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

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

Thursday 26th March Circus Skills Performance Parents invited – 3BM 11.30 am 3BM 2.30 pm
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

Friday 13th February LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February RETURN TO SCHOOL
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

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 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

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

1PL Felix - for having a great attitude to learning and being an amazing role model to his classmates.
1L William...for working so hard in writing and for doing his best. His handwriting was also brilliant!
2SB Chisom- for having an incredible attitude towards all of her learning. Chisom has worked super hard in all of her lessons this week. We were particularly proud of her resilience and personal ambition in her maths lessons. Well done Chisom!
2B: Dominic - Deep thinking throughout the drama session this week when creating and exploring a character.
3BM Faron, Niharika and Madeleine for challenging themselves to independently include adverbs and conjunctions in their writing this week!
Angelina for her participation and effort in Maths this week
Enzo for his superb creativity when creating a character for his Viking myth!
3MD Ella: for her very careful body control during Circus. Great concentration!
Annabel: for her listening skills and quick responses during Circus.
Ariella: for her kindness and encouragement to her peers
4D:**Isla** for her amazing work in English on a descriptive narrative.
Stanley for being a great competitor and winning the javelin at a UEA event!
4H: **Jerusha** for including so many important writing features to her amazing setting description.
Keira for participating so well at the UEA sport event and brilliant sportsmanship.
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 Ben–Ben is such an enthusiastic and positive learner and his determination to do well is clear in all he does. He has worked so hard with his writing and I am excited to read his final draft of the Wild Woods!
5J Maria is always hard-working, cheerful and resilient. If we add to this that she is always kind and supportive, you can see why she is such a delightful member of our class.
Year 6 are all Stars this week for taking part in their SATS practice run with such enthusiasm. It has been lovely to see how so much improvement has been made in such a small number of weeks. Keep up the good work and stay focused now you have seen it bear fruit!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 have been learning about the festival of Candlemas. We talked about how people around the world celebrate this in different ways. In class we made mini pancakes, which were delicious. In Maths we have been learning to add using a numberline by starting with the biggest number. In writing we have used the word 'with' to make our writing grow. We wrote about what life might have been like in the Stone Age.

Year 2 Year 2 travelled back in time this week to an Iron Age Settlement! We all took up jobs to help the village run, such as a hunter-gather, baker and a potter. We also considered how we might describe what it might be like to walk through the settlement and experience all the sights, sounds and smells.

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Norwich Castle on Monday this week. They visited the Castle Keep and Battlements, and they explored a variety of Viking artefacts. This was a wonderful end to our Invaders Topic. The children are excited to start our new Geography based topic after half term. Additionally, in our Circus Skills weekly workshops, the children are practising extremely hard for their showcase spectacular on Thursday 26th March.

Year 4 We have had a very busy week in Year 4, learning to explain how a tsunami is formed and how the moon, Earth and sun work together to give us night and day. In Maths, we have applied lots of reasoning skills to find perimeters of regular and irregular polygons.

Year 5 This week, in Maths, we are exploring fractions: how do we change mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. In English, we are continuing our suspense writing, 'The Wild Woods'. In RE, we have started to explore the Transfiguration and what this taught the disciples. In Science, we planned how to make our thermal insulator experiment a fair test so that we are ready for our practical session next week

Year 6 In RE this week, we have been deepening our knowledge of the Seven Sacraments. In History, children have been evaluating the Causes of the English War, and thinking about how different factors impacted on big historical changes. In Science, they have been learning all about nutrition and how nutrients are absorbed by and travel around the body.

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.

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

SMART PHONE FREE SCHOOL

We are delighted that the Parent Pact Leaderboard for Norfolk schools shows St Francis RC Primary School as top of the 247 schools covered so far. Currently 113 pacts have been signed by St Francis parents to delay giving their child a smartphone until at least age 14. Cringleford CE VA Primary School is second with 77 pacts signed at the time of writing. Fantastic! If you have not yet signed up but wish to do so, the link is below.

Link.HERE

Thank you for your support of the St Francis Smartphone Free Childhood group's efforts.

Kind regards

St Francis Smart Phone Free School Team



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



Booking is now open for parent carers wishing to attend the

Family Voice Norfolk Annual Conference on Saturday 14th March 2026

at the

John Innes Centre, Norwich, NR4 7UH.



Please read the following important information before you access the booking form below:

The Family Voice Norfolk Conference is a **free-to-attend event**, exclusively **for parents and carers** who have children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The conference is designed to give parents and carers access to information and workshops relating to SEND and **we are therefore unable to accept bookings from professionals working with children and young people with SEND, such as SENCOs and teachers.**

We welcome children and young people at our conference but we are **unable to offer activities for them.** We suggest that you bring any fidget toys, books, simple activities, iPads etc. that your child or young person might need to enjoy the day. The conference centre is likely to be very busy and can become noisy, but we will have a quiet room available for use. **Your children and young people will need to stay with you at all times.**

The John Innes Conference Centre offers free on-site parking and plentiful disabled parking spaces. There are disabled toilets within the building but please note that there is **no 'changing places' facility**.

Doors open for parent carers at 09.30. Throughout the day, we are able to offer free teas, coffees, squash and water. On arrival there will also be pastries and fruit, however **this year we are NOT able to provide lunch**. You should consider bringing your own lunch from home as **there are NO food-purchasing facilities on site.**

To book up to 5 places at the conference, please click on the link below:

Booking form for the 2026 FVN Conference for parent carers.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Kitchen and Office are struggling with lunch orders. Many parents are not ordering them for their children eg,

This Week dinners not ordered were:

Monday 58,
Tuesday 26
Wednesday 21
Thursday 22

We thank you in advance for ordering the week on a Sunday or before 9 am on the day. It would save our school hours of unnecessary work if all parents could do this for us.



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.