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

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

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 2

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

Monday 9th March Trip to Great Yarmouth Tide Museum for Roman event

24th June Parent Workshop 2pm Class

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

Monday 2nd February Trip to Castle Museum £6.30 on WISEPAY

Thursday 26th March Circus Skills Performance Parents invited – times to be confirmed

8th June Parent Workshop (Reading)

Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK

Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK

Wednesday 24th June 2pm – 5pm City Sports Track events FINAL Sportspark

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

9th July Welcome to Year 4

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

3rd March Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in Class

Tuesday 24th March Sports Leaders Training

Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK

Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK

Wednesday 24th June 2pm – 5pm City Sports Track events FINAL Sportspark

Friday 26th June KENTWELL HALL TRIP

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

Thursday 5th March WORLD BOOK DAY – children to dress up as book character

Friday 6th March Group Photos and Leavers' Individual Photos

Friday 20th March Rocksteady Concert 2pm (families of Rocksteady students invited)

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

Friday 19th June SUMMER FAYRE 3pm to 6pm

Thursday 25th June SPORTS DAY – ALL am and KS2 races pm

Friday 3rd July 1.30 pm Rocksteady Concert and Music Concert (parents of Rocksteady and Children who play instruments in or out of school invited as audience)

ALL continued ..

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Thursday 16th July am TALENT SHOW

New Academic Year

Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual

The Nest Pupils

Wednesday 21st January – Visit to the Sainsbury Centre UEA pm Bus

Tuesday 29th January – Pantathalon Sports Festival UEA Sports Park Swimming Pool (Year 5 and 6 only) Coach

Monday 16th March Commonwealth Games-themed Inclusive Sports Festival – City Academy - walk

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

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

Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK
Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK
Wednesday 24th June 2pm – 5pm City Sports Track events FINAL Sportspark

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 15th January Taverham Cross Country League #4 2pm

Thursday 22nd Jan – trip to the Cathedral

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
Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK
Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK
Wednesday 24th June 2pm – 5pm City Sports Track events FINAL Sportspark

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
Friday 17th July Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

1L The Ned award this week is awarded to **Emma** for creating an amazing cave painting of hunters and wild animals using chalk and oil pastels.
1PL Clea - for carefully drawing a great cave painting .
Marta - for creating a super cave painting based on cave paintings from the Stone Age.

2B: Aidan - he has worked with superb independence this week in maths and writing whilst his progress in reading has been impressing adults across the school. Great stuff Aidan!
2S: Emilio, for being a superstar in every moment. Emilio has been going the extra mile in all of his lessons, has been a wonderful partner to his friends and has been resilient and brave. Well done Emilio!
3MD: **Malcolm, Georgia, Ella, Noah, Sienna, Regen and Melody**! Well done, all of you, for your consistent approach to spelling homework for the Autumn term.
3BM: Oskar for writing excellent sentences in English using the new vocabulary we have been learning in his work.
Sebbie for fantastic focus and concentration in Maths this week.

4D: **Jason, Lucian and Chim** for their excellent readings in the Epiphany mass.
4H: **Chris, Toby, Rachel, Isabella and Jerusha** for their excellent readings in the Epiphany mass.

5W Joseph K – For his creative thinking in maths. He is prepared to think more deeply about a question, come up with several ways to come to a solution and is always willing to share his ideas with the rest of the class. **5W Harper** – For being such a helpful and kind member of the class - she is always ready to lend a hand and support those around her. Harper is also approaching her schoolwork with a more mature and resilient attitude which is excellent to see.
5J Thea - for all that she brings to our class. She is kind, supportive and an involved learner who shares her ideas with others and who models resilience and perseverance.
5J Huxley for his positivity, energy and involvement with all his learning. This great attitude shows a real thirst for learning and makes him a pleasure to have in class.

Sophie (6HD) and Matylda (6SW) are stars this week for their amazing attitude towards learning in school. They are always pen ready, always ready to volunteer and share ideas and always a delight to have in the classroom. They are perfect examples to their peers of what a St Francis of Assisi pupil looks like.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 have worked really hard this week. We have started learning about the Stone Age and have created our own cave paintings using chalk and oil pastels. We have also listened to the story of 'The Presentation' and thought really hard about how Simeon and Ana must have felt when they saw baby Jesus for the first time. We then wrote what they might have said using an exclamation mark. In Maths we have been thinking about the difference between one whole ten and ten ones and have been practising finding missing numbers to 20.

Year 2 Year 2 have been working with tricky calculations this week, subtracting across a 10s barrier by trying to get to a friendly number first (a multiple of 10).
We have also been publishing the report of our invented insects. They look spectacular and we hope the children feel proud of the effort they showed in their work.

Year 3 This week we started our new Design and Technology topic of Castles! This learning links in with our upcoming trip to Norwich Castle (please keep an eye out for a letter coming home this week and payment via WisePay). The children explored key features of a castle and designed their own castle, using key vocabulary of: Curtain Walls, Towers, Battlements, Gatehouses, Drawbridges, Flags, Moats and Turrets. They thought about what recycled materials they will need to create their own castle in a few weeks time.

Year 4 We have had a lovely first week back after the Christmas break and the seasonal weather has tied in beautifully with our new English unit, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We are building up to writing a beautiful setting description of snowy, wintery Narnia! We are continuing with multiplication and division facts in Maths and are working hard on the 11s and 12s this week.

Year 5 This week, in English, we have been inspired by the snowy weather to write poetry. In Maths, we have been exploring the links between multiplication and area. In RE, we have been responding to the Beatitudes and how they can guide us in our daily lives. Science has seen us begin our new topic 'Materials and their Properties' while in Art we have created water coloured contour maps of South America.

Year 6

Level 3 Pedal Power

The first 6 children participating in this course have been given a letter to attend this Tuesday 13th. Others signed up have been asked to bring their bikes on Tuesday 27th January. There are still 2 spaces for that date and 6 for Tuesday 3rd February if your child would like to attend.

Please complete sign up using the QR code below or the link.
URL: https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ocean-led-easy

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LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH – SERBIAN

The language for January is Serbian. If you or members in your family are part of the Serbian 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.

SPRING EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Clubs at St Francis - Spring 26

Club		Who can attend?	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Breakfast	Miss Emily Palmer	Anyone who has paid	Every day	7.40am	8.50pm	£5 all £3 half hour
After School	Mrs Julia McClarnon	Anyone who has paid	Every day	3.30pm	6.00pm	£3 until 4pm, £5 until 4.30 pm £10 to 6pm
Parent Support Worker	Mrs Rowena Cove	By appointment	Monday	9:00 AM	4.00 pm	Free
Basketball	Mr Proctor	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Monday	12.30 pm	1:00 PM	Free
Drama Club	Rosalind Burt	Years 4,5 and 6	Monday	3:30 PM	4.30 pm	via Rosalind
Premier Sports Football	Premier Sports	Year 1 to Year 6	Monday	3.30 pm	4.25pm	(pay via Premier)
Prayer Group	Mrs Saward Clarke and Mrs Renegado	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Library Open - Games Café	Mrs Kelsey	All children	Tuesday	12.30 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Premier Sports Dodgeball	Premier Sports	Years 2 to 6	Tuesday	3.25 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier) £42
Art Club	Mrs Juli Mobbs	Years 1, 2 and 3	Tuesday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Netball	Mr Proctor	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00pm	Free
Gymnastics	Premier Sports	Year 2 to Year 6	Wednesday (1.3.23)	3.30 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier)
Sewing Club	Mrs Adamski	Year 5 and 6	Wednesday (1.3.23)	12.30pm	1.15 pm	Free
School Council	Mrs Hinings	Class Representatives	Every other Wednesday	12.35 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Running Club - Eaton Park	Mr Curtis Mr Proctor	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.10 pm	Free
Junior Chaplaincy	Mrs Hope	2 children from each class	Every other Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
Gymnstics and Dance	Mr Proctor	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	12.30 pm	1:15pm	Free
Cafod Club	Mrs Savage	Year 5 and 6	Thursday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Tennis Club	National Tennis Assoc	Years 1-3	Thursday	3.25 pm	4.10 pm	(pay via Tennis Association)
Art Club	Miss Juli Mobbs	Years 4,5 and 6	Thursday	3.30pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Library Open After School for parents and children	Mrs Claire Furness	All children and parents	Thursday	3.30pm	4.00 pm	Free
Choir	Mrs Furness	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	8.15 am	8.55 am	Free
Premier Sports Hockey	Premier Sports	Years 1 to 6	Friday	3.25pm	4.25pm	(payment via Premier)



After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

St Francis After School Tennis Club Details

Thursdays- 6 weeks (8 Jan - 12 Feb)
Year 1-3
3:25 - 4:10pm
Cost - £36

How to Enrol?
For more information and booking please click or visit the below link.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 1, 2 and 3.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Many thanks to all the parents who attended our lovely end of year Carol Concert at St John the Baptist Cathedral. Your generous donations at the end of the service came to just under £500 which we are sending to Mary's Meals. As £19.15 can feed a child in other developing countries for a whole year, this money will feed 25 children for 2026. Thank you

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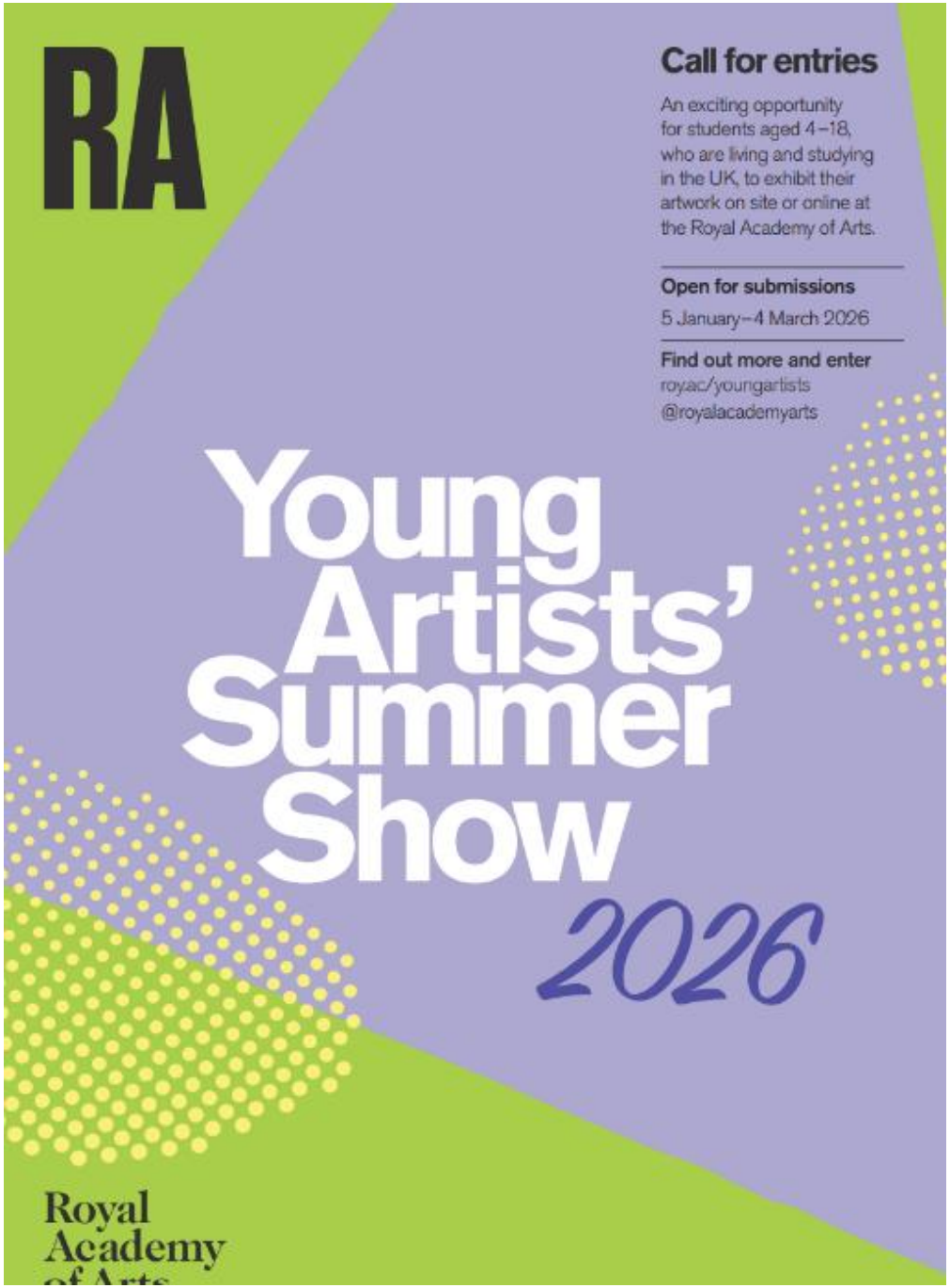

St Francis has registered for this competition so please do encourage any of your children who enjoy art to enter.