St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Felicity Hope

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 - WISEPAY OPEN FOR PAYMENT

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

Whitwell has closed down so school are sourcing a new provider for this trip – details to follow

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

ALL

Tuesday 3rd February PTFA Meeting 6-7 pm (see below)

Friday 6th February Non School Uniform Day and School Valentine 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 -

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 11th February 2.45 pm Sculpture Show – Nest Parents Invited

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

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 Tuesday 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

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: Toby for being really focussed in Phonics and trying his best to read all the words.

1PL: Max and Thomas for both working incredibly hard on their writing. They have tried so hard to improve their handwriting and to make their sentences grow that their work from September is hardly recognisable to now!

2SBSebastian- for wonderful writing, reading and maths! Sebastian has gone above and beyond in his lessons this week. We have all been proud of his efforts. Well done Sebastian!

2B Christopher & Thea - excellent resilience when writing and responding to feedback

3MD: Dominik - for great sentence work and for his attention and focus

Bernie - for his concentration and problem solving skills in Maths

Joseph: for his excellent ideas and contributions in English

Jacey: for her carefully thought-through answers in Science

3BM Ariel for being a reading superstar! You are making fantastic progress, keep it up!

Anika for being a superstar in all subjects this week! You created a wonderfully detailed map in English and contributed some thoughtful ideas in Guided Reading.

5W Araceli – for always being such a cheerful, helpful and kind member of the class – thank-you! 5W Mischelle – for being such an active and independent learner in all subjects this week.

5J Pippa– works hard and thinks deeply so that she increases her knowledge and skills in some way, every day. She is kind and supportive and a great role model.

5J Robin for his independent thinking which helps him to be such a creative problem solver. He draws on past learning to build new knowledge and skills and he is always willing to share his ideas to support others

6SW: Heston is a star for being a great all-rounder who is consistently ready to listen and participate. He works incredibly hard and this is reflected in his beautifully presented work. Well done Heston - you should be very proud of yourself!

6HD: Evelyn is a star for always trying her hardest, especially in Maths. She has really impressed her teachers with her hard work, resilience and positive attitude to her learning. This is also shown in all her other lessons across the curriculum - well done Evelyn!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week Year One have been learning all about Jesus asking the fishermen to be his disciples. We tried really hard to write a retell of the story and did some of our best writing yet! We also wrote instructions for how to wash a woolly mammoth, inspired by the story book and our Stone Age topic. In Maths, we continued looking at teen numbers and made the numbers with rekenreks, counted one more and one less and ordered teen numbers to twenty. We also designed Stone Age inspired clay pots in readiness to make our own next week.

Year 2 have been exploring the Snettisham hoard, writing poetry inspired by the artefacts found there! There has been plenty of careful word choices and superb sentences to celebrate.

Year 3 This week, Year 3 started our multiplication unit in Maths. We are learning how to multiply a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, thinking about the place value of each of the digits we are multiplying. We used the tens and ones dienes to support our understanding of this. In Literacy, we worked together as a class to design a setting for our Viking myth! We used a piece of string to create the outline of an island, then in groups decided where key features of the landscape, such as mountains, forests and rivers, should go. We learnt about the suffix '-ation' in spelling this week. How many words can your child think of that end in '-ation'? Just a reminder that we are going on our trip to Norwich Castle next Monday (2nd February). Year 3 children will need to arrive at school by **8.30am latest** so that we can leave promptly at 8.45am. Please check your email for further details on this. Many thanks.

Year 4 have had a fantastic week! In Geography, the children loved designing and testing earthquake-proof structures, while in Art they created dramatic stormy seascapes using colour and texture. In Maths, we've been exploring all things perimeter, with lots of problem-solving. A brilliant week of hands-on learning!

Year 55 This week, in Maths, we are exploring and comparing decimal fractions, fractions and percentages! In RE, we have been deepening our understanding of the parable of the Good Samaritan – what was the importance of the kind person being from Samaria? In Science, we have been planning how we can make a pouch that acts as a thermal insulator to keep an ice lolly cold!

Year 6 Year 6 visited the Cathedral last week and Dr Maguire commented on their wonderful participation and behaviour - we are very proud of them all. They will be using the sketches they made to help influence the work they will create in Art this week, focussing on perspective and depth. It has been test week and the children have been working hard - it is evident that the children are maturing and growing into Year 6.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH – VIETNAMESE

The language for February is Vietnamese. If you or members in your family are part of the Vietnamese 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.**

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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 - Truthfulness

The Value Assemblies in February are:
Truthfulness – Being Authentic to Yourself
Truthfulness – Keeping Promises
Truthfulness – Admitting Your Mistakes

MUSIC OF THE MONTH

In Friday Singing Assemblies across February we are listening to peaceful music with voices being the main instrument:

Allegri | Miserere mei deus
Samuel Barber – Agnus Dei
Thomas Tallis Te lucis ante terminum
Ēriks Ešenvalds - Only in Sleep

Hymns – Share the Light, I am Special and There is Someone by Bernadette Farrell; Colours of Day and Father In My Life I see

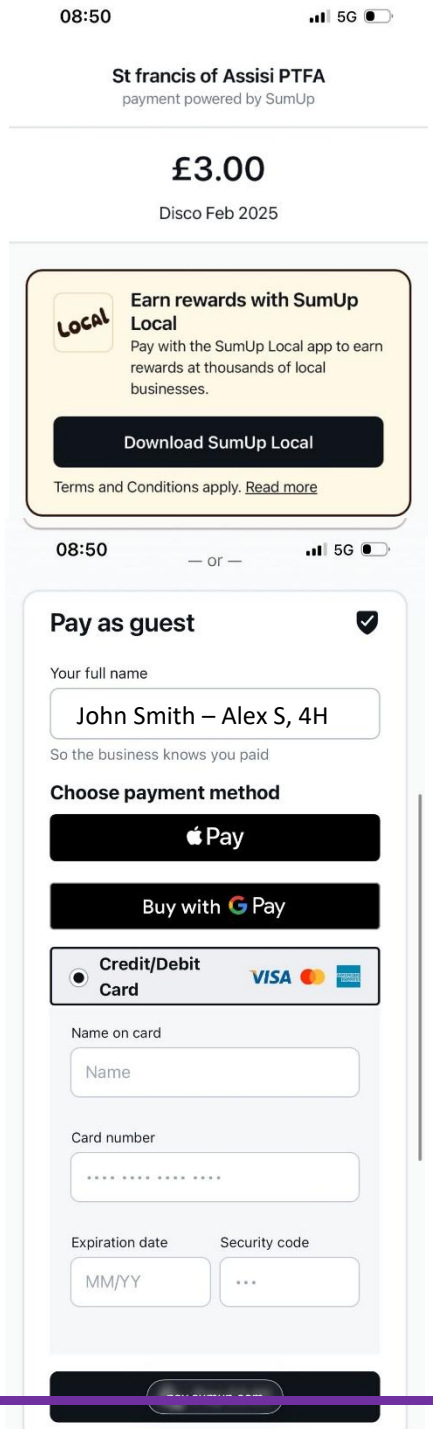
OUTSIDE SUPPORT

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



School Disco – Important Update on Payments

We're very much looking forward to welcoming the children to the upcoming School Disco. Unfortunately, we've encountered a technical glitch with Wisepay that will take some time to resolve, so we won't be able to use it for ticket payments on this occasion.

To keep everything running smoothly, we've set up an alternative payment route. You can make your payment using the link or QR code provided. To help us match payments correctly, please enter *your name, your child's name, and their class* in the **Your Full Name** field. Please note that it is one payment per child.

Link: [Please pay £ 3 to St francis of Assisi PTFA]

For those who attempted to book on Wisepay, please note that no payment was taken and those bookings won't be processed, so you will need to rebook using the new payment link.

We kindly ask that all payments are completed by **end of day Thursday, 5 February**.

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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

Let's celebrate together!

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Your child's school has chosen to implement the SwiftKitchen meal ordering and payment system to improve the way they manage their school meal service.

There are loads of benefits for you and your child. Take a look below:

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EFFORTLESS MEAL SELECTION

HASSLE-FREE TRANSACTIONS

PEACE OF MIND

CONVENIENT PRE-ORDERING AND ADJUSTMENTS



Premier After School Clubs

Premier After School Clubs would like to know which sports parents and children at St Francis want to have clubs for.

Premier have sent a survey which they would appreciate parents completing.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMJ1wx1CHpdi-bA2_lfbfsaeyzHPyzEsQCuZ4n0HnPL08yVg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Thank you in advance for your time in informing Premier of your preferences.

