St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 7 17th October 2026

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
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

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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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

Monday 30th November 9.15 Coffee Morning – Family and Community Hub with Mel Betts and Rowena Cove

Thursday 3rd December 2pm Advent Mass

Friday 4th Rocksteady Concert 2pm

Friday 11th December Christmas Fayre 3pm to

Tuesday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December Christmas Lunch 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

FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS
For school parents to attend

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

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 Jeana for writing a wonderful description of the wolf and for taking such great care with her handwriting.
1PLBrennan for working hard in phonics and on his handwriting
2SD Emma, for incredible dedication to her learning! Emma always goes above and beyond in every lesson. This week her brilliant attitude resulted in particularly amazing writing and maths. Well done Emma!
2BD Huxley and William for writing some really interesting 'I wonder' questions about different animals that live in an urban micro habitat. Well done!
3MD Nina, Harry and Carla: for their attention, great questions and interest on the Castle Museum Trip.
3**MW Nathaniel**, **Martha, Ito and Dominic** are all stars this week for showing fantastic enthusiasm, getting fully involved in all activities and for asking brilliant, inquisitive questions on our trip to Norwich Castle. You were all fantastic representatives of our school!
4D Niharika for showing good listening in all lessons.
Jean for trying super hard with her reading comprehension.
4H Daniel for painting a beautiful watercolour beach scene.
Julian G for writing a detailed retall of the Sacrifice of Isaac story so eloquently.
6SB - Luca is a star this week for his super ideas and imaginative sentence work in English. He has listened carefully in lessons and willingly shared his ideas with others - well done Luca!
6HD - Leo is a star this week for recognising how to be a supportive learning partner in Maths with his peers. He was able to share his thoughts with others and was an excellent class role model - well done Leo.

Learning in Class

Year 1 have been learning how to partition numbers into parts and found ways of using a part, part, whole model to show the number facts to 10. We also practised using ordinal numbers to describe a group of objects. In R.E we have been thinking about how we can talk to God through prayer and have thought about how we can say thank you to God , ask his help for ourselves and say sorry when we have made bad choices. We also designed a thank you prayer together in our assembly. In Geography we have started learning about London and have found London on a map. In writing we wrote about the Big Bad Wolf and used adjectives to make our writing grow.

Year 2 have been writing the story of Anansi and the mischief he gets up to! We created patterns inspired by some woven fabrics from Ghana. Next week we will use our ideas to create some Anansi web pictures. We also have been thinking of lots of 'I wonder' questions about the different animals that live in an urban micro habitat.

Year 3 - had a fantastic time at Norwich Castle on Wednesday! Our day consisted of four activities led by museum staff, where the children met Thegn and explored the heroic tale of Beowulf through storytelling and drama, met Tostig (Thegn's servant) and handled real and replica Norse objects, met Egil the Norseman and discovered differences in culture between Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, and climbed to the very top of the Castle to discover the origins of the city of Norwich along the battlements. We are looking forward to using our learning and new knowledge from today in our upcoming topic lessons this term! Thank you to all parents for your support in allowing this trip to go ahead.

Year 4 have been active geographers this week, creating our own maps of a coastal area and understanding how important a key is in reading one. In Maths we consolidated our understanding of rounding with a practical activity which really helped us see the multiples either side of larger numbers and have also been busy practising our 4 times tables. We need to remember to use the flash cards we made at home this week!

Year 5

Year 6 . This week, Year 6 have been working hard on developing their sentence structure and punctuation when writing. The children enjoyed finding out factual information about their chosen endangered animal in English. When forming sentences, they have been able to recognise where to put commas for subordinate clauses, and are now working hard to independently apply this skill to their written work. In Art the children have developed their understanding of different illustrators and artists. They have been able to use Henri Rousseau's vivid, bright and dreamlike style, to influence their own jungle scenes.

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 please complete using 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

HALF TERM CLUB

For children aged 7+.

Monday 26th October

10–12pm— Painting and Drawing

2–4pm — Creative Printmaking

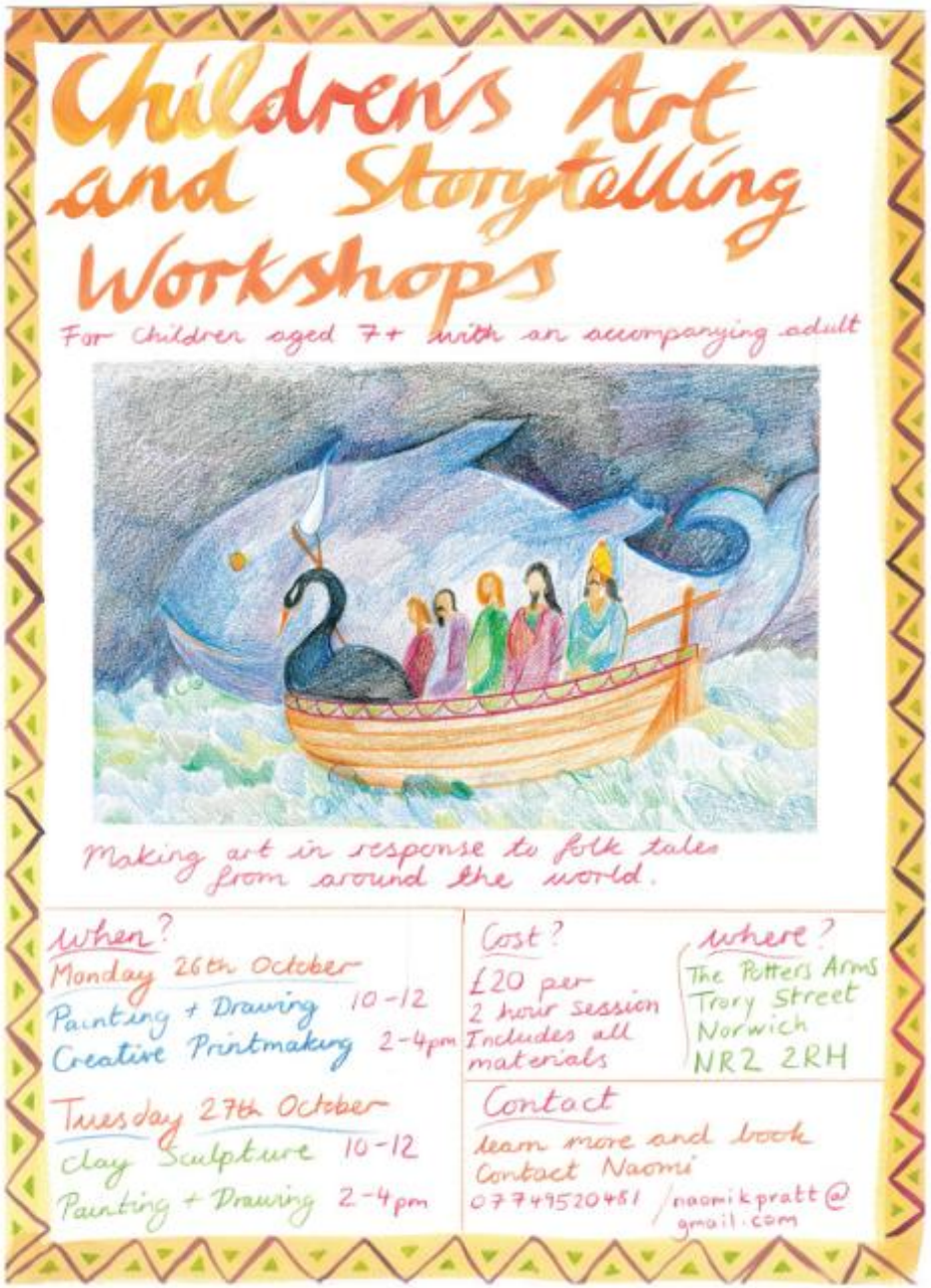
Tuesday 27th October

10–12pm — Clay Sculpture

2–4pm — Painting and Drawing

In these classes, I will tell a short but excellent folk tale from around the world. Then, in the class, we will make artwork in response to the story. If you have a young person in your life who loves art and stories, please do come along.

Please do get in touch if you would like more info and to book.



Cross Country League

Congratulations to all the runners who attended the first of six competitions at Sprowston Recreation Ground.

Particular congratulations to Thea 13th and Eibhlin 7th in the Girls' Race.



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.



What's on at the Norwich Best Start Family Hub in November...

Find more information

www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

Mondays

Early Help Community Workers are available in the hub for families to speak to.

DWP Family Community worker Sian, is available to speak to.

Tuesdays

ECFS stay and play group. All welcome, 1pm-2.30pm

ECFS Infant Massage 1.30-2.30pm (referral only, via QR code above or speak to ECFS staff)

Learn gentle baby massage to support bonding, relaxation and your baby's wellbeing.

Wednesdays

ECFS PEEP Talk group 1pm-2pm (referral only, via QR code above or speak to ECFS staff)

Supporting children's speech, language and communication through play and everyday activities.

Thursdays

ECFS Infant Massage 10am-11am (referral only, via QR code above or speak to ECFS staff)

Learn gentle baby massage to support bonding, relaxation and your baby's wellbeing.

Fridays

ECFS PEEP Sparkles 10am-11am (referral only, via QR code above or speak to ECFS staff) **Term time only**

A smaller, supportive play group for children who may need a little extra support with their development.

Breastfeeding support Norfolk group. All welcome. 10am-11.30am

Up and coming events and activities

Wednesday 4th November

KIDS coffee morning 10am–12noon, Guest speaker Jordan Winn, advocate for children with Autism.

Monday 16th November

Wellbeing Walk, starting at Hunter Road Family Hub 9am, Tea/coffee and Early Help Community Workers on hand. Walk to commence at 9.45am.

Wednesday 18th November

KIDS coffee morning 10am–12 noon.

Monday 30th November

Family Hub Drop-in

9.15am to 10.45am

Come along to meet our team or speak to Sian from DWP family team, if you have any benefit and Universal Credit queries or would like support finding work.

SENDiass will be here to help with any SEND related queries.

Maria from Family Information Service will be here to offer families support.

family hubs

BEST START IN LIFE

Community and Partnership (C&P) team reserves the right to cancel event due to circumstances beyond C&P's control or not reasonably anticipated by C&P.

Clubs at St Francis - Autumn 2026

Club		Who can attend?	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Breakfast	Miss Emily Palmer	Anyone who has paid	Every day	7.40am	8.50pm	£6 all £3.30 half hour
After School	Mrs Emily Palmer	Anyone who has paid	Every day	3.30pm	6.00pm	£3.50 until 4pm, £5.50until 4.30 pm £12 to 6pm
Prayer Group	Mrs Saward Clarke and Mrs Renegado	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Parent Support Worker	Mrs Rowena Cove	By appointment	Monday	9:00 AM	4.00 pm	Free
Drama Club	Rosalind Burt	Years 4,5 and 6	Monday	3:30 PM	4.30 pm	via Rosalind
Premier Sports Football	Premier Sports	Year 1 to Year 6	Monday	3.30 pm	4.25pm	(pay via Premier)
Library Open - Games Café	Mrs Kelsey	All children	Tuesday	12.30 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Premier Sports Dodgeball	Premier Sports	Years 2 to 6	Tuesday	3.25 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier) £42
Art Club	Mrs Juli Mobbs	Years 1, 2 and 3	Tuesday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Football	Mr Proctor Mr Curtis	Years 5 and 6	Tuesday	12.30pm	1.00pm	Free
Premier Dance	Premier Sports	Year 2 to Year 6	Wednesday (1.3.23)	3.30 pm	4.25 pm	(pay via Premier)
School Council	Mrs Hinings	Class Representatives	Every other Wednesday	12.35 pm	1.15 pm	Free
Netball Club	Mr Proctor and Mr Curtis	Year 4,5,6	Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
Junior Chaplaincy	Mrs Hope	2 children from each class	Every other Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
Football	Mr Curtis Mr Proctor	Years 3 and 4	Wednesday	12.30 pm	1.10 pm	Free
Cafod Club	Mrs Savage	Year 5 and 6	Thursday	12.30pm	1.00 pm	Free
Tennis Club	National Tennis Assoc	Years 1-3	Thursday	3.25 pm	4.10 pm	(pay via Tennis Association)
Art Club	Miss Juli Mobbs	Years 4,5 and 6	Thursday	3.30pm	4.30 pm	(pay via Julie Mobbs)
Library Open After School for parents and children	Mrs Claire Furness	All children and parents	Thursday	3.30pm	4.00 pm	Free
Choir	Mrs Furness	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	8.15 am	8.55 am	Free
Premier Sports Hockey	Premier Sports	Years 1 to 6	Friday	3.25pm	4.25pm	(payment via Premier)
Running Club	Mr Proctor/Mr Curtis	Years 5 and 6	Friday	12.30pm	1.10 pm	Free

PARENTS' EVENING

Time slots are now available to book on WISEPAY for Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November 2026.



PTFA NEWS

Christmas Card Projects

A quick reminder to families that the deadline to order Christmas cards and personalised products is 19 October. Please use the codes on your child's Christmas Order Card to unlock their artwork and complete your order through the Class Fundraising Parent Shop. Orders will be delivered in bulk to the school and sent home with the children. Don't forget to check for spelling errors carefully. Link: Parent Artwork Unlock Page.

If you don't have your codes, please contact the PTFA: ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk

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 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 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
This year, we are introducing Jolly Jars, more details in the poster.

PTFA Update – Family Disco

We wanted to let families know that the Family Disco we had hoped to run this term will be rescheduled. Our usual DJ is unavailable on the planned date, so rather than rush arrangements, we'll move this event to later in the year when we can deliver it properly and ensure everyone has a great time.
Thank you for your understanding and continued support.