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

Friday 6th February Non Uniform Day and School Disco – see info below

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

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 15th June Gressenhall Trip – payment via WISEPAY
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

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

Friday 6th February Old Catton Cross Country League #5
Friday 6th March Cross Country Horsford Primary FINAL
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

Atena 1L and Kian 1PL for looking really carefully and drawing fantastic pictures of Stone Age artefacts!

2S Dominik - for great sentence work and for his attention and focus
Bernie - for his concentration and problem solving skill sin Maths
2B: Leo and Molly: For excellent work in responding to feedback on their writing, taking great care to notice mistakes independently and respond with resilience when these were pointed out by an adult. Great job!

3BM Tate for his excellent analysis of our Guided Reading text this week. You did a fantastic job at using evidence from the text to support your answers, Tate. Well done you**!** **Milana** for persevering to create a wonderfully presented double page spread on 'What are forces?' to start our new science topic.

4H Elizabeth for engaging so fully and respectfully in our mindfulness workshop.
Marla for her careful efforts to create a lovely piece of art showing Narnia through the wardrobe keyhole.
4D Emmy - for her enthusiasm and engagement during our Mindfulness workshop! **Elizabeth S** - for her beautiful 'through the wardrobe' inspired art!

5W Alfie – for being a kind, helpful and sensible member of our class who thinks deeply about his learning and tries his best.
5W Sophia – for being a resilient and hardworking learner who is always ready to listen carefully to feedback in order to improve her work

6HD Emilia is a star for her eloquent and reverent responses in RE this week. She wonderfully demonstrated how she can interpret one of John's 'I Am' statements of Jesus and reflect it in her own understanding with deeper thinking.
6SW Tatiana is a star for coming on in leaps and bounds in her writing and putting in a huge amount of effort which is now starting to pay off. Well done Tatiana!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1This week Year One have been thinking about how we can add one more or one less to two digit numbers. We looked at the digits in teen numbers and talked about how the ten doesn't change. We learnt about Skara Brae and looked at artefacts that had been found there. We also continued to look at Jesus' life when he was a boy and talked about how worried Mary and Joseph were when Jesus was lost in the temple. I wonder if you can remember where he said he was?

Year 2 have been exploring artefact from Iron Age settlements as part of our work on the Celts in Britain. We loved asking and answering historical questions before considering verbs that explained what these artefacts might do.

Year 3 In Topic we learnt about how life changed in Britain after the Viking and Norman Invasions. We used a venn diagram to compare and contrast the similarities and differences of the impact that these invasions had on Britain. In Science we started our new topic Forces and Magnets. We learnt that forces are pushes and pulls, and using this information we created a double page spread to sort examples of each into the correct category. The children are very excited to explore this topic further, especially with a friction experiment in an upcoming lesson!

Year 4 After finishing our work as seismologists in Geography, Year 4 packed their bags and travelled to Nepal this week! We delved into secondary sources about the 2015 earthquake and created our own informative books to share our learning. In English, we continued our adventures in Narnia, using imaginative similes to bring our descriptions to life. Meanwhile in Maths, we began our work on measure, enjoying the challenge of converting between units and finding fractions of amounts.

Year 5 This week and next, the children are doing Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling Assessments! As well this week, in RE, we have been exploring the Theological Virtues – comparing them with the Cardinal Virtues and understanding how these guide us in all we do. In Science, we have been revising which materials are electrical insulators and conductors and moving on to understanding thermal insulators and conductors. In Maths, we have been exploring symmetry and creating our own symmetrical drawings.

Year 6 This week, in RE, the children were able to show deep subject knowledge about the Gospel of John and how his stories link to the seven 'I Am' statements. In Art, the children have now finished their Epiphany stars which look beautiful on our RE display board. In English, we are really pleased with the outcomes from our piece of writing from last week - 'Mog's Diary' - the children have all worked really hard.

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.

February School Disco



- **KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2):** 3.30–4.30pm
- **KS2 (Y3-Y6):** 5.30–7.00pm

To help everything run smoothly, we will again use a staggered approach for KS1. Reception children will remain in their classrooms after school, have their snack there, and then be brought to the Hall for the start of the disco at 3.30pm. At **4:30 pm**, they will return to their classrooms (RB & RM), where parents should collect them. Please enter through the **Reception Playground.**

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be brought to the Hall directly after classes finish at 3.15pm and have their snack in the food hall. Please collect the children at 4:30pm directly through the Hall.

KS2 children (Y3-Y6) can be dropped off at 5:30pm and collected at 7:00 pm directly at the Hall.

If you can help at either session, please contact the PTFA at Ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk. Your support makes a huge difference to the children and helps these events run safely and smoothly.

See Poster below

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 – songs on website

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

Join us this **Friday, February 6th, 2026** for the

SCHOOL DISCO

& Non-Uniform Friday!

Reception & KS1: 3.30-4.30pm
KS2: 5.30-7.00pm

💰 £3 (Includes crisps & soft drink)
🚰 Bring a water bottle

Payments can be made through Wisepay by Thursday February 5th

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