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 WEDNESDAYS 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
Thursdsay 8th October UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
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
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
Monday 5th July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 4 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 4

PE DAY – THURSDAY

Thursday 24thh September 4D Swimming (children who have not reached 25m) #2
Wednesday 30th September Year 4 Beach Trip
Thursday 8th October UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
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)
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

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Tuesday 29th September 2026 Individual Photos
5-9th October National Cycle to School Week if you can.
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
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**~~

UNFORTUNATELY THESE DATES ARE NOW BEING RESCHEDULED BY FAMILY LEARNING – new dates will be given when received

The Nest Pupils

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 5th 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 16th Sports Leader Training
Monday 30th November 2.30 pm Parental Engagement in class with children – READING
Wednesday 4th November 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)
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

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
Wednesday 30th September UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
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
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
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)
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 *And 6.15pm*
Thursday 15th July am Crucial Crew

CELEBRATION NAMES

1PL Reuben for working so hard to sound out his sentences in writing.

1L Isabel for working really hard in phonics and for making her letter formation beautiful.

2SD Chisom- for being such an amazing friend! You have been so wonderful at helping your classmates with their learning. You have also done brilliant reading, writing, maths and art! Well done.

2BD Cillian and Thomas for amazing us with their brilliant knowledge about spiders. We have learned so many new facts!

3MD Ted - for his excellent extended writing across all lessons

Nina - for her enthusiasm and excellent attitude to her learning

3MW Abidesh and **Thea** are stars this week for their brilliant work and super discussion skills in RE, thinking closely about the Creation story. Well done!

4H - **Avril** who has impressed us all with her hardwork in every lesson.

Bernie for putting his hand up and reading out loud in class!

4D Sebbie and **Nell** for having a brilliant start to Year 4. They have been fantastic role models to us all, always making the right choices and completing all tasks to a high standard :)

5W Bede – For writing a beautifully descriptive poem on 'What Is Green'5W **Rowan –** Who shows she is involved in her learning by thinking deeply and always working hard.

5J Jessica and Jason – Are both great-role models for the class. They are always kind, polite, ready to learn and ready to work hard in class.

6SB - Dexter for writing a fantastic poem in English with super features and focusing well in lessons.

6HD - Panashe for always being ready to start tasks, contributing in lessons and demonstrating her mathematical thinking.

Learning in Class

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been thinking hard about our writing. We all wrote about what we like to do and all remembered to use a full stop at the end of our sentence. In R.E we thought about what co-operation means and how we can help others and work as a team. In Maths we have been using ten frames to make numbers to 10. In Geography we thought about what landuse is around our school and created maps of the school using a simple key.

Year 2 In Year 2 this week, we have been becoming spider experts! We have learned lots of facts about spiders and can tell you about some really interesting spiders that have superpowers in their world! We have found out that minibeasts have microhabitats and went on a minibeast hunt in the school grounds to see what minibeasts we could spot.

Year 3 - This week in Year 3, the children have begun their Science topic on Plants. In the first lesson they identified and named parts of a plant, and discussed the function of each part. In Topic, the children used their geography skills to locate where the Vikings came from on a map. Next Tuesday, year 3 will be celebrating Viking Day and we are looking forward to having a Viking feast (home pack lunches) in the classroom as a year group, and we can't wait to see the children's Viking outfits!

Year 4 This week in Geography, Year 4 have enjoyed creating models of the coast to help us understand the process of erosion. In English, we have been inspired by the coast and have been writing our own haikus.

We've also been learning all about our teeth in Science, investigating the impact of different liquids on eggs. The eggshell cleverly replicates our tooth enamel, helping us to see how different drinks can affect our teeth!

Year 5 In Topic, Year 5 have been learning about how land is used in England, in the countryside and in the cities. In Maths, the children have been learning about multiplicative reasoning and the relationship between multiplication, division and fractions. In RE, we have been continuing with the story of Moses and God's plan for him and have heard the story of the Burning Bush. In Science, we are learning about flower reproduction. During our English lessons we have written poems on 'What is Green

Year 6 This week, we edited and published our poems in English, and the children showed excellent presentation skills. In RE, we spent time looking at John's Prologue in his Gospel and thinking deeply about how this links to creation.



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

NORWICH CATHEDRAL

September 2026

Dear Parents,

'BE A CHORISTER' DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 10th October 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm



On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our annual 'Be a Chorister' day, in partnership with Norwich School. This is a fun day of singing, music-making and games, open to all boys and girls of primary school age. No prior singing experience is necessary and there is no cost to participate. We simply want children to come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing with us in the Cathedral!

The programme for the day is:

10.45am	Arrival and registration • Singing session for children with a vocal coach • Presentation for parents who would like to find out more about choirs at Norwich Cathedral • Drama & games for children at Norwich School • Q&A for parents and coffee
Lunch	Provided for children at Norwich School
Afternoon	Singing for children with Ashley Grote, Organist & Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and the Cathedral Choristers Optional tours of Norwich Lower School for parents
3.30pm	Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral, sung by the participating children alongside the cathedral choristers – all welcome to attend
4.15pm	End

Throughout the day, children are supervised in small groups by staff from Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral: parents can drop their children off and are not required to stay with them.

To register for a place, please visit www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits

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.



Golden Triangle Open Studios returns for two weekends of behind-the-scenes studio visits

The doors of 20 artists' studios will open across Norwich's Golden Triangle this Autumn, giving visitors a rare chance to meet local artists, see where they work and discover the stories behind their art. Golden Triangle Open Studios takes place on 26 and 27 September and 3 and 4 October 2026, from 11am to 5pm, with studios located across the Golden Triangle area to the south-west of Norwich.

The event brings together an exciting mix of Norwich-based artists working across painting, photography, ceramics, printmaking, jewellery and multidisciplinary practices, using everything from natural materials to contemporary and modern techniques. For visitors, this is an opportunity to experience art in a very different way — not in a traditional gallery, but in the places where it is made. Visitors can meet the artists, look around their studios, ask questions about their techniques and inspiration, and purchase work directly from the makers.

The event is open to everyone, from regular art buyers and collectors to people who simply enjoy discovering something new. It also offers a great opportunity to explore the Golden Triangle while supporting independent local artists and makers. With 20 artists taking part across four days, visitors can choose their own route and discover studios, artwork and creative practices they may not otherwise encounter.

Golden Triangle Open Studios trail maps will be available in all studios, online at: https://www.rosebrettinghamceramics.com/openstudios and, at selected venues. More information about the event and regular updates can be found on Instagram: @goldentriangleopenstudios

For more information, please contact, Liz Maw on 07834 383 112.

Interviews with participating artists and further information are available on request.