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

Thursday 4th June Heigham Park Trip am
Wednesday 1st July Welcome to Year 1 3.30 pm Hall
Thursday 2nd July Trip to Thrigby Hall

Year 1

PE DAYS TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

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

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

24th June Parent Workshop 2pm Class

Wednesday 8th July – Welcome to Year 3 Meeting

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

Thursday 30th April 3MD Swimming #2
Thursday 7th May 3MD Swimming #3
Thursday 14th May 3MD Swimming #4
Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

Thursday 21st May 3MD Swimming#5
Thursday 4th June 3MD Swimming #6
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

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL
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

Tuesday 5th May 6.30pm to 8pm PTFA Meeting School Hall

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

Friday 15th Mary – Children to wear something blue eg blue socks, hairband, tie etc

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 29th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Friday 1st May Sports Leaders Training (APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO FILL IN)

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

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 29th April Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

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

1L Aleks for working so hard with his handwriting and always acting on feedback from adults in Year 1. He has a great learning attitude.
1PL Christiano for always being so involved in Year 1 assemblies and for answering with really thoughtful responses.
2B Dominic: For a superb piece of writing informing the 'Roman Empire' of two wanted women and their terrible crimes! You used great descriptions and included key facts intelligently.
2SB Alex D- for thinking empathetically and compassionately about the viewpoints of others. You have also completed incredible maths challenges and wrote ambitiously in the role of an outraged Roman citizen. Well done!
3BM This week's celebration awards go to **Julian and Nell** for working carefully to create their Mary icons, taking care to build up the shapes of the frames beautifully. We can't wait to see the finished results in a few weeks!
3MD Bernie, Noah, Zi Yin and **Arthur** - for a carefully written and presented Space poster. Well done, everyone and excellent work!
4H **Lucas** for contributing beautifully descriptive ideas in English for poetry.
Bede for writing a creative and inspired poem about Norwich.
4D **Jason** for writing a fantastic poem and performing it with style!
Milo for working hard in Maths to solve tricky fraction problems.
5W Andrea – For her thoughtful contributions in our RE lessons this week. She has thought deeply about what has been taught and expressed her ideas and views in a very eloquent way! **5W Daniel** – For being such a kind and patient member of our class. Always going out of his way to help others - true friend to all! **5W Chikuru –** For his superb work in Art this week on our tessellating pattern picture. He worked with determination and focus and produced a beautiful piece of art.
5J April – For excellent focus which produces excellent work! Her work on tessellating patterns in Art was of a particularly high standard **.Pablo 5J** – For being kind, being focused, being an enthusiastic learner, being a great talk partner – for everything he does in class!
6SW - Tanushi for excellent effort with her written work in English. Her sentences are developing, and she has shown excellent effort with refining her punctuation. Keep up the hard work!
6HD - Maya S is a star this week for being a consistent and dedicated Junior Chaplain. She takes the role seriously and is an asset to the Junior Chaplain team. She is a star!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 In R.E this week we listened to the story of the 'Road to Emmaus' and looked at a famous painting by Rembrandt called 'The Supper at Emmaus'. We talked about how the friends of Jesus must have felt when they realised they were with Jesus. In writing we have been thinking about how we can add the suffix ed to change the meaning of words. We used this to help us write a section of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. In science we planted our mystery seeds and we are all very excited to watch them grow. We have also set up a controlled experiment to find out what the needs of a plant are.

Year 2 has begun work on fractions this week! We have worked hard to recognise equal and unequal groups as a first step as well as exploring how shapes can be split into different parts, again equally or unequally. In writing we have been taking on the role of frustrated Roman commanders, seeking out the rebels 'Boudicca and Amanirenas. We wrote warning letters listing their crimes against the empire and a reward should they be captured.

Year 3 the children have been working hard on refining their written work. They have thought carefully about their written presentations and how to arrange their final pieces of writing. They have had an opportunity to present a non-fiction piece (Planet Poster) and a poem - also about the planets! Both pieces encouraged the children to use their excellent imaginations. Well done everyone!

Year 4 In Year 4, we have finished our beautiful poems about Norwich inspired by Karl Nova and some amazing watercolour art to go with it. In History, we decided that we would not especially like to be on a Tudor ship during a voyage, having learned about what life was like onboard - yuck! We have been learning in Maths how to convert mixed fractions to improper fractions by representing using bar models and noticing the relationship to our times tables! Which we have been working hard on too, and are motivated to keep practising them at home!

Year 5 This week, in Maths, we have been looking at triangles and their internal angles. In English, we have studied two short pieces of writing, one non-fiction and the other a story, on The Great Plague of 1665/66 and answered a variety of questions to show our understanding. We have also looked at the brief reign of Mary I and asked the question 'How Bloody was Bloody Mary?'. In RE we have thought about why Jesus included the Samaritans in so many of his stories and what message he was trying to give us. We have created some effective tessellating animal patterns in Art using a simple template made out of card.

Year 6 This week the children have been refining their sentence work in English, to create some quality, descriptive writing. As a result, their creative writing has developed in depth and it has been wonderful to hear their expression when reading their pieces to an audience. In DT the children have begun their sculpture project - focusing on The Elizabeth Tower. They have produced some detailed, architectural style plans, focusing on design and measurement. We look forward to continuing this project over the coming weeks.

Design a mural to celebrate 125 years of a Norfolk icon - Competition

FAO: Students aged 7-18

Would you like to see your artwork made larger than life on Cromer Promenade - seen by thousands of residents and visitors?

To commemorate the 125th anniversary year of Cromer Pier, we're inviting students aged 7-18 to submit designs which will inspire a large-scale mural which will be transformed into a public artwork.

You might draw your inspiration from the Pier's stormy history and the engineering innovation it represents; show how it relates to our natural environment; picture a scene of community life at the seaside; or recreate a thrilling performance from the end of the pier show.

The choice is yours - but we're looking for something that will capture the excitement and fun everyone associates with the Pier.

The competition is divided into three categories:

- Ages 7-10
- Ages 11-14
- Ages 15-18

There will be one overall winner, whose design will become the public mural. The winners and runners up in each age category will receive certificates and have their designs displayed in a public exhibition of entries.

Format

- Entries should be in landscape format and created on A3 or A4 paper or as a digital file.
- Entrants may use paint, pencils, collage, digital art, or mixed-media.
- Include the student's Name, Age, School, and a short explanation of the design (up to 150 words).
- **Deadline for submission is Friday, May 22, 2026**
- You can submit you design by post to Art Competition, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer NR27 9EN; at the Council Offices reception in Cromer or online at **artcompetition@north-norfolk.gov.uk**
- Entries will be judged by a panel on creativity, relevance to theme, originality, and visual impact
- The winners will be announced at a Gala event on the Pier on Monday June 8 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN EYFS TO JOIN OUR TALK TEAM

Do you have capacity to help our EYFS team in the mornings and become one of a troop of helpers called "The Talk Team" who will be able to make the biggest difference to the smallest people in our school.

- **You will be able to give as little as one hour or as much time as you are willing to offer.**
- **You will receive communication training from Miss Betts and/or Mr Brackenbury.**

Please contact Mrs Claire Furness on deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk to express your interest please.

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 ASSEMBLY

This month the Value is Peace
The Assembly themes are:
Catholic Social Teaching **– Being a Peacemaker,**
Forgiveness,
Reconciliation.

May – The Month of Mary

May is a special month dedicated to Mary and, following a special assembly on the 1st May, we will be celebrating Mary as a whole school on **Friday 15th May**.

To mark this occasion, we invite all children to come into school on Friday 15th May wearing something blue in honour of Mary. For example, they could wear blue socks, a blue hairband or a blue tie. We kindly ask that all children wear their normal school uniform and school shoes on this day (or PE kit if it is their usual PE day), with their extra blue addition.

We kindly ask for a minimum donation of 50p per child to help us purchase some of the arts and craft resources for this day.

Throughout the day, there will be prayerful activities taking place in classrooms, in the hall and during lunch time, led by our Junior Chaplains.

As part of the activities in the hall, we would love to decorate the hall with children's artwork of Mary, created by children from all year groups. If your child would like to create a piece of Mary artwork over the next couple of weeks for Home Learning, then please send in their finished piece by Wednesday 13th May to their class teacher, or directly to Mrs Mather. Take a look at some of the ideas below for inspiration!

We look forward to celebrating this special time together. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Hope or Mrs Mather.



LUNCH TIME EVENTS FROM 27th APRIL

Monday - Athletics for Years 3 and 4

Tuesday – Nebtall

Wednseday – Athletics for Years 5 and 6 (no more running club)

Thursday - Gymnastics

Friday Busking Friday – Children can play instruments, sing or recite poetry outside using the microphone system.


SUMMER FAIR
Friday 19th June, 3pm
We're getting ready for a fantastic day of fun – but we need your brilliant ideas and helping hands!
Calling All Parents!
Got a fun idea for your child's year group stall?
Want to get involved and help make it happen?
We're looking for Leads & Volunteers:
Food – Plan, cook, or serve!
Drinks – Serve refreshments for all ages!
Football Tournament – Help referee!
Activities – crafts, games – Help run them!
How to get involved:
Email ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk, speak to your class rep or join the PTFA meeting
Deadline for ideas: May 4th
Let's get creative and make this fair amazing for the kids!


St Francis of Assisi PTFA invites you to its:
PTFA MEETING
Topic: Summer Fair
May 5th, 6.30 - 8.00pm
School Hall
You can join us online: