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

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

Tuesday 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

2nd July Welcome to Year 2 3.30 pm Hall

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

8th July Welcome to Year 3

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

Tuesday 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 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 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)

Year 5 Bikeability Classes - Monday 27th to Friday 2nd October

ALL

Tuesday 16th December Puppet Theatre Show Aladdin £1.50 WISEPAY

Tuesday 16th December CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

Thursday 18th TALENT SHOW

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

BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 6th JANUARY
6th January Epiphany Mass led by Year 4 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

Tuesday 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

Tuesday 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 see below on how to sign your child up.

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

OSCAR AWARDS

PERSEVERANCE NOMINEES

Margot 1L, Emilia 1PL, David 2SB, Azura 2B, Angelina 3BM, Ariella 3MD, Keira 4H, James C 4D, Ava 5W, Feliks 5J, Stella 6HD and Mia 6SW

WINNERS Azura 2B and Ariella 3MD

COMMUNITY SPIRITED

Callan 1L, Zebedee 1PL, Maia 2SB, Luis 2B, Saverio 3BM,, Leja 3MD, Nathan 4H, Isla 4D, Harper 5W, Elena 5J, Ruby 6HD and Zach 6SW

WINNERS Maia 2SB and Elena 5J

LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

Cillian 1L, Thomas 1PL, Isobel 2SB, Jan 2B, Sebbie 3BM, Jenna 3MD, Harrison 4H, Albin 4D, Risan 5W, Dexter 5J, Imogen 6HD and Hollie 6SW

WINNERS Jan 2B and Rishan 5W

ENCOURAGING OTHERS

Sophia 1L, Ottie 1PL, Nina 2SB, Nikola 2B, Robyn 3BM, Melody 3MD, Nancy 4H, Jason 4D, Elio 5W, Pablo 5J, Rory 6HD and Zara 6SW

WINNERS Sophia 1L and Zara 6HW

I CAN ATTITUDE

Emma 1L, JoJ o 1PL, Alfie 2SB, Olivia 2B, Avril 3BM, Malcom, 3MD, Harry 4H, Bertram 4D, Dawid 5W, Michael 5J, Grace 6HD and Olivier 6SW

WINNERS Jo Jo 1PL and Bertram 4D

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 In R.E we have been thinking about the Christmas story and made a collage of baby Jesus asleep in the manger. We also sang the song 'Feliz Navidad' and used our bodies to move along to the music. In Maths we have been learning the simple properties of 3-D shapes. We also loved showing our families what we have learned about London.

Year 2 Year 2 has been working super hard this week to produce our fact report on our invented insects. We will publish these in the new year and turn them into a spectacular class book!

Year 3 On Tuesday, Year 3 went to the Christmas Spectacular Hippodrome Circus. Due to a traffic jam, we were on the coach for an extra hour and the children were brilliant! Well done to all for their patience and good humour. We all had a great time watching the show and saw jugglers, a fantastic acrobatic team and some very impressive balancing acts. This has made us all very excited for the up and coming Circus Workshop in January.

Year 4 This week in Year 4 has involved learning about Jesus as Christ the King and in response we have created some beautiful portraits of Jesus that reflect the way he is the king of our hearts. We were also very excited and engaged in our Design Technology experience! We conducted extensive market research about appearance, packaging and taste (yum) and then designed our own cookies by adapting a recipe. We baked and packaged them in our handmade boxes with a recipe card. We hope they were generously shared at home!

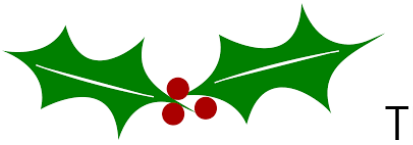
Year 55 In English this week, we have written a story from a baby orangutan's point of view as he watches his home being destroyed by deforestation. This was inspired by the book 'There's A 'Rangtan In My Bedroom!' In RE, we have looked at the O'Antiphons and how they describe the different ways we see Jesus. In art, we are finishing our wire flower sculptures and in Maths, we have been practicing our long multiplication skills by solving 2 digit by 2 digit calculations.

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have written some beautiful and thoughtful thank you letters to send to their group leader at Ullswater. They have been lovely to read and see how children have reflected on their achievements and personal growth. Photos are now available to view - a letter will be sent home with your child.

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

Cross Country #3/6 at Eaton Park Friday 5th December

Well done to Lizzie who came 7th, Ray 15th, Grace 20th, Thea 23rd, Hollie 59th and Esther 62nd in the Girls' Race.

Further congratulations to Pablo who came 5th, Gabriel 50th, Elio 69th, Zach 71st, Daniel 72nd, Oliver 73rd and Jack 76th in the Boys' Race.

With over 150 competitors in each race, St Francis are doing very well with the Girls Team overall in 4th place and the Boys' Team in 9th We are proud of each of them. Thank you Mr Curtis and Mrs Savage who accompanied them as well as the parents who joined them.

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/

The Choir Singing Carols at the Forum on Monday

Well done to all the choir members for singing a few carols without much rehearsal. Thank you to the parents who supported us, Mr Evans for playing the piano to accompany us and the staff who joined me. The children represented the school very well and were complimented by the staff in Café Marzano for their politeness when ordering drinks. Here is the message from them ..

We had the loveliest group of children in this morning after their festive performance! They were all so confident, well behaved, polite, and just genuinely lovely human beings!
We really appreciate them coming in and buying cakes and drinks, they absolutely made our day! 😊



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Big Norfolk Holiday Fun



Launch into action-packed activities!



Looking for a holiday activity scheme for your children?
Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is FREE if your child receives benefits-related free school meals

Fun and creative activities for your child with a free healthy lunch!
The Oak Circus is offering fun winter circus sessions!

Taking place at: The Oak Circus Centre, Norwich

When: Ages 5 - 9: 22nd, 29th, 30th Dec, 2nd, 5th Jan
Ages 9 - 16: 22nd, 30th Dec, 5th Jan
SEND sessions: 23rd, 29th Dec, 2nd Jan

theoakcircuscentre.org/active-norfolk-winter-fun-days/

Booking now open

Scan to find out more about the program

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING ONE

Premier Sports are offering Hockey Club after school on Fridays – see below

HOCKEY CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue:	St Francis of Assisi
Dates:	Fridays - W/c 12th January - W/e 13th February
Times:	15:25 - 16:25
Price:	Just £6 per session
Ages:	Y1-6
Additional info:	

STAY ACTIVE!

At Premier Education, we create sessions from a wide variety of hockey-themed games and activities to make sure every child is moving and engaged. Hockey can be enjoyed by children of any gender and age, and we want to make sure that it's a sport they stick at!

"My daughter loved learning how to play hockey and to see her face when she got certificates for playing well, was just magical. Thank you."

Harriet - Parent

Aladdin – Puppet Theatre

A final call out for any parents who have yet to pay for this Christmas treat to do so on **Wisepay** before the event on Tuesday.

£1.60 each child. Thank you.



SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

We are very glad to say that we have been awarded the School of Sanctuary Award

We are delighted to achieve the **School of Sanctuary award**. This recognition is a testament to our school's outstanding commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for sanctuary seeking students. We have shown to meet the standards below.

- Training and Education for Staff: Established a dedicated Sanctuary Team and consistently shared resources/newsletters to build staff expertise.
- Curriculum and Learning Activities: Rewritten curriculum and literacy programme to embed themes of migration, refuge, and sanctuary, supported by key texts and parent involvement.
- Embedding Welcome and Inclusion: Created strong EAL support structures, communication tools, and initiatives like Language of the Month with dual-language resources.
- Celebratory Events: Actively engaged in Refugee Week, Days of Welcome, and Diversity Days showcasing international food, music, and dance.
- Active Pupil Voice: Planned for School Council to lead sanctuary-related initiatives and represent learner leadership.
- Public Commitment to Sanctuary: Signed the School of Sanctuary Pledge, promoted values on the website, and committed to adding logos and hosting Diversity Day.
- Ongoing Engagement with the SoS Stream: Built partnerships with local refugee support groups, fundraised annually for charities, and participated in wider Sanctuary network events.