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
Thursday 24th February 2027 Trip to Gressenhall Workhouse and Museum £12 Wisepay
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

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
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 12th 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

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 2nd 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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Skill Builder: Times Tables Tips **Friday 16 October 2026 1:30pm The Nook**

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
Friday 13th November 5.30 pm to 7pm Family Disco
Thursday 3rd December 2pm Advent Mass
Friday 4th Rocksteady Concert 2pm
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

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

Friday 16th October Sports Leader Training
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
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)
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

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)
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

1L Teddy for always spotting his mistakes when writing new words in phonics.
1PL Sophie for spotting her mistakes when writing about the Three Little Pigs.
2SD: Edmund, for making fantastic efforts to be the best learner possible! We are all proud of how hard you are working on your 'whole body listening'. You have also been determined to do lots of maths and writing, asking for more time to do even trickier challenges. Well done Edmund!
2BD-Emmie and Harrison for working really hard to identify the diets of different animals in their habitats. Well done!
3MW Alex is a star this week for his super thinking and discussion skills in English, exploring 'What A Good One Looks Like' WAGOLL. **Evan M** for his excellent Clicker work around our story topic "Freya and The Goblins" in The Nest
Matilda and Miles have worked incredibly hard in RE this week, explaining their answers when discussing the wonders of God's Creation, you are both RE stars!
3MD Rex: For his excellent attitude towards his learning and class work
Grace: For her valuable contributions to class discussions
Sebastian: For his beautiful manners on his recent trip to the Cafe
4D Leja for persevering during written tasks and getting on with her work independently even when things get tricky 🙂 **Gabriel** for taking great care over his writing, ensuring he gets it right the first time!
4H Angelina and Noah for writing interesting, fact-filled non chronological reports about seals in English.
5W Cece – For always being ready to learn and working hard in every lesson. Also, for being such a kind and caring member of our class. An all-round superstar! **5W - Toby –** For approaching all his learning with a resilient attitude and a strong desire to do well. Keep up the great work Toby!
5J - Lucas – For bringing such a positive energy to our classroom, for working hard and for having beautiful manners, **5J Jerusha –** For being such a determined and hard-working member of our class. An impressive start to Year 5!
6HD - Leah is a star this week for her wonderful work on The Five Kingdoms of Life in Science - it was a very detailed, informative and beautifully presented piece of work. Well done Leah!
6SB - Thea for excellent effort in all areas of her learning. She particularly shone in Maths this week, by spotting patterns when looking at factors. She has also produced some wonderful and detailed sentences in English. Keep up the amazing work!

Learning in Class

Year 1 have been writing about the Three Little Pigs and have tried really hard to use our phonic fingers when we are writing words. In Maths we have continued to think about numbers that are greater and less than and have even used the greater and less than symbol! In RE we have thought about how we show love and care to others and all wrote a sentence about how we show our families we love them. In science we thought about the weather and have started recording a daily weather forecast this week.

Year 2 had a fantastic time when we were visited by Ed the MIni Monster man and his amazing collection of creatures! We saw lots of different animals including a giant land snail, a giant centipede and a snake! We then did some fabulous writing about the visit.

Year 3 - In RE this week, the children have been reflecting on the wonders of God's Creation, exploring Psalm 8 in particular. This learning linked to our St Francis of Assisi Day last week, where the children celebrated St Francis by creating their own Canticle of the Sun artwork. In Topic the children explored the features of a long boat and discussed why the Vikings were such great sailors. In Maths the children have been bridging 100, using our bridging 10 skills and a number line.

Year 4 It's been a busy week in Year 4! In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about seals and sharing some fascinating facts. In RE, we used drama to retell the story of Abraham and Isaac. We have also continued practising rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 using number lines and practical activities in Maths.

Year 5 In Maths, the children have been looking at what happens when we multiply and divide a number by 10 and we have continued to practise our column subtraction skills. In RE, we have been looking at the 10 Commandments and thinking about how they relate to our own lives. In Science, we have explored how plants reproduce asexually and in English we have thought about the differences between similes and metaphors in descriptive writing.

Year 6 The children thoroughly enjoyed St Francis of Assisi day; they made some beautiful doves and agamographs and reflected carefully on their thoughts throughout the day. In Science they have made some detailed posters about The Five Kingdoms, using their scientific knowledge and understanding to enhance their work.

The Nest : This week we have had fun doing some body percussion/rhythm sessions to some funky disco classics! Our story is split over two weeks this time so we are now half way through Freya and The Goblins and can't wait to find out what happens in the end. We all agreed it wouldn't be nice to have to kiss those Goblins ... but we might do it for a million trillion pounds! Our Wednesday afternoon group enjoyed our cake 'research' trip to Dyrrah in preparation for our Nest & Family afternoon tea in a couple of weeks 😳

Premier Clubs for Autumn 2 – booking available now

After School Football Club – Premier Education	Monday
After School Dodgeball Club – Premier Education	Tuesday
After School Performing Arts Dance Club – Premier Education	Wednesday
After School Hockey Club – Premier Education	Friday

PICK UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

A polite reminder that pick up for children in Year 1 and Year 2 is 3.15pm Pick up for Years 3,4,5 and 6 is 3.25pm. This year we have had a lot of children picked up late as parents have been unclear of timings. Hopefully this message will correct that.



FLU VACCINATION

If you would like your child to have a flu vaccination in school pleae complete use this link

Flu Vaccination Response Link: https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/pPG7lmO3Hq/flu/start

MUSIC OF THE MONTH IN SINGING ASSEMBLIES – October

Hymns: Make me a Channel of Your Peace, Be Still for the Presence of the Lord, As I Kneel Before You, Kumbaya, Colours of the Rainbow and One Bread One Body

Entrance Music –

Frederick Chopin (Polish composer) Nocturne in E Flat Major
Antonio Vivaldi – Autumn
Pyotr Tchaikovsky 2 Autumn song from The Seasons
Scott Joplin : Maple Leaf Rag

VALUE ASSEMBLY

The October Value is Creation (Stewardship and Simplicity)

The Value Assembly each week is:

- Creation
- Stewardship
- Simplicity

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

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes

We need your help! We would be very grateful for donations of suitable items for children aged between 5 and 9 years old, to help fill our shoeboxes. Please take a look at the list for items that could be included, and for those items that cannot be included. Every donation, however small, can help us make a child's Christmas extra special. If you are able to donate, please send your donation into school, to your child's class teacher, **by Wednesday 4th November.**

A SPECIAL ITEM
- Small backpack
- Football and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Torch



SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Coloured pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES
- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Watch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Wooly hat, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- Puzzles
- Colouring books or pads
- Dry watercolour set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games





TOYS
- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE
- Soap
- Food, sweets, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Junior Chaplains
2026 - 2027

1L	Halle & Noah	1PL	Hosanna & Elijah
2BD	Thomas & Kayra	2SB	Jesse & JoJo
3MW	Nikola & Olivia	3MD	Chisom & Jesse
4H	Annabel & Ariel	4D	Elin & Miya
5J	Stanley & Emily	5W	Gigi & Harrison
6HD	George & Shika	6SB	Briella & Ben



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE



Two teams played at the UEA Sportspark on Thursday 8th October as part of the NSSP Development League.

The year 3 team were Rex, Lucas, Alfie, Nikola Magnus, Jesse, Tommy, Tadeusz, Vincenzo and Harry .

SCORES ON THE DOORS

St Francis Y4 3-1 St Francis Y3
St Francis Y4 6-1 West Earlham
St Francis Y3 3-0 Notre Damn





The year 4 team were Kit, Seb M, Arthur G, Barnabus, Oliwier, Alex D, Alfie W, Ali, Jean and Faron



CAKE SALE

We are fundraising to support the incredible work of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Come and buy some treats on the last day of term, the sale will be in the main playground. Enjoy cake whilst helping to raise money for seriously ill children.



Calling All Parents – We Need Our Next PTFA Chair and Co-Chair!

The PTFA is searching for parents interested in taking on the roles of **Chair and Co-Chair.** These positions are incredibly rewarding and make a real difference to our school community — and this year will be a transition year, giving new volunteers plenty of time to learn the role, shadow the current team, and feel fully supported throughout.

We warmly welcome any parent from any year group who feels they could bring enthusiasm, organisation, and a collaborative spirit to the PTFA. You don't need prior experience — just a willingness to get involved, work with others, and help shape the activities and fundraising that benefit all our children. If you're also happy working with digital tools, that's a great bonus, as many of our communications and planning now run online. If you'd like to express interest or simply find out more, please get in touch at **ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk**

The next Chair and Co-Chair will be elected at the AGM, which will take place mid-November. We will confirm the meeting details soon.

We are also looking for **new Year Representatives** across the school. Year Reps play a key role in helping us coordinate events, share information with families, and strengthen the sense of community within each year group. If you enjoy connecting with other parents and supporting school activities, this is a great way to get involved. More details on these elections will follow soon.

Christmas Fair – Friday 11 December

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 11 December and we are very excited to begin preparations. This is a PTFA-run event, and we would love to welcome volunteers from across the school community. If you would like to help on the day or support with planning, please register using the link below.

Christmas Fair Volunteer Registration Form

We are also beginning to contact local businesses for raffle prize donations. If you own or work for a business that could offer a voucher or prize, we would be delighted to include it.

See the attachment regarding PTFA roles and responsibilities.

Please Help Support

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Help fund our curriculum activities and resources

SCAN TO DONATE

Support learning and creativity

Help our children thrive

Every donation helps

Every pound counts

By helping fund classroom materials and resources that enable creative activities for all, every contribution – no matter how small – will make a real difference!

We are incredibly grateful for any support you can offer.

Thank you! Feel share our page to spread our message.

Together, we can help our children learn, grow and shine.

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