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

Monday 29th July - Welcome to Year 1 3.30 pm Hall

30th June and 1st July th Je Parents' Evenings in class

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

30th June and 1st July th Je in class 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

30th June and 1st July Parents' Evenings in class

Wednesday 8th July – *Welcome to Year 3 Meeting*

Year 3

PE DAY WEDNESDAY

30th June and 1st July th Je Parents' Evenings in Hall

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

30th June and 1st July th Je Parents' Evenings in Hall

Wednesday 1st July Visit to Sainsbury Centre

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

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

Tuesday 7th July School Disco

Rec 1.45-2.15pm
Yrs 1&2: 2.15-2.45pm
Yrs 3&4: 2.45-315
Year 5 and 6 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

8th July Leavers' Mass 2pm Hall

Thursday 16th July am TALENT SHOW (children only)

New Academic Year – Back to School THURSDAY 3rd September

Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual Photos

Friday 5th March 2027 Class Photos

ALL continued ..

The Nest Pupils

Tuesday 30th June Schools Cycling Championship Eaton Park

Year 5

PE Day - MONDAY

30th June and 1st July th Je Parents' Evenings in Hall

1st July Parent Workshop 2.30 pm in class

6th July Welcome to Year 6 3.30 pm Hall
Tuesday 7th July School Disco 5.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 9th July 5W Dance Show at The Space
Mon 2nd Nov - Wed 4th Nov - Year 5 residential to Norfolk Lakes –
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November Pedal Power Group 1
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Pedal Power Group 2
3rd February 2027 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
8th - 12th November 2027 Year 6 Residential (Ullswater, Lake District)

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

Wednesday 1st July Year 6 Retreat

Thursday 2nd July 2026 New Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 7th July School Disco 5.30 – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 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

1PL Sophie - for writing an amazing description of the jungle inspired by the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm by Rousseau.
1L Emma - for creating the most fantastic artwork of a tiger based on the Rousseau painting and taking her time to capture all of the details on the tiger's face.
2B: Sofia - For excellent resilience in her tests this week and her careful observations when drawing a cacti. Superb stuff!
2SB Isobel for being such a caring and loyal friend. You are a superstar and we all appreciate you.
3BD Arthur, **Avril** and **Oskar** for very careful and detailed drawings of dragon eyes using a range of sketching pencils. Well done!
3MD Regen: for all her hard work in class and her fantastic effort. Well done!
Leja: for the effort she is making in improving her presentation. Well done,Leja!
4D and 4H: ALL children are our stars this week, for their great progress and results with their times tables.
5WHarper – For always being a good friend to all – thank you Harper! **Amaya 5W** – For continuing to work hard in class, especially in her Maths where she is beginning to display greater determination and resilience.
5J Ava – For her positive and determined attitude which has resulted in so many successes this year both in and out of class. Well done Ava.
Feliks 5J – For the hard work, determination and resilience he has shown in class and for the results this has achieved - not - received!!!
6SW Niya and **Felix (6HD)** are stars for showing excellent teamwork skills during our production rehearsals. They have taken on their roles with pride and commitment; listening carefully to stage directions and learning their lines and songs with quiet enthusiasm. Well done!
The Nest Charlie B for showing great learning behaviours and joining in with our group learning in The Nest
Mrs Furness : **Jack B and Chimdebem** for receiving high praise from many adults at City Sports for their Excellent Sportsmanship

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week we have been learning all about money in Maths. We looked at coins and notes and started to learn the amount each one represents. We also studied the gorgeous 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' painting by Henri Rousseau and created our own portraits of tigers. We wrote amazing descriptions of what was happening in the jungle by imagining that we had stepped into the painting. Finally, in RE, we learnt about Judaism and recognised some important objects in Jewish life as well as thinking about who could help us in our own communities.
Yea 2r has been an oasis of cool as we have shared the benefits of air conditioning and taught as one big group for the majority of this week. The adults have been really impressed with how the children have managed these adaptions whilst also producing some fantastic work. Conveniently, our focus has been on extremely hot places! We have been studying cacti and how they are specially adapted to survive in hot conditions. This included carefully observing, sketching and painting which led to some amazing outcomes. We have also been learning about plants in science, the differences between a seed and a bulb and what plants need to grow. This work will continue into next week with some written outcomes. Lastly, we were really thrilled to have so many of you in school for our parent workshop. Hopefully you enjoyed the meaningful discussions that will have no doubt surfaced from the text.
Year 3 In Art this week, Year 3 have begun their 'Dragon Study'. We have started our study by completing a very careful pencil drawing of a dragon's eye using cartridge paper and the art pencils. This has helped the children to use the sketching and blending skills to great effect, creating a dragon's eye that truly does follow you around the room!
Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been celebrating their success in the MTC (times tables check). We are delighted with their results and would like to thank parents for their continued support in helping the children achieve so well. This will really help them with their understanding when working on other maths concepts. In Maths, we have been learning about data handling and exploring different ways to represent statistics. In Art, we have had great fun creating Islamic patterns using compasses and rulers, producing some beautiful and intricate designs.
Year 5 This week we have been writing a recount of our visit to Gressenhall. In Science, we have been exploring friction – and the circumstances when it is helpful and unhelpful! In RE, we have been learning about sacred Jewish writings and the importance of the Shema prayer in Judaism. In Art, we are being inspired by the Victorian artist, William Morris and will be creating wallpaper which will be used to decorate a diaroma next week.
As special well done to the Y5 children who have represented the school at City Sports. The finals are today and we wish them the best of luck
Year 6 Last week, Year 6 had a wonderful time running their enterprise stalls at the summer fayre. The children modelled fantastic teamwork skills and we are very proud of their efforts, particularly considering the warm weather. They were great ambassadors of the school - well done Year 6! This week, the children are perfecting and honing their acting and singing skills.





St John the Baptist Cathedral First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2026-27

The online registration form for the next academic year's programme is now available on the cathedral website – please click on the link in the newsletter or scan the QR code below

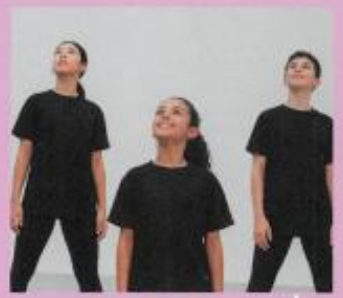
Deadline - 31 August 2026. Spaces are limited and applications after the deadline will be invited to apply again in the following year. So please get your registration forms in before the summer holidays!

We look forward to meeting you after the summer.



STAGE STARS NORWICH





Join our new Musical Theatre School in the heart of the Golden Triangle.

Classes at St Thomas Church, Earlham Road NR2 3RG.

Professional training in singing, dancing & acting in a warm, nurturing environment where every child is celebrated.

Contact Miss Sophie
to book your trial class today!

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Natural Surroundings Really Wild Flower Show, 2026!



Year 4 and our St Francis Gardening Club were invited to enter Natural Surroundings' art competition as part of their annual show (June 27-28th).

Natural Surroundings is an RHS affiliated wildflower nursery with a café and gardens and it is part of the large Bayfield Estate near Holt. You can find out more about it on their website:
https://www.naturalsurroundings.info/

As part of our nurturing of children's personal development, we invited them to increase their cultural capital by taking part in a local event that often makes the local news!

Pippa (Y5) and Matilda (Y6) have entered the Under 16 category by designing and creating their own miniature wildlife gardens...





Year 4 have created drawings or paintings of wildlife ponds, real or imagined, for the Age 7-11 category.

We look forward to seeing how we get on and will update you in the next couple of weeks with pictures of our entries and (hopefully) any winners!

Miss Hudson

MUSIC OF THE MONTH IN SINGING ASSEMBLIES – July

Entrance Music – Famous Requiems
Mozart's Requiem
Verdis Requiem
Karl Jenkin's Requiem

VALUE ASSEMBLY

In July Value is Courage

The Value Assembly themes are:

Courage , and
Catholic Social Teaching Preferential Option for the Poor

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH for July
TAGALOG
We will be celebrating this language in July

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

THURSDAY COFFEE/TEA 8.30 to 9.30

We have Tom the Coffee Pedlar joining us on Thursdays for the rest of this term selling his coffee and food in the main gate entrance – chairs will be provided (and maybe a table or too)

SPORT SUCCESS

NETBALL

Very well done to the girls who competed in the Norwich School Sports Partnership Netball League at City Academy over 4 evenings. The Year 5 team of : Pippa, Sophia, Carmen, Harper, Ava R, Ada, Anastasia, Elena H and Sibylle.

came first in their division and the Year 6 team of: Evelyyn, Lizzie, Ruby, Zuanna, SK, Hayley, Sofia, Maya, Ray and Isla came a very respectaqble third. Every single player had a wonderful attitude and improved week on week. We are so proud.

CITY SPORTS

The City Sports went ahead this week despite the high temperatures. Thank you to Mrs Wakefield, Mr Curtis, Mrs Everson and Mrs Mosionek for keeping the children cool.

1st	Zuzanna Yr 6	Girls'Throw
1st	Eibhlin, Melissa, Carmen and Ava R	Year 5 Girls' Relay
1st	Niko, Teddy, Jason and Chim	Year 4 Boys' Relay
1st	Annabel C	Year 3 Girls' 50m
1st	Eibhlin	Year 5 Girls' 150m
1st	Chikuru	Year 5 Boys' 150m
1st	Lizzie	Open Girls' 600m
2nd	Eiblin	Year 5 Girls' 70m
2nd	Ray, Lizzie, Iris, Zuzanna	Year 6 Girls' Relay
3rd	Henry	Year 5 Boys' 70m
3rd	Ray	Year 6 Girls' 200 m
3rd	Pablo	Open Boys' 600m
3rd	Ted, Barnabas, Gabriel and Kylian	Year 3 Boys' Relay
3rd	Annabel, Marcie, Nell and Robyn	Year 3 Girls' Relay
3rd	Ray Year 6	Girls' Long Jump
3rd	Zuzanna	Year 6 Hurdles

OVERALL SUCCESS

The St Francis Girls team won this magnificent trophy in First Place.



The St Francis Athletes overall came 2nd. A magnificent result.

Football Tournament

Year 5/6 League Winners : Eden, Frank, Judah, Luca, Robyn and Tommy

THANK YOU!

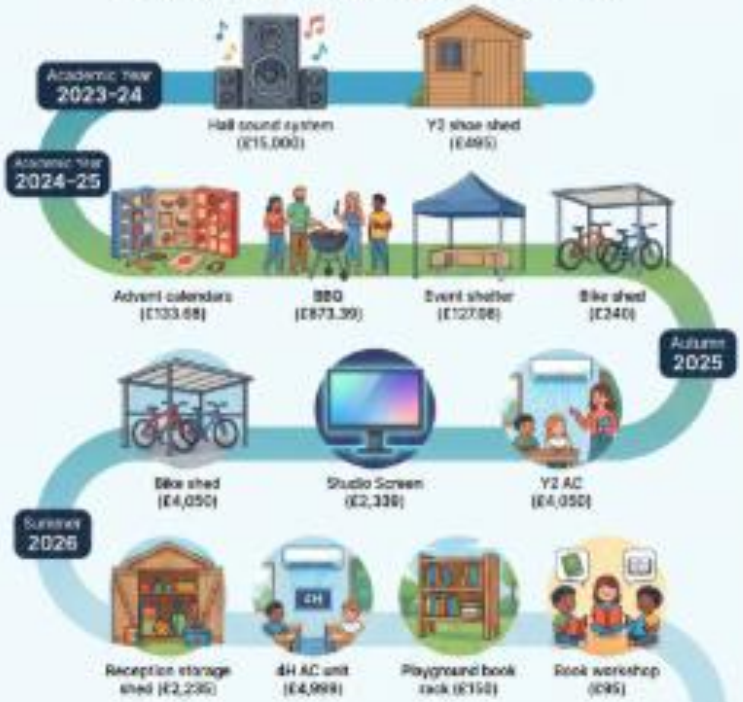
We raised over £3,000 at last week's fair for the Year 1 AC unit!



RECENT SUCCESS

These vital funds were raised at last week's fair and are dedicated to providing a new AC unit for the Year 1 students.

Our Funding Journey: 2023 – 2026.





Save the Date

Welcome BBQ this September

Join us for our next event to help us reach our final goal and complete the Year 1 AC unit installation!

PTFA School Disco & Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday, 7th July: Non-Uniform Tuesday

All students invited to wear their own clothes to school!



Afternoon Session: Reception to Year 4

1.45pm - 3.15pm

An afternoon of dancing and fun during school hours.



Evening Session: Year 5 & Year 6

5.30pm - 7.30pm

An evening disco session for the older year groups.



REMINDER: Bring Your Own Water Bottle!



A PTFA "Thank You" Event

Hosted as a gratitude gesture for your incredible support and fundraising efforts.

*A snack shop with crisps, fizzy drinks and sweets will be available at the evening disco.