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

Friday 11th September 3pm to 5pm PTFA Welcome BBQ for new parents

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 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

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

3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal

Thursday 25th February 2027 Olly Day Workshop Road Safety

ALL

Tuesday 12th May New EYFS Parent Welcome Meeting 5.30 pm

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

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

Wednesday 20th May 2.45 PLANT SALE in the playground grown by children in The Nest.

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)

Monday 8th June UEA Football Festival Year 6 pupils

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

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 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
Mon 2nd Nov - Wed 4th Nov - Year 5 residential to Norfolk Lakes –
3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

Friday 15th May RSE Parent Meeting 3.30 pm HALL

Wednesday 20th May Netball League 3.30 to 5.15 City Academy

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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 for prospective students and their families
Wednesday 16h December 1pm Peter Pan Panto
3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal

CELEBRATION NAMES

1PL Eva - for not giving up in maths and working hard on arrays.
1L Freya - loves getting unstuck and tried really hard in maths this week.
2B: Dominic: For being involved and seeking to respond in almost every question that has been asked and offering consistently perceptive contributions all week.
Azura & Molly: Excellent reasoning in mathematics when exploring fractions of amounts
2SB Carla and Penny- for being such fantastic, determined mathematicians! You can find a half, third or quarter of an amount. Well done!
3MD Anna, Alex D and Jenna: for their excellent responses during class discussions in all subjects. Thank you for sharing your understanding and reasoning with the rest of the class. Well done!
3BM Enzo and Anika: for being respectful and for asking thoughtful questions during our visit to Norwich Synagogue. Well done for being great representatives of our class!
4D Alex for his fantastic Scandinavian heart!
Evie for persevering Maths despite facing some tricky problems.
4H Ana for working hard this week and trying her best, with a positive attitude to her learning.
Elizabeth for trying hard with her fractions in maths and making great progress in her understanding as a result.
Emmy 5W – For continuing to be such an avid reader. He devours books and, in turn, he is producing some amazing, descriptive written work. Well done Emmy! **Ethan 5W** – For his quiet determination and focus which he displays in every lesson and for the kindness which he continually displays to everyone around him. He is a pleasure to teach! **Chikuru 5W –** 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.
Tommy 5J – For his hard work in English which produced some amazing descriptions inspired by the Highwayman. Well done, Tommy. **Ada 5J** – For her resilience and hard work in every lesson – but especially in Maths. This is resulting in work she can be very proud of. Well done, Ada
6SW - Zuzanna for excellent focus in lessons this week. She has worked particularly hard on her comprehension and SPaG skills, reading questions carefully and thinking about what she is being asked. Keep up the hard work Zuzanna!
6HD - Maya C is a star this week as she is always ready to complete tasks, participates in lessons and readily shares her good ideas with peers, groups or the class. Her RE and topic work that she produced last week was wonderful - keep up the good work!!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

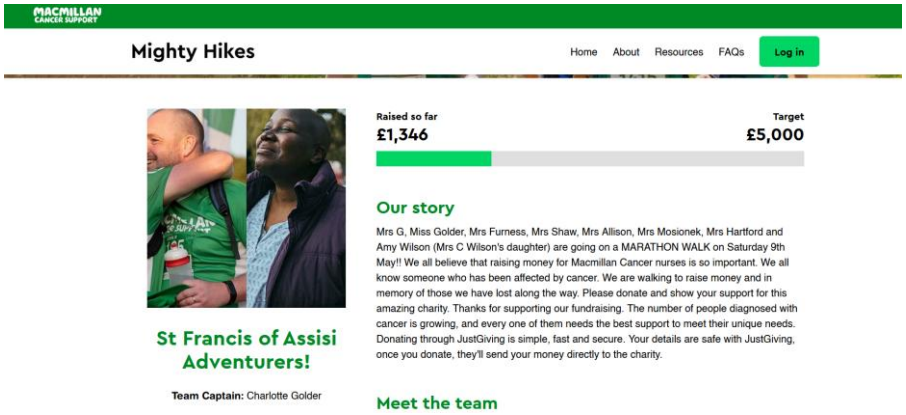
Year 1 This week we have been learning about arrays in maths and learnt the vocabulary of column and rows. We have made arrays, identified how many are in each row and column and worked out how many there were altogether. We have also been learning about Pentecost and wrote a recount of when the Holy Spirit visited the 12 Disciples. We have also been botanists and drawn some wonderful botanical drawings of plants.
Year 2 Year 2 has steadily begun a new topic focus this week, shifting from History to Geography. We have started this by studying the book "When we lived in Uncle's hat" to playfully explore how people live in different climates, environments and landscapes. Our fractions work has continued, where we have been using bar models to find fractions of amounts and unpick how we might find this maths in word problems.
Year 3 In Maths we have begun our brand new topic 'Statistics'. The children have used their knowledge of graphs and charts from Science and Geography to create their own graph. With a partner, they questioned the class on a specific topic then used the data to draw out very neat graphs of their own. Our next step is to use graphs to answer questions.
Year 4 In English, the children have been writing persuasive speeches in role as Francis Drake, using persuasive language and rhetorical questions. In Science, they have been exploring plants and identifying different features. In Maths, the children have been developing their skills in adding and subtracting fractions.
Year 5 This week, in Maths, we are exploring measurement and how it links in with our fraction/decimal work, eg how 3cm is 0.03m or 3/100 of a metre. In English, we have continued to study, 'The Highwayman' – writing excellent descriptions and beginning to analyse the character of Tim the Ostler. In RE we have reflected on Mary as the first disciple and how we too can be disciples. In art, we are exploring the use of light to add depth to our drawings and paintings. In Science, we learning about burning and how it is an irreversible process.
Year 6 This week Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in all areas of their learning. In SPaG they used their teamwork skills to complete a treasure hunt on the field. The children have also worked on their construction skills in DT, forming the base and top of their towers. The children have also created some wonderful affirmation poems, which have been delightful to read. We wish the children a restful weekend in preparation for next week - they should be very proud of themselves.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Will you donate to St Francis of Assisi Adventurers!?
https://share.google/mXxKuNlGZZdvLgHa0

On Saturday 9th May, at 7.10 am, a few of us are starting a 26 mile from Cromer to who knows where and who knows what time we will arrive there. We however are determined to finish and raise money for this cause. We all have separate funding raising pages but if you click on the link above, we would so appreciate a few pounds to our St Francis of Assis Adventurers' Donation Page.

Thank you for even the smallest donation towards this wonderful charity.



Optional Theatre Trip to see Annie The Musical on Wednesday 3rd February 2027 2.30 pm to 5pm

Further to the email sent a few weeks ago, a reminder that tickets are available on WisePay for children in Year 3,4 and 5 this year.

Please book by Monday 18th May 2026 - £27.50.



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 (May)

SIGN LANGUAGE We will be celebrating this language in May

If any parent is familiar with this and would like to share some knowledge in an Assembly, please get in touch with Mrs Furness.

MUSIC OF THE MONTH IN SINGING ASSEMBLIES – MAY

Hymns

Come and Join the Circle by Bernadette Farrell
As I Kneel Before you
Holy Virgin by God's Decree
When I Needed a Neighbour
Immaculate Mary

Entrance Music

Summer Time by George Gershwin
In the Summertime by Mungo Jerry
Sitting on the Dock of the Bay Otis Redding

VALUE ASSEMBLY



This month the Value is **Friendship.**

The Value Assembly themes are:

- **Friendship – What makes a good friend?**
- **Catholic Social Teaching – Subsidiarity – Everyone should have a say**
- **Friendship – How to say sorry to a friend**



FOOTBALL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: St Francis of Assisi
Dates: Mondays W/c 1st June - W/e 26th June
Times: 15:25 - 16:25
Price: Just £6.60 per session
Ages: Y1-6
Additional info:

DODGEBALL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: St Francis of Assisi
Dates: Tuesdays - W/c 1st June - W/e 26th June
Times: 15:25 - 16:25
Price: Just £6.60 per session
Ages: Y1-6
Additional info:

GYMNASTICS CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: St Francis of Assisi
Dates: Wednesday's W/c 1st June - W/e 26th June
Times: 15:25 - 16:25
Price: Just £6.60 per session!
Ages: Y1-6
Additional info:

CRICKET CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: St Francis of Assisi
Dates: Friday's W/c 1st June - W/e 26th June
Times: 15:25 - 16:25
Price: Just £6.60 per session
Ages: Y1-6

Book Here

Our Summer Fair is coming!



Live Music

Do you sing or play an instrument? We're inviting parents to join the live music session at our Summer Fair!

Come and share your musical talents with our community. If interested, please contact the PTFA at ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please register in the following link:

Volunteer Registration

Raffle

This year, we are piloting a digital raffle, and we will share more information soon. As part of the prizes, we are reaching out to local businesses for contributions. If you have any suggestions, please contact the PTFA using the email above. We will also prepare hampers as prizes.

Hampers

Your child will bring home a letter asking for donations for our very popular hampers – we are always very grateful for any items you can donate (more information is on the letter). Please could these items be handed in to your child's class teacher by Friday 12th June.

Non-uniform day – Friday 12th June

As a way of saying THANK YOU for your donations, the PTFA is inviting all children to come into school wearing non-uniform on Friday 12th June.

International Food Stall Registration Link:

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We look forward to celebrating the Summer Fair together and greatly appreciate all your support!