St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 13 5th December 2025

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

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 9th December Trip to Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus £16.88 to pay on WisePay please

Thursday 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

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

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

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 5pm

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

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 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 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

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

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

Friday 12th December CAFOD Christmas Jumper Day

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

CELEBRATION NAMES

1L Cillian - for designing an amazing city map which included so many different features and landmarks. **Olivia** - for creating a detailed map of an imaginary city.

2S Abidesh- for being an outstanding partner to your friends in maths lessons. You have given excellent explanations about your reasons and thinking, using accurate vocabulary, which have helped your classmates with their thinking too. Well done!

2B: Luis - Luis' superb creativity has shone through this week. His minibeast is full of interesting details to make it unique, which took a lot a careful thinking, and his sentences used lots of good scientific language. Great job Luis

3BM **Saverio** for his fantastic presentation on his 'How to Care for a Dragon' instructional text. **Angelina** for her brilliant concentration in Maths this week.

3MD Joseph - for his hard work at home and the care he is taking with his Maths. **Sienna** - for her careful work in writing lessons and her confident answers in Maths. **Evelyn** - for her thoughtful edits and corrections to her work. **Alex H** - for his thoughtful answers in small group work Well done, everyone - you have all been working very hard!

4H **Harrison** and **Amelia** for their excellent, neat efforts in English with their descriptive writing.

4D Emmy and Alice for working hard in English and sharing lots of lovely ideas with the class.

5W Esther – for her excellent attitude towards her learning. She always listens carefully in class and puts 100% effort into all she does! **Rishan –** for being such an active and independent learner – he works hard in class is determined to do his best!

5J Judah - for his focus and hard work in all subjects. He is a thoughtful and kind member of our class and therefore an excellent role model to others. **Carmen -** for always striving to do her best by being involved in her learning, and listening to and acting on feedback. She is very kind and supportive, and can be relied on to help anyone in need.

6HD: Rory is a star for his 'can do' attitude during the week in Ullswater. He was a team player, a caring classmate and an inspiration to others. **Diemantas** is a star for creating a most wonderful fantasy map which included many different elements from both his imagination and his prior learning.

6SW: Isla is a star for always being polite, kind and nurturing to others. She is an attribute to the classroom and a great ambassador for Year 6. **Antonio** is a star for displaying lovely manners and showing resilience when faced with challenges. He really embodied the school values of being brave, kind and involved throughout the trip last week.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 In Year 1 we have been thinking about the Chritsmas story and wrote about how Mary and Joseph travelled on a long journey to Bethlehem. We also talked about how Mary and Joseph must have felt during this time. In our stories we tried really hard to use capital letters when writing their names. In Maths we have used a number line to help us with subtraction stories and have practised finding all the different ways of making different numbers to 10. In Geography we thought again about what makes a city a city. We then created our own city maps labelling all the different landmarks and features.

Year 2 loved welcoming parents into out classrooms this week. The clay crafting was superb and helped us better imagine the invented minibeasts we had designed. In writing, we have been working on writing effective scientific descriptions and scientific sentences about these critters, which we will turn into fact pages next week.

Year 3 In English this week, we have begun our diary writing in the eyes of Edgar the dragon. We created an emotion graph to show the range of emotions that Edgar experienced and converted this into our first part of our diary. Just a reminder, that next week the children will be attending the Christmas Spectacular at the Hippodrome Circus on Tuesday 9th December. Thank you to all grown ups for your support in ensuring this trip could go ahead. The children are super excited!

Year 4 has been all about Extreme Earth this week! We painted our amazing volcanoes to look realistic and had lots of fun causing them to erupt. Also in English we were looking at the effects of ferocious storms on the high seas whilst reading from Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. It was great inspiration for our descriptive writing.

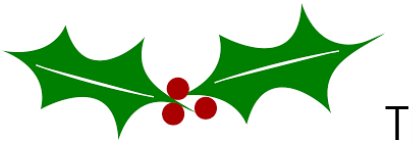
Year 5 In English this week, we have produced an information page on orangutans and their lives in the rainforest. In RE, we are looking at the timeline of God's covenants and how they lead to the New Covenant which is written in our hearts. In Science, we have compared the butterflies of the UK with those in the Amazon Rainforest. In art, we are continuing with our wire flower sculptures. In Maths, we have linked the perimeter of regular shapes with multiplication.

Year 6 All of the children have had a fun-filled week. The children who stayed at St Francis completed some map artwork and then designed their own bespoke fantasy maps. They also spent time with their buddies!
Those who came to Ullswater challenged themselves and took themselves out of their comfort zones. Photos will be available to view soon - we are just uploading and collating them. More info to follow.

Celebration Different Cultures' Christmas Traditions

As we are approaching Christmas, we would love to hear about how you celebrate this as a family in your culture. For example, in Poland, families celebrate *Wigilia,* in Germany children leave their shoes out for St Nicholas to fill them with sweets on the 6th December.

Are there any special traditions or celebrations you have in this festive season? We would love to see a photo/or your child to bring in a small item to show to their class about how you celebrate Christmas. This is purely optional and just to bring a bit of festive cheer to the classroom!



These 'sharing' sessions will be in the last two weeks of term but individual classes may choose to have certain days to hold these on.

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.

Year 6 Bikeability Level 3

These will be held on Tuesday afternoons and we have three dates set but will let you know which date your child attends based on the number of children who sign up.

Please sign up your child online using the QR Code below or this url address : https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ocean-led-easy

You will learn more advanced skills, including how to:
Use the best riding position for any situation.
Ride alongside other cyclists.
Ride on more complex roads. This might include busier roads, more complicated junctions or faster roads with speed limits above 30mph.
Negotiate more complex roads. For example, junctions controlled by traffic lights, multi-lane roads or cycle lanes.
Respond confidently when a situation changes. For example, when a vehicle pulls out in front of you.
More info: https://www.bikeability.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training-for-children/bikeability-level-3/

"Don't miss Norfolk Tennis indoor Christmas Tennis Camps at City of Norwich School! Join in festive fun, earn points in team challenges, and show off your best Christmas outfit while learning the fundamental skills of tennis. Book your place today!"





St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School PTFA

Join us for the

Christmas Fayre!

December | 12 | 3.00-6.00pm School Hall

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

Let's celebrate!

Christmas Wreath Workshop Update

We are giving the Christmas Wreath Workshop another try! Come along to enjoy some festive creativity and community spirit.

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

We are looking forward to next Friday!

📖 Parental Guide

To ensure a safe, organised, and fun event, we've prepared a detailed Parental Guide. It includes a clear flow map, staggered entry schedule, and information on where to find stalls, festive food, and drinks.

👉 For full details, please see the **link** https://gemini.google.com/u/1/share/7df37a93b658?pageId=none
(or attached pdf file).

🌟 Volunteers Needed!

Your help is important. We need volunteers to:

- Help run a stall or game
- Share a dish at the International Food Stall
- Offer festive entertainment

Even 30 minutes of your time will make a big difference!
Please let us know by Monday 8th December if you can help.
Volunteer sign up: https://forms.gle/cvni3jTnQaGeHgNY9

International Food Stall form: https://forms.gle/wd8yvB7LwYq6kFw9A

Or email us at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk.

🎄 Christmas Card & Products Orders Update 🎄

We've now sent home all orders made during the first Christmas Order Shop. If you find that an item is missing, please contact the PTFA at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you for your support!

🎁 Thank You for Your Contributions!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated Hamper Raffle Prizes (treats, drinks, toiletries, etc) and toys, teddies & books in good condition for our stalls — your generosity is making the Christmas Fair possible.
Not managed to bring something today? No problem — you can still drop items off early next week if you have the chance.
And don't forget to return your raffle tickets (purchased or empty) by **Thursday 11th December.**

Football League Success for Year 6

Well done to the **Year 6 Football Team** who won their last two matches against Wensum Junior and Bluebell Primary in the final, very wet and cold, night of this league.

They were presented with the Trophy which we will keep in school until this time next year. An enormous thank you to Guy's Dad for refereeing and coaching on all three nights.



Football League Success for Year 5

Well done to the **Year 5 Football Team** who played very well last night against West Earlham Junior and Notre Dame Prep. They also won their Division League and were presented with a Trophy which we will keep in school. Both teams will be celebrated in the Oscar Assemblies next week. Thank you to both Mr Curtis and Mr Proctor for attending the matches this half term.

