**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

**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 Hall**

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

**8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall**

**New Academic Year**

**Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual Photographs**

## Year 5

**PE Day - MONDAY**

**Thursday 4th December Mixed** Development League Football Year 5/6 YEAR 3.30-5pm

**Friday 5th December** Cross Country League #3 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
**Thursday 15th January** Taverham Cross Country League #4 2pm
**Friday 6th February** Old Catton Cross Country League #5
**Friday 6th March** Cross Country Horsford Primary 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**

**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
**Thursday 15th January** Taverham Cross Country League #4 2pm
**Friday 6th February** Old Catton Cross Country League #5
**Friday 6th March** Cross Country Horsford Primary FINAL

**Year 6 Level 3 Pedal Power Tuesday afternoons on 13th January, 27th January and 3rd February**

**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

## CELEBRATION NAMES

**1PL - Sophie** - for writing a fantastic letter to the King and really taking care with her presentation.
**1L - Jesse** - for independently writing a letter to the King with beautiful handwriting.

**2B: Nikola -** Nikola has been a superb talk partner this week. He has listened really attentively, giving space for his partners to think, before providing excellent clues if they are struggling. Equally, he has asked excellent questions and asked "what do you think" to make sure that they are involved in the conversation. Superb stuff Nikola!
**2S Maia-** for going above and beyond in all of her lessons, showing true resilience and determination. Well done!

**3BM Tate** and **Miya** or persevering with column subtraction this week.
**Oliwier** for his fantastic progress with his reading. Keep up the enthusiasm Oliwier!
**3MD**: **Arthur, Elin, Julian, Ziyin, Viviana, Ella, Regen and** Jacey for taking great care over the layout of their Dragon poster. Your posters look amazing - well done, gang!

**4H Logan** for continuing to practice his neat handwriting and trying hard to start joining. Keep it up!
**Emily** for trying hard in her learning by acting on feedback, especially in writing.
**4D Teddy** for coming to school with a fantastic attitude and trying his absolute best in every lesson this week :)
**Maria** for working hard to complete tasks and putting her hand up in class :)
**5W Joseph M** – For being such an independent learner in class. He is always ready to listen and thinks deeply about what we are learning. His work is always well presented and he is a pleasure to teach! **George C** – For making excellent contributions to our class discussions and taking care to listen carefully to the views and opinions of others
**5J Tommy** for being such a pro-active learner – deciding what he would like to improve and going for it! **Ada** for her hard work in class. She is thoughtful, and involved with her learning, and she shows determination when faced with a challenge.

## LEARNING THIS WEEK

**Year 1** In Year 1, this week, we wrote a letter to the King and tried to extend our sentences by using the word "and". We also thought about what we would like to know about the King and came up with some great questions to ask him. We were very good at remembering to end our questions with a question mark. In maths, we have been working on subtraction, and relating these number facts to number families. We are getting better at using number facts to work out the missing number in a number sentence.

**Year 2** Year 2 has been learning about bridging 10 this week, or adding numbers that cross over a multiple of 10, which is trickier than it sounds! We have been learning to partition numbers, using our bonds to 10 to help make the maths easy. We have also been exploring how Mary is celebrated and have drafted pictures of her to use as icons in our learning next week.

**Year 3** This week, we learnt the reasons why William the Conqueror was successful at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 in our History lesson. We used a 'Diamond 9' to rank the reasons we believed were the most important at the top and least important at the bottom, and then had to justify why we thought this. In Science, we have been continuing with our Rocks and Soils topic. This week, we tested rocks for their properties. We had three different tests to perform: 1. The hardness test - how easily does the rock scratch with a coin or nail? 2. The water test - do you predict the rock will sink or float? 3. The reaction test - does the rock react with vinegar?

Year 4 We have had a thoughtful week in Year 4, particularly with preparations for advent getting underway with a Jesse Tree in RE. We made beautiful ornaments suited to each advent daily story and they will be hung on the prayer tree just inside the main school doors, so look out for them if you visit the foyer! In Maths, we have been furthering our understanding of multiplication and division this week, using many of our times tables strategies to investigate 3s, 6s and 9s and the patterns that can be found within them... these can be continued at home!

**Year 5** In Maths, we have been exploring multiplying a 3-digit number by 1 digit in preparation for long multiplication! In RE, we have studied the book of Psalms and have looked at Psalm 89 in detail, producing some art work in response to it. In Topic, we have continued to learn about the rainforest layers and the creatures that live in them. In Music, we have begun to learn the song 'Keep The Home Fires Burning' and have found out about when this song was written and why it was so important to people at that time.

## ALADDIN – PUPPET THEATRE

Please pay £1.60 on WISEPAY for this performance **if you have not done** so already. We still have over 100 children who have not been paid for.

**Thank you to the parents who have bought multiple times to help us with the shortfall. You are very kind.**

The performance will go ahead on this occasion as we hope all parents will pay this by the end of this weekend. If not, the shortfall of funds will have to come out of school curriculum which of course means less for art supplies etc.

If parents feel the cost is too great for the extras we provide (although we do try to keep all universal offers as cheap as possible) please do let Mrs Furness know on deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk and we can discuss the barriers to payment.

**BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN** Link

## ROCKSTEADY

Rocksteady is starting again after the Christmas holidays every Friday afternoon from 9th January up to and including 3rd July 2026. Rocksteady are getting in touch with parents of children who were previously enrolled.

We have chosen Friday afternoons so that it is less disruptive to the children's learning. The lessons will be delivered between 1pm and 3.30 pm each week.



**LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH – CZECH**

**The language for December is Czech. If you or members in your family are part of the Czech culture and can come into school to speak to the children either in class or in a Friday Assembly, please get in touch with Mrs Furness.**

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The team are returning on Wednesday 3rd December to finish offering the flu immunisation programme.

Parents who have not yet responded to the e-consent form are still able to register their CONSENT or DECLINE for the flu vaccination. The E-consent link https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/Norfolk is now attached to send to parents.

## SPORT AWARD

## EQUAL ACCESS FOR GIRLS' FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

The Norwich school Sport Partnership are thrilled to celebrate **St Francis'** incredible achievement in securing **Equal Access for Girls' Football in Schools**. This award is a powerful recognition of our commitment to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to participate, thrive, and shine on the pitch.

By championing equal access, we are hopefully not only opening doors for girls in sport, but also inspiring confidence, teamwork, and ambition that will last a lifetime. This milestone is something to be proud of—and to shout about!

**Illness In School**

This week has seen an increase in the number of children and adults who are unwell, either with tummy bugs or cold-like symptoms. This is normal for this time of year and is not the result of the recent flu vaccinations in school. Please access the link below to find out more information about the flu vaccine:

https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

Medical advice states: '*The most common side effects of the children's flu vaccine are mild and get better in 1 to 2 days. You cannot get flu from any of the flu vaccines.*
*Children who have had a vaccine are not contagious to others simply as a consequence of being vaccinated*'

However, please can we remind you that if your child has a temperature or has been physically sick within the previous 24 hours, then they should remain at home. For normal cold-like symptoms they should come to school with a packet of tissues and an extra dose of resilience!







**Pick Up From Clubs**

In order to ensure a safe handover to families at the end of clubs, we are making a small change to procedures.
From now on, all club leaders will be taking a register of children when they are picked up. This is so we can ensure that they have gone home with the correct adult. Additionally, the front door to school will not be propped open during the handover period.
This may result in you having to wait a little longer so the club leader can carry out these procedures safely, and we thank you for your patience in advance. The wellbeing and safety of our children remains our biggest priority.

🌟 **Christmas Fair – Volunteers Needed!** 🎄

Our Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 12th December** and promises to be a festive highlight with Santa's Grotto, carols, stalls, raffle, delicious food, cakes, and winter treats.

To make it a magical evening, we're looking for volunteers to:

- Share a dish at our **International Food Stall** (savoury, sweet, or festive treats from your family's tradition)
- Help run a stall or game (all supplies provided)
- Offer entertainment (carol singing, music, festive performances)

Even **30 minutes of your time** on the day would make a big difference!
Please let us know by **Monday 8th December** if you can help.

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

You can also email us at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk or fill the form that was sent home. Many thanks!

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🎄 **Christmas Fair Reminder – Donations & PJ Day** 🎄

Please bring in your Christmas-coloured or festive donations (goods for hampers, raffle prizes, teddies, toys, books, treats, drinks, toiletries) by Friday 5th December. If you have toys, teddies, books in good condition and don't need them anymore, we are also happy to take them. Donations can be passed to your child's teacher from Monday 1st December.

As a thank you, children can enjoy **Non-Uniform PJ Day on Friday 5th December**—wear your PJs, onesies or dressing gowns!

🎄 **Christmas Wreath Workshop Update** 🎄

We're very sorry to let you know that, due to illness, the Christmas Wreath Workshop planned for this Friday will not be going ahead. We know this is disappointing, but we hope you'll still enjoy some festive creativity at home.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!




**Christmas Order Shop – Round 2** 🎄

Our second Christmas Order Shop is now open! Orders will be accepted until **Monday, 1st December**. Don't miss out on the chance to get your festive goodies!

Class Fundraising Parent Shop

## BIRTHDAY CARD COMPETITION

We are nearly out of birthday cards and so our annual competition is launched. Children are invited to design a Birthday Card front. The best 8 will be printed and made into birthday cards for the year ahead.

- Spell Happy Birthday or any other words like Many Congratulations correctly
- Keep your design simple, bold and bright
- Draw your design on A5 or A4 paper (portrait)
- Write your name and class in pencil on the back
- Return to Mrs Furness by Monday 15th December 2025.




