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

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Monday 19th October 2026 Vision & Hearing Screening

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Nativity Production

Tuesday 8th December 1.45 pm

Wednesday 9th December 9.30 pm

Mon 1st Mar - Fri 5th Mar Mystery Reader Week:

Tues 2nd, am & Wed 3rd Mar, am Earlham Library:

Fri 5th Mar @ 2.30pm Potato Parade:

Thurs 10th June: Heigham Park: am

Wednesday 30th June 3.30 pm Meet the Year 1 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Tues 29th July Thrigby Hall:

Year 1

PE DAYS WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Thursday 26th November 2.15pm Parents in class All About London/Craft Workshop

23rd February 2027 Trip to Gressenhall Workhouse and Museum £12 Wisepay

Year 2

PE DAY – MONDAY

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Tuesday 20th October 2pm Reading Café for parents with children

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 18th November 2pm Puzzle Party for Parents with children

Friday 2nd July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 3 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 3

PE DAY FRIDAY

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Thursdsay 8th October UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Wednesday 14th October – Trip to Norwich Castle

Skill Builder: Times Tables Tips **Friday 16 October 2026 1:30pm**

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Thursday 2th November UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Wednesday 2nd December 1.45: Parents in class Making Christmas Cushions DT

Thursday 10th December UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 25th February 2027 Olly Day Workshop Road Safety

Monday 7th June 2pm Parents Reading Workshop with Children

Monday 28th June City Sports Field 3pm UEA Sportspark (chosen children)

Tuesday 29th June City Sports Track Heats (chosen children) 1pm to 5pm

Thursday 1st July City Sports Track Finals 1pm – 5pm

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

Wednesday 30th September Year 4 Beach Trip

Thursday 31st September 4D Swimming (children who have not reached 25m) #3

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Thursday 8th October UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Skill Builder: Times Tables Tips **Friday 16 October 2026 1:30pm**

Wednesday 4th November 2.30 pm Parents in Class (Times Tables Workshop)

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm

Thursday 2th November UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 10th DecemberUEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal (Optional)

Thursday 25th February 2027 Olly Day Workshop Road Safety

Tuesday 2nd March 2.30 pm Parents in Class (History - Tudors)

Wednesday 21st April 2027 2.30 pm to 5pm Jesus Christ Superstar (optional)

Wednesday 19th May 2.30pm Parents in Class (Sewing)

ALL

Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual Photos

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day - children to dress up

Monday 5th October St Francis Day MASS 2pm - all welcome

5-9th October National Cycle to School Week if you can.
Tuesday October 6th PTFA Meeting 6:30pm in the school?
Friday 9th October Wellbeing and Mindfulness 30 minutes per class
Thursday 22nd October – last day of half term
Monday 2nd November 2026 RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Thursday 3rd December 2pm Advent Mass
Tuesday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December Children only Advent Reconciliation
Thursday 7th January 2pm Epiphany Mass
Wednesday 10th February 2pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 4th March World Book Day – children to come school in book characters if they wish

FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS
For school parents to attend

Skill Builder: Times Tables Tips
Friday 16 October 2026 1:30pm

Thursday 12h November - Autism Anglia Community Connect parents session 1.30-3pm The Nook
Skill Builder: Handwriting
Friday 12 February 2027 9:00am

Children's Digital Safety
Fridays 5, 12, 19 & 26 March 2027 9:00am
Skill Builder: Growth Mindset
Friday 21 May 2027 9:00am
Environmental Heroes
Fridays 11 June, 18 June, 25 June and 2 July 2027 at 2:00pm.

The Nest Pupils
Wednesday 21st October 2.35 Family Learning Afternoon Tea
Thursday 12th November Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Competition year 5/6 10.30-12.15
Thursday 14th January Year 3 4 Active60 festival UEA Sportspark 12.30 to 2pm
Thursday 4th February Years 3,4,5,6 Olympic Festival City Academy 10-11.30
Friday 26th February 9.45 to 11.45 Panathlon Multisports UEA years 3-6

Year 5

PE Day - WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 30th September UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Friday 9th October Cross Country #1 Sprowston Junior School 2pm start
Mon 2nd Nov - Wed 4th Nov - Year 5 residential to Norfolk Lakes –
Wednesday 4th November UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November Pedal Power Group 1
Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Pedal Power Group 2
Friday 20th November Cross Country Falcon junior
Friday 16th Sports Leader Training
Monday 30th November 2.30 pm Parental Engagement in class with children – READING
Wednesday 2nd December UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Friday 4th December Eaton Park Cross Country 2pm start
Thursday 14th Jan Taverham Cross Country 2pm
Thursday 21st January Dance Show
3rd February 2027 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
Friday 5th February Cross Country Horsford 2pm start
Friday 5th March Cross Country Final Old Catton Junior School 2pm
Tuesday 26th May 2.30 Science Parents in class
Wednesday 21st April 2027 2.30 pm to 5pm Jesus Christ Superstar (optional)

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

Wednesday 30th September UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 1st October 5.30 pm Open Evening CNS

Friday 2nd October St Francis of Assisi Day – dress up as an animal or home clothes.

Friday 9th October Cross Country #1 Sprowston Junior School 2pm start
Thursday 8th October 6pm to 8.30 pm Hellesdon High School Open Evening
Thursday 8th October, 3.30pm. PARENTS TO ATTEND IF POSSIBLE – Residential Info
A representative from Manor Adventure will talk to all parents about what children need to bring with them, what they will be doing and what their week away lo
Thursday 22nd October at 9.15am. National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP
Wednesday 4th November UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Monday 9th November 2pm – Parents in class linked to geography and residential: map reading skills
Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Monday 16th – 20th November Year 6 Residential to Shropshire
Friday 20th November Cross Country Falcon junior
Wednesday 2nd December UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Wednesday 16h December 1pm Peter Pan Panto
Friday 4th December Eaton Park Cross Country 2pm start
Thursday 14th Jan Taverham Cross Country 2pm
3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
Friday 5th February Cross Country Horsford 2pm start
Friday 5th March Cross Country Final Old Catton Junior School 2pm
Thursday 18th March 2pm – Parents in class - Reading workshop in preparation for SATs
Wednesday 21st April 2027 2.30 pm to 5pm Jesus Christ Superstar (optional)

CELEBRATION NAMES

1L Aneirin for working so hard on the carpet and for being so enthusiastic about his learning.
1PL Elijah for working hard and persevering in phonics and writing.
2SD Aleks, for his incredible attitude towards his learning and towards helping others. Aleks has been a superstar during all of our lessons and has been a wonderful friend too. Well done Aleks!
2BD Freddie, Zebedee and Jiraiya all worked extremely hard to write information sentences about spiders using conjunctions to make their writing grow! Well done boys!
3MD Charlie: for being an enthusiastic Viking! And also for his wonderful help when making our clay amulets.
Chisom: for her lesson participation and for being brave when trying out new ideas
Leo: for his great ideas in lessons and for his careful thinking through of new concepts
3MW David and **Sofia** are both stars this week for their detailed drawings of leaves in our art lesson. They used a variety of pencils to create very skilled drawings, well done!
4H **Penelope** for engaging in all her learning so fully and making a special effort to be involved.
Annabel for drawing a lovely self-portrait.
4D **Arayah** for persevering in Maths this week, even when things got tricky.
Jenna for practising her times tables so much outside of school.
5W Milo – For his excellent contributions to our Science lessons; a subject in which he shows a keen interest and a wealth of knowledge. Well done Milo!
5W Gigi – Who is always ready to learn and works quietly and with a determination to do her very best in everything that she does. A great role model for us all.
5J Isla – For her positivity, kindness and great attitude towards her learning.
5J Dylan B – For being so involved in his learning – curious, enthusiastic and resilient.
6HD: Dawid is a star this week for his wonderful Christmas card design. He took great care, time and effort in this work and it has paid off as his design is simply beautiful! Well done Dawid.
6SB: April is a star this week. She consistently works hard, she brings a warmth to our classroom with her smile every morning and she is a model pupil to her peers. Well done April!
The Nest: Finle for being so engaged in our Anansi The Spider learning this week. He has shown a real confidence in story mapping, checking his understanding and has used Clicker to produce some lovely written work! Well done Mr. Wilson 😊

Learning in Class

Year 1 we have been looking at counting forwards and backwards to 20 and finding 1 less of a group. In Geography we made amazing models of cities and labelled the different landuse. In R.E we have learnt a small part of the Nicene Creed using actions and have written about how our families care for us. We listened to a lovely story called 'So Much'.
Year 2 This week in Year 2 we have been working really hard at writing more information about spiders, we are total experts now! We have been maths whizzes with place value and have been making the largest and smallest numbers from a choice of digits as well as being number detectives on a number line. In art we have finished our Noah's Ark collages that we will put up for everyone to see!
Year 3 - This week the children celebrated their very exciting Viking Day! They arrived in their magnificent outfits and we had a very impressive armoury by the start of the day. Our Viking inspired activities included making a very special amulet (for good fortune and protection), and showing off our skills making a beautiful brooch. We also explored the excitement of crossing the seas and conquering a village through drama. Our celebrations also included a whole year group feast.
Year 4 we have been very busy learning the features of a non-chronological report in English in order to write our own all about Seals! It has been adding to our knowledge of coasts so hopefully when we go on our geography field trip next week we will be coastal experts! In Maths we have practised comparing numbers up to 10,000 to help secure our understanding of place value and become even more flexible with number.
Year 5 In Maths, the children have been exploring different methods to subtract numbers and deciding which is the most effcient. In RE, we have been continuing with the story of Moses and writing our own version of Moses and the Burning Bush. In Science, we are learning about flower pollination and have dissected a flower and have identified and drawn the individual parts.
Year 6 In RE, we have been busy studying the Second Creation story and considering its meaning. The children have demonstrated deep thinking and it has been lovely to read their work. In Guided Reading, they have worked very hard on sharing their answers with others and it was great to see teamwork in the classroom. A big 'Shout Out' to all the children that put themselves up for student council and took part in the hustings on Friday. They were all a delight to listen to and they displayed great bravery in addressing the whole school!
The Nest : this week we finished off our Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock story mapping and write up on Clicker. We enjoyed making some bright and colourful Kente style woven paper artwork. In guided drawing we carefully drew tarantulas. We went 'bonkers for conkers' in our Forest School session on Monday and Wednesday's Socially Speaking group started sending out invitations to our end of ½ term afternoon tea.

REMINDER - LABEL

Please do label ALL items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles. Unnamed items are being put outside every Tuesday for anyone to claim.

Please Help Support

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Help fund our curriculum activities and resources

MUSIC OF THE MONTH IN SINGING ASSEMBLIES – September

Hymns

There is Someone Who Knows Me, He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, I belong to the Family of God
The Wonders I See, Circle, Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Take the Word of God

Entrance Music – Great Film Composers

John Williams – Theme from Jurrasic Park
Hans Zimmer – Pirates of the Caribbean
Danny Elfman – Edward Scissorhands
Howard Shore Lord of the Rings

Autism Anglia Community Network

At St Francis of Assisi School
The Nook

Thursday 12th November
1.30-3.30pm



Refreshments provided - all welcome!
Email Miss Betts for more info

VALUE ASSEMBLY

In September Value is **Community and Co-operation**
The Value Assembly themes are:

- Community
- Co-operation
- Catholic Social Teaching (Human Dignity) Everyone is Special
- St Francis of Assisi

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH - POLISH

We will be celebrating POLISH in October . If any parent is familiar with this language and would like to share some knowledge about their language and culture in Assembly, please get in touch with Mrs Furness



Norfolk
Adult Learning and Skills

St. Francis Family Learning Event

Skill Builder Session

Times Tables Tips



Friday 16th October
1.30pm

St Francis of Assisi Day – this FRIDAY

On Friday, we will celebrate our school Saint – Francis.
Children are invited to dress up in their own clothes or even better to come to school dressed as an animal. Apart from phonics and guided reading, the children will celebrate this Feast Day with different activities with St Francis at the centre.
Remember, all are invited to join us for the Mass on Monday 5th October at 2pm

After School Club – reminder on punctuality

A number of children are repeatedly being picked up later than their booking – please read the information below in this regard. We know there are sometimes exceptional circumstances but these would be limited to once a year.

Children need to be picked up promptly at the end of booked sessions. Any late pick-up (5 minutes late or more), will result in parents being invoiced for the session in which pick-up occurred. If a child is picked up after 6.05pm, parents will be charged an extra £15 up to 6.30pm.

If children are picked up late on three occasions within one term they will not be able to book any After School Club places for the remainder of that term. This is because, for the safety of our After School Club children, we need to ensure that we have sufficient staff available for the number of children booked for each daily session.

PTFA Meeting – Join Us!

We are looking forward to our next PTFA meeting — all the details are in the poster attached to this newsletter. It is a great chance to hear what's coming up, share ideas, and get involved in planning activities for the year ahead.

We will also be holding a drop-in session after morning drop-off on Thursday 8 October at the school gates. Please feel free to stop by for a chat, ask questions, or simply say hello. We would love to see you there.

This year, we are also looking to welcome new PTFA members. Our current Chair and Co-Chair have been in post for two years and would love to give other parents the opportunity to take on these roles. One of our Chairs will have a child leaving the school at the end of this academic year, so this is a natural moment for new parents to step forward. We will use this year to support and guide incoming members, ensuring a smooth and confident transition.



We are also seeking year representatives for Reception and Year 4. If you are interested in getting involved, it would be wonderful to have you on board