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

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

Thursday 21st May 3MD Swimming#5
Thursday 4th June 3MD Swimming #6
8th June Parent Workshop (Reading)
Thursday 18th June – Puzzle Party 2pm to 3.15pm
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 18th June – Puzzle Party 2pm to 3.15pm
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

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

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 2027 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
8th - 12th November 2027 Year 6 Residential (Ullswater, Lake District)

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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

Wednesday 1st July Year 6 Retreat
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
Monday 16th – 20th November Year 6 Residential to Shropshire
Wednesday 16h December 1pm Peter Pan Panto
3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal

CELEBRATION NAMES

Zebedee 1PL for spotting his mistakes whilst counting out counters onto his part whole model in Maths.

Maria Esther 1L - for working hard in order to spot digraphs in words and not being tricked by hard words in phonics.

2S Joel, for excellent reading, writing and maths! Joel has also been a brilliant friend and classmate who has looked for ways to help others. Well done Joel!

2B: Thea - Thea wrote with great imagination and flair this week. Her ideas inspired her peers to do the same, well done Thea!

3BM Maddie and Miya for putting a lot of effort into creating a piece of writing using dialogue and character description. Well done girls!

3MD Alex H: for his excellent attitude to his learning and his creative ideas in English **Bernie:** for his great questions and discussion on our trip to Norwich Synagogue

4D **James** - for working incredibly hard in English, writing as a poor Tudor. **Gigi** - for becoming a times tables wizard!

4H**Rachel** for her excellent ideas in writing sentences about poor Tudors.Thomas for working hard in Maths on fractions and decimals.

Agnes 5W – For her continued hard work, focus and concentration in all lessons – but especially in maths! **Shika 5W** – For showing great resilience and a strong desire to learn in our maths lessons .**Alfie 5W** – For working hard in our maths lessons. He listens carefully in class and has shown a strong determination to do well .**Sophie 5J** - is kind, supportive and hardworking but maybe, what has impressed me the most is her quiet determination to always do her best **Huxley 5J -** for being such a lover of learning. His enthusiasm, positivity and determination in every lesson is a joy!

6SW Oliver - for an excellent approach to all areas of his learning, particularly his written work in English and RE. Oliver is such a kind and caring member of Year 6 - keep up the excellent 'can do' attitude Oliver!

6HD Matilda B - for being an absolute superstar! Everyday, Matilda has independently helped with the organisation and clearing up of the SATs breakfast. This conscientious and outstanding attitude has been noticed by all members of staff - well done Matilda!

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week Year 1 have been busy learning all about fractions. We have learnt that half is one of two equal parts and learnt how to find half of an object and quantity. We have also looked at beautiful paintings and sculpture of Pentecost and learnt to recognise the Holy Trinity in art, making our own depictions of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also talked about what plants need to grow and made a piece of music with percussion instruments inspired by sea life.

Year 2 has been exploring homes in unexpected places this week, as we completed some writing inspired by the book "When we lived in Uncle's Hat." The children have worked superbly hard at thinking creatively about the fun, mischief, problems and perks that might come with living inside a violin before writing about what they imagine this might look like! In mathematics, our work on fractions has intensified as we have looked at sharing whole numbers into thirds, quarters and three-quarters.

Year 3 Over the last two weeks, both classes have had the exciting opportunity to visit Norwich Synagogue. The children explored Jewish culture and celebrations, by looking at interesting artefacts, linking to Hanukkah and Shabbat. They enjoyed looking round the Synagogue, trying on Kippahs and Talliths. This trip links brilliantly to our RE learning next half term, in Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter where the children will be applying their learning and new knowledge from the trip into their RE work.

Year 4 This week in Year 4, we have been learning about decimals in Maths, focusing on tenths and place value. In English, we began writing diary entries from the perspective of a poor Tudor child. In Science, we started our new topic on solids, liquids and gases and explored the properties of different materials.

Year 5 This week, in Maths, we have been practising applying our arithmetic skills to reasoning problems. In English, we have continued to be inspired by, 'The Highwayman' – and are now imagining Tim's response to the death of Bess. In RE, we have continued to deepen our understanding of discipleship and how the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts we need to be a good disciple. In art, last week, we explored the use of light and this week have used this to good effect in our pastel and charcoal drawings of the moors. In Topic, we are going to learn about the effects of the Industrial Revolution on society, crime and punishment.

Year 6 We are so proud of Year 6 this week and the calm, conscientious attitude they have approached their learning with. The children have been amazing role models, when working collaboratively in lessons, sharing their ideas and concepts readily and thoughtfully with each other. Likewise, they have similarly approached their Hat Project with an enthusiastic attitude. They will be given time in school to do their hats, but the children will be able to bring them home over half term(if they wish), for any final tweaks and details. Please note, the children will be provided with resources in school to make their hats - they are welcome to bring in their own materials if they wish, such as sequins, pens etc, but this is not expected or required.

Puzzle Party!

Are you in year 2 or 3? Do you like fun? If yes, please join us for our first ever puzzle party!

Parents, carers and siblings welcome.

You will learn some super cool and fun games that you can take home to play. Feel free to bring yummy drinks and snacks (no nuts).

Thursday 18th June, 2-3.15pm
School Hall.





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.

International Food Stall Registration Link:

International Food Stall Registration **We look forward to celebrating the Summer Fair together and greatly appreciate all your support!**

Naomi Pratt, a Year 4 TA at SFA, is running two days of joyful and creative workshops at the Potters Arms. These sessions are designed for children aged 8+ with an accompanying adult, offering a relaxed and enjoyable space to create artwork together.

On Tuesday 26th May there is a Mosaic making workshop from 9.30am -12.30pm, costing £20. In this 3-hour session, participants will design and create their own mosaic using sea glass and tiles. You will plan your piece , learn how to safely cut tiles, work on a large board, grout your finished artwork, and take it home the same day.

On Wednesday 27th May, each session costs £15 per session. from 10am-12pm, there is a drawing and painting workshop focusing on animals, using pastels, paints and coloured pencils to create bold and colourful artwork.

From 2pm-4pm, there is a painting workshop focused on birds, exploring drawing and painting techniques to capture birds from owls to robins and swifts.



