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

Wednesday 21st January Mindfulness Workshops NSSP

Tuesday 24th February CHOIR at (Yr 4,5 and 6) The 02 for Young Voices Concert

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

Friday 6th March Group Photos and Leavers' Individual Photos

Wednesday 18th March – The Big Lent Walk – Eaton Park

Friday 13th March Pupil REPROTS to PARENTS

Friday 20th March CHOIR at The King's Centre 8.30 to 12 Norfolk Music Festival (drop off at SJB Cathedral Café by 9 am)

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

ALL continued ..

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

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Thursday 16th July am TALENT SHOW

New Academic Year

Tuesday 29th September 2026

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

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 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 Anton - for writing an amazing question in his Cave Baby letter.
1PL Freddie - for persevering in phonics sessions and trying his best with his reading.

2B: Zelda & Niko: For excellent deep thinking during our RE lesson reflecting on the trinity in examples of classic and contemporary artwork. Brilliant work!
2SB Vincenzo, for his thoughtful, beautiful reflections when looking at artwork depicting the trinity at the baptism of Jesus. Vincenzo has also shone in maths lessons this week- he has pushed himself to succeed when facing tricky challenges. Well done!
3BM Robyn - for focusing well in Writing this week to create a detailed text map of the story Thor's Fishing Trip.
Miya - for fantastic concentration in History this week to compare a Viking and Norman warrior. Well done for completing both the challenges Miya!
3MD Rozalia: for her perseverance during the various tests. Well done for having a go! **Alfie:** for his attention to detail in Science **Noah and Alistair**: for their attention and role-model behaviour in PE
4H Nathan for great teamwork and knowledge sharing when making seismometers as part of our earthquake topic! **Ana** for showing a really positive attitude to learning, including tests, this week.
4D Ines for being an absolute superstar this week! She has consistently made excellent choices and been a fantastic role model to her peers - keep it up Ines :) **Maya** for working hard to focus in class and completing lots of tasks with a smile - well done Maya!
5W Amaya for her super hard work with bus stop division this week. Well done!
5W Agnes for being such a responsible, reliable and hard working member of our class. She is a joy to teach and a super role model for all.
5J Every member of 5J for all their hard work , enthusiasm, team spirit and wonderful dancing in the dance show. They have been amazing.
6HD Jakub is a star this week for showing all the Year 6 teacher's his mature attitude towards learning and his focus in class. He always demonstrates the school values of being kind, brave and involved and is a pleasure to have in the class. **Lelan** is a star this week for working really hard and focussing in lessons. His handwriting shows care and precision and this was particularly evident in his SPaG questions where he presented his thoughtful answers very carefully.

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been reading Julia Donaldson's Cave Baby. We wrote a letter to Cave Baby telling him all about ourselves and asked him a question about life in the Stone Age. In maths, we have looked at teen numbers and know that they are made up of a whole ten and then a few more. In our Stone Age topic we have looked at artefacts from Skara Brae and tried to work out what they were used for. In Science we have explored everyday materials and sorted them into rocks, plastic, glass, wood and metal.
Year 2 have been reflecting on Jesus' Baptism this week, exploring the stories leading up to this event and why it was significant. We enjoyed looking at examples of artwork and studying these closely. Next week, we will be taking this learning further by writing a retelling of the event! We have also been exploring time travel in our writing, building on our parent workshop last week. Thank you so much to all of you who attended!
Year 3 - this week the children started their 10 week circus skills workshop with the Oak Circus Academy and they absolutely loved it! In DT they began creating their castles using recycled materials. Thank you so much for the cardboard donations, if you have any more cereal boxes then please send them into school ready for next Thursday.
Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been very busy! We completed our first round of assessments, and the children worked incredibly hard, showing great effort and resilience throughout. In Geography, the children loved designing, making, and testing their own seismographs and were very enthusiastic to see how they worked. In RE, we used our Bibles to explore examples of Jesus being both fully human and fully divine, which led to some thoughtful discussions in class.
Year 5 This week Year 5, in RE, have been learning how some inspirational people have lived the Beatitudes. In Maths, we have been practising the bus stop method for division and how this is so much easier when we are confident with our times tables. In Geography, we have learnt about the Yanomami tribe of the Amazonian rainforest.
Year 6 In English, we have enjoyed watching and reading 'Mog's Calamity' and we are starting to write our own diaries based on these calamitous events. In History, we have learnt all about Simon de Montfort and are putting together the background and events that led him to be called the 'Father of Parliament'. In Science, we are learning about the heart and in French, we are learning about the geography of France and regional differences.

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.

Cross County Success

Well done to Grace who came 6th, Lizzie who came 7th and Ray who came 18th in the girls race at Taverham Prep School on Thursday afternoon. They all gained points for the St Francis Girls' Team. Congratulations to Pablo who came 2nd in the boys' race. All the other runners ran brilliantly in pretty nasty conditions. Well done to each of them. Gabriel, Elio, Daniel, Oliver, Zach, Iris, Holly and Ray.



Valentine Disco – Coming Soon

See next week's newsletter



VALUE OF THE MONTH - PERSEVERANCE

The Value Assemblies in January are:
Perseverance,
Learning Together and
Being a Leader.

MUSIC OF THE MONTH

In Friday Singing Assemblies across January, we are listening to
PEACEFUL MUSIC

- **Ludovico Einuadi –** I Gioni - piano
- **Phillip Glass** Metamorphosis – piano
- **Mxa Richter –** Sleep – piano
- **Erik Satie –** Gymnopedies – piano
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We will practise the hymns:
Peace Perfect Peace, The Peace of God, My Lighthouse, Make me a Channel of Your Peace, Kumbayah and Waiting in Silence

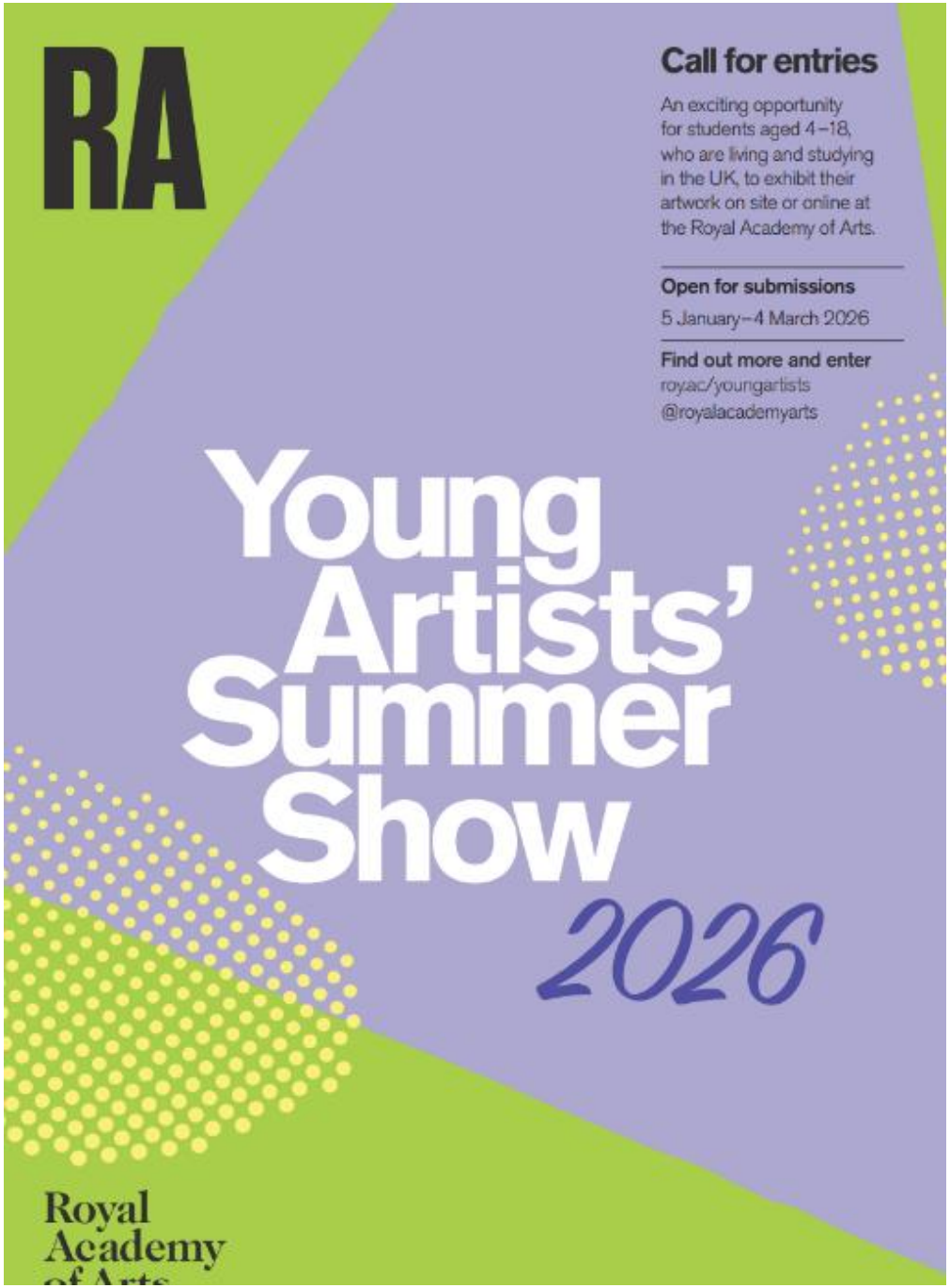
OUTSIDE SUPPORT

For client hardship, food parcels and financial support/debt worries
https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41087/Contact-Family-Hubs

Any concerns /worries about a child or immediate family support
Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) Norfolk County Council | Norfolk Community Directory

General health for children and families
Health Advice & Support for Children & Families

Domestic Violence support
Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services



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