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

4th June Heigham Park Trip am
1st July Welcome to Year 1 3.30 pm Hall

Year 1

PE DAYS TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS

19th May Parent Workshop Plants – 2pm class
29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings

Thursday 2nd July Welcome to Year 2 3.30 pm Hall

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class

Year 2

PE DAY – FRIDAY

24th June Parent Workshop 2pm Class

Wednesday 8th July – Welcome to Year 3 Meeting

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

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
Thursday 25th June 1.30– 5pm City Sports Track events FINAL Sportspark

29th and 30th June Parents' Evenings in class
Thursday 9th July China Day
Thursday 9th July Welcome to Year 4

Thursday 25th February 2027 Olly Day Workshop Road Safety

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY
Thursday 16th April 4H Last Swimming #6
Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK
Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK
Thursday 25th June 1.30 – 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

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

Mon 2nd Nov - Wed 4th Nov - Year 5 residential to Norfolk Lakes –

Thursday 25th February 2027 Olly Day Workshop Road Safety

ALL

Back to School Monday 13th APRIL

Wednesday 15th April Easter Mass 2pm Hall

Thursday 23rd April CHOIR at St Peter Mancroft Church performing in CASMA Rehearsal 4pm Performance 7pm

Friday 12th June – Day of Welcome – School of Sanctuary

Monday 15th June Mitch Johnson Author Visit

Friday 19th June SUMMER FAYRE 3pm to 6pm

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

ALL continued ..

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 Individual Photos

Friday 5th March 2027 Class Photos

The Nest Pupils

Tuesday 19th May Panathlon Bowling 12.10 to 1.45 Namco Bowling, Bowthorpe Year 5/6)

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

Wednesday 15th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Wednesday 29th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Friday 1st May Sports Leaders Training (CHANGE OF DATE – APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO FILL IN)

Wednesday 10th June Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

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
Thursday 25th June 1.30 – 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

Wednesday 15th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Wednesday 29th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Wednesday 20th May Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Wednesday 10th June Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Monday 22nd June 3.30 pm City Sports Field events SPORTSPARK
Tuesday 23rd June 1pm – 5pm City Sports Track events SPORTSPARK
Thursday 25th June 130 pm – 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
Monday, 21st September 2026. Hethersett Academy's Open Evening

OSCAR WINNERS

Perseverance Nominees: 1L Ella D, 1PL Emilia H, 2SB Sebastian, 2B Aylin, Lukasz 3BM, Ally 3MD, Natalie 4H, Evie 4D, Leah 5W, Ava 5J, Stella 6HD and Ray 6SW
WINNERS: Ella 1L and Leah 5W

Community Spirited Nominees: 1L Clea, 1PL Harrison, 2SB Carla, 2B Jesse, 3BM Alaina, 3MD Arthur, 4H Logan, 4D Teddy, 5W Emmy, 5J Sibylle, 6HD Elora and 6SW Niya
WINNERS: Harrison 1PL and Alaina 3BM

Learning from Mistakes Nominees: 1L Aleks T, 1PL Imogen, 2SB Albie H, 2B Margot, 3BM Julian, 3MD Rozalia, 4H Rachel, 4D Gigi, 5W Chioma, 5J Ben, 6HD Iris and 6SW Isla.
Winners Albie 2SB and Ben 5J

Encouraging Others Nominees: 1L Nina, 1PL Laurie, 2SB Lucas, 2B Elena, 3BM Ariel, 3MD Ray, 4H Daniel, 4D Chim, 5W Gabe, 5J Thea, 6HD Rose and 6SW Olivia
WINNERS Elena 2B and Chim 4D

I Can Attitude Nominees: 1L Finn, 1PL Max, 2SB Alexander D, 2B Molly, 3BM Lukas, 3MD Zi Yin, 4H Thomas, 4D Dylan TL, 5W Joe M, 5J Huxley, 6HD Jakub and 6SW Laurie
WINNERS: Finn 1L and Jakub 6HD

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 have been super busy learning this week. In maths we have continued making two digit numbers using tens and ones equipment, identifying how many groups of tens and more ones are in numbers. In writing we have written about Victorian toys and used interesting adjectives to describe them. In RE we looked at the Catholic Social Teaching character Chikondi and talked about what 'The Common Good' means to us.

Year 2 was transformed into classrooms full of orators this week as we perfected persuasive speeches to inspire our Celt tribe. The end results were outstanding and the adults were all very impressed. We have also been shouting hooray, hooray for arrays, using these to help us with learning division. The children worked superbly hard to make connections between addition and multiplication to represent and understand these structures.

Year 3 This week in Writing, we created imaginary planets that we described in the style of a non-chronological report. The children are excited that they will be able to publish their work after Easter when we make posters about the planets. On Thursday, we showed our circus skills to the rest of the school and our families which was a bit scary but also exciting! We have loved learning how to use the ropes, perform acrobatics, juggle and spin plates!

Year 4 As we approach the end of another class reader book, Year 4 have been gathering all the information they can on Podkin, the legendary one eared rabbit, to write interesting non-chronological reports about him. In Maths, we are working hard on getting fluent with multiplication facts and are getting ready to practise our trickiest times tables lots over the Easter holidays! We have learned lots about the Tudors and have been especially fascinated to learn about the 9 year old king, Edward VI, imagining what that must be like at our age!

Year 5 This week, in Maths, we have been solving problems that involve fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we have studied a short story, 'No More School', a story of suspense, and answered a variety of questions to show our understanding. As we approach Easter, we have been moved by a reflection on the Stations of the Cross and have focused in on the bravery of Veronica. We have been continuing to develop our sewing skills using blanket stitch and we are finishing our eggs ready for the next stage of decoration! On Wednesday, we took part in reconciliation and reflected on our choices and how we can make good decisions in our lives. Well done all the Year 5 children who were nominated for an Oscar, all of them going that extra mile.

Year 6 have had a fantastic end to a busy half term. They have written some well crafted and thoughtful letters in English, using their deep knowledge of the Last Supper and their growing understanding of discipleship. They have also enjoyed visiting their Reception buddies and they enjoyed solving an Easter trail together. They will be bringing home Easter homework booklets. We have spoken to the children about this, and although it is optional, we would encourage the children to have a go at it, as it will be beneficial for them.

Thank you so much for your generosity. We raised a massive £1,525.87 which has been paid into CAFOD and will help so many communities build their floating gardens.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

SUMMER SAILING

Dear Parents,

If you are looking for transportation options for the Sailing Club, some parents are coordinating a shared shuttle. While the School and the PTFA cannot organise this, we can share a WhatsApp group link where interested parents are arranging transport.

📌 **WhatsApp Group Link:** Sailing Club WhatsApp Group

Please note that **7-year-olds (in Y3) must have an adult present** at the session. If you'd like to join the shuttle coordination, feel free to connect with other parents through the group.

Many thanks!

Explore, Learn, and Grow!

Whitlingham Adventure

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

INTRO TO SAILING & PADDLECRAFT WATERSPORT (CANOE, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD)

1ST SUMMER TERM!

Join Us!

Y3 - Y6*
THURSDAYS
Apr 16-May 21
16:00-18:00
£120

Booking Link:

Link to Club Booking

*Children who are only 7yr olds must have an adult present



F1 in Schools National Finals Competition! Rotherham – here we come!

On Tuesday 24th March 2026, St Francis took a group of Year 6 children to the Design and Technology Club Formula 1 in Schools Finals in Rotherham. Overall, seventy teams took part and eleven awards were given out.



The day started shockingly early as we all gathered together at 4:45am for the 3 ½ hour coach journey up north! We had snacks, things to talk about and a nice snoozy journey.

We arrived on time at 8:30 then went off to find our school's cubicle to set up our very own Pit Stop. Lunar Lightning crackled into their place!

After a quick look around at the competition, the races then began. Teams were tested on their cars speed down the track, how quickly their driver started and good their cars were made. Points were lost for any measurements that were not up to standard. Lunar Lightning dazzled into second place thanks to some nifty engineering and incredibly quick trigger fingers!

With seventy cars to race, it was a long but exciting day. Once our team had raced and clocked their points, they then had to give a presentation to two engineering experts. It went really well! The girls were articulate and clearly a team. Their presentation was splendid. Everyone had a clear role; their branding was on point and they worked brilliantly together. The judges were impressed.



Time ticked on until all teams had raced and presented. Then, at last, it was the award ceremony. Alas, with so much competition Lunar Lightning didn't pick up any awards but they did get a nomination for their 'Future Vision' concept.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Holden who has organised and run this fantastic club. Also, a great big thank you to the parents who have been so supportive of the club, which is now in its second year.

And lastly – **thank you** to Matilda, Olivia, Imogen, Kayla and Rose for being excellent ambassadors for the school! Well done - we are all very proud of you!

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH (APRIL)

Panjabi – We will be celebrating this language and culture throughout April We already have one generous parent who will be joining us in an Assembly but if any more would like to share, please get in contact with Mrs Furness.

MUSIC OF THE MONTH – APRIL

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

YoYo J S Bach Cello Suite No 1
Edward Elgar: Cello Concerto (3rd movement)
Camille Saint-Saëns: The Swan

Hymns –

He is Lord
Lord of the Dance Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
Do not Be Afraid for I have Redeemed You
From Heaven you Came – The Servant King
Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

VALUE ASSEMBLIES – APRIL

This month the Value is **Peace**

The Assembly themese are:

Catholic Social Teaching **– Being a**

Peacemaker,

Forgiveness,

Reconciliation.

