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 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 TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS
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
Tuesday 23rd March 2pm All About Victorians/Sewing Workshop with Parents
Thursday 27th May 2.15p All About Plans/Craft Workshop with Parents
Monday 28th June Meet the Year 2 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 2

PE DAY – MONDAY

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
Tuesday 22nd September Viking Day in School
Wednesday 14th October – Trip to Norwich Castle
Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 2nd December 1.45: Parents in class Making Christmas Cushions DT
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
Monday 5th July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 4 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

Thursday 17th September 4D Swimming (children who have not reached 25m)
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
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)
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
Thursday 8th July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 5 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

ALL

Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual Photos
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
Thursday 17th December Children only 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
Friday 5th March 2027 Class Photos
Thursday 18th March Children only Lent Reconciliation
Wednesday 30th June Sports Day EYFS and KS1 KS2 am – just KS2 pm
Thursday 15th July School Disco afternoon for EYFS KS1 and Years 3 and 4 5.30 to 7pm for Years 5 and 6

FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS
For school parents to attend

Friday 18th September 9 – 10.30 Times Table Tips

Tuesday 3/10/17/24th November 1.15 – 3.15 Feeding Fussy Eaters

Thursday 4th February 1.30 to 3pm Handwriting and Fine Motor Support

Thursday 4/11/18/25th March 9 -10.30 Protecting Children Online

Wednesday 14th April 1.30 to 3pm Growth Mindset

Friday 11/18/25 June and 2nd July 2-4 Environmental Heroes

The Nest Pupils

Year 5

PE Day - WEDNESDAY

Friday 5th October Cross Country #1 Sprowston Junior School 2pm start
Mon 2nd Nov - Wed 4th Nov - Year 5 residential to Norfolk Lakes –
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 16th Sports Leader Training
Monday 30th November 2.30 pm Parental Engagement in class with children - READING
Friday 4th December Eaton Park Cross Country 2pm start
Thursday 21st January Dance Show
3rd February 2027 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
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)
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
Friday 9th July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 5 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL
8th - 12th November 2027 Year 6 Residential (Ullswater, Lake District)

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

Monday, 21st September 2026. Hethersett Academy's Open Evening for prospective students and their families
Friday 25th September 2026 6HD Diocesan Mass 10.45 to 2pm
Thursday 1st October 5.30 pm Open Evening CNS
Friday 5th 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 looks like.
Thursday 22nd October at 9.15am. National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP
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
Wednesday 16h December 1pm Peter Pan Panto
Friday 4th December Eaton Park Cross Country 2pm start
3rd February 2.30 Annie Theatre Royal
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)
Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
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
Tuesday 13th July Year 6 Production 1.30 pm
Wednesday 14th July year 6 Production 6.15pm
Thursday 15th July am Crucial Crew

CELEBRATION NAMES

1L – Dylan For working extremely hard and always doing his best in everything.
1PL - Roxanne - for not giving up and drawing a beautiful giraffe for our God's beautiful world display.
2SB We could have chosen every member of 2SB, as we have all had such a fantastic start to the year! However, the adults have been particularly proud of **Laurie and Thea** for wonderful reading, writing and maths. Well done Laurie and Thea!
2BD Freya for great listening and hard work.
Finn for fantastic writing and maths.
3MW Otter has had a super start to the year! He has impressed us all with his maths skills and he has helped others in our maths lessons to solve the answer. Well done Otter!
Florence is a star this week for her excellent knowledge in RE when using our Bibles for the first time. She was able to find scripture and explain to us where to find it in the Bible, in the Old or the New Testament. Thank you for your help, Florence!
3MD Ryan - for an amazing drawing of Fenrir in Literacy
Christopher - for all of his hard work in every lesson
Elena - for her attention in class and enthusiastic sharing of ideas
4D: Alfie for his deeper thinking in Math, demonstrated by his many valuable contributions to class discussions.
Tate for working hard in every lesson to complete and improve his work.
4H: Anna for excellent, thoughtful work on expanded noun phrases. **Arthur** for working hard in every lesson and being considerate to his classmates. 5W Teddy – For being such a kind member of our class, especially to those in the younger years. An excellent role model for us all.
5W Elizabeth S – For being such a positive and cheerful member of 5W who tries her very best in everything she does.
5J – Rachel – For her enthusiasm and positivity. This lovely attitude is towards both towards her class mates and all her learning.
5J – Lucian – For his kindness towards others and his enthusiasm for his learning. What a great start to Year 5!
6HD Ada and **Chikuru** are both stars this week for their presentation, hard work and support of their peers in lessons. They are superb role models for the rest of the class; what a great start to the year - well done to you both!

Learning in Class

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been busy learning about where we live and are trying hard to learn the names of the four countries of the United Kingdom. In R.E we have written prayers to God thanking him for all the wonderful things he has made for us. We also created pictures of God's beautiful world using oil pastels. In Maths we have played lots of games to help us practise counting amounts to 10 and have made our own numbertrack too.
Year 2 In Year 2, we have had a wonderful start to the school year! The children have all settled in well and are doing great learning. This week we had two mysterious spiders appear in our classrooms which will be the start of lots of learning about spiders and minibeasts! Watch this space!
Year 3 - The children have settled brilliantly into year 3! We have started our English topic by studying the mythical Norse beast Fenrir, focusing on nouns and verbs. In Maths we have revisited our learning from year two, exploring number bonds within 10 and using this knowledge to bridge through 10 to add and subtract. The children have enjoyed our art lessons, using chalk pastels to draw Fenrir. A super first week, Year 3!
Year 4 We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 4! The children have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed getting stuck into their learning. In English, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills by writing character descriptions, using exciting vocabulary and expanded noun phrases. We have also begun two exciting new topics: exploring coastal erosion in Geography and learning all about the digestive system in Science. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!
Year 5 This week Year 5 have started their new topic, 'Our Green Planet' exploring food chains. They are writing a poem, 'What is Green?' using descriptive language to 'paint' a detailed picture. In maths the children have been learning about additive structure and the relationship between addition and subtraction. We have begun our 'Creation and Covenant' topic in RE by exploring the story of the Israelites in Egypt and God's plan for Moses. We have had a lovely time getting to know our Year 5 children!
Year 6 It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 6 pupils into 6SB and 6HD. They have settled into new routines with ease,have shown enthusiasm with the work and they should all be proud of themselves. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead. In RE, we are focussed on The Gospel of John, our topic this half term is geography and we are learning about biomes and in English, we are creating poems about a special place to us.

TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Academic Year 2026-27	
Autumn Term 1	3rd September -22nd October 2026
Half Term Break	23rd October to 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	2nd November to 18th December 2026
Christmas Holiday Break	21 December to 4 January 2027
Spring Term 1	5th January to 12th February 2027
Half Term Break	15th February to 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	22nd February to 25th March 2027
Easter Holiday Break	26th March to 12th April 2027
Summer Term 1	13th April to 28th May 2027
Half Term Break	31st May to 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	7th June to 21st July 2027
Summer Holiday	22nd July 2027 back to school on 3rd September 2027

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

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

We will be celebrating **TAGALOG i**n September. 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

Dear Parents and Carers.
As we head towards the end of term, I have created a guide of support services available that may be useful while we all take a well earned break for a few weeks.
Just click on the link below and it will take you to the area of support required.
If you wish to seek further advise, please do not hesitate to email me rowena.cove@benjaminfoundation.co.uk and I will reply upon my return in September and arrange a meeting or telephone call.
Please remember your child's attendance needs to be over 95%. If you require support to help your child to arrive to school on time please get in touch

Rowena Cove
Parent Support Advisor and Young Carers Education and Community Worker
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Health and Wellbeing

JUST ONE NORFOLK
Just One Norfolk, are dedicated to providing children and young people's health services to the community.
Health Advice & Support for Children & Families

Norfolk and Waveney Mind
Whether it's you needing support, someone in your family, a friend or a work colleague, we are here for you.
You can call our team who will discuss the most appropriate service for you.
We're Norfolk and Waveney Mind, the mental health charity that believes no one should have to face poor mental health alone.
https://www.norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk/

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Crisis and Resilience Fund -
This funding is to support residents who are struggling with the cost of living and everyday expenses.
Crisis and Resilience Fund - Norfolk County Council



Norwich Foodbank -
Norwich Foodbank | Feeding Local People in Crisis

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GENERAL SUPPORT

The Best Start Family Hubs in Norfolk are part of the Start for Life programme, designed to support families from conception until children reach 19 years old, or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) These hubs bring together services such as parenting support, health visiting, infant feeding, early language development, perinatal mental health, and practical advice on housing, finances, and childcare. They aim to make support accessible, joined-up, and easy to navigate, reducing the need for families to visit multiple services separate

Best Start Family Hubs - Norfolk County Council

SAFEGUARDING

CADS is Norfolk's central service for reporting concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, providing advice, guidance, and coordinated support for children and families. foodbank supports local individuals and fa N find Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) Norfolk County Council | Norfolk Community Directory

Other useful services

Young Carers
Support, Advice & Education for Carers | Carers Matter Norfolk

Kids Norfolk
Supporting disabled children and SEND
Kids Norfolk Coffee and connect - Kids

Siblings of disabled, special educational needs or a serious long-term condition
Home - Sibs

General directory of support
Home | Norfolk Community Directory

Domestic Abuse
Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services

The **Benjamin** Foundation

BBC 500 Words Competition

BBC 500 Words, the UK's largest story-writing competition for 5–11 year-olds, is back! Entries open at 8am on Tuesday 29 September and close at 9pm on Friday 6 November 2026. See the Website

REMINDER - LABEL

Please do label ALL items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles; we already have quite a collection of unnamed items that we can't return to their owner.

AFTER SCHOOL FIELD

From Monday the main entrance gate will be closed at 3.45 pm and we kindly request that every family is off the field and playground by this time to save our members of staff having to chaperone. We know our field is lovely but we are not insured for pupils to be there. Thank you for your consideration.

Parents in Class

On the year group calendar above, you will see opportunities throughout the year for parents to visit learning in the class. These are identified as Parental Engagement or Parents in Class. Your year group teachers will remind you the week before.

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