St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 10 13th November 2026

Reception

Nativity Production
Tuesday 8th December 1.45 pm
Wednesday 9th December 9.30 pm
Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – EYFS parents can pick up children and attend
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 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited
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 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 2

PE DAY – MONDAY

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

Wednesday 2nd December 2026 Bug Parc Trip

Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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

Year 3

PE DAY FRIDAY

Wednesday 2nd December 1.45: Parents in class Making Christmas Cushions DT
Thursday 10th December UEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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 10th DecemberUEA Sportspark UEA Development League 3.30 to 5pm
Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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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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

Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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

Monday 30th November 9.15 to 10 Family and Community Hub Coffee Morning and Information

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

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 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

Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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

Friday 18th December 11.00 am Christmas Carol Service St John the Baptist Cathedral – all invited

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 Edith for working hard with her handwriting when retelling the story of The Annunciation.

1PL Eadie for trying to include all her treasure when writing The Annunciation story.

2BD- Eliana for some great writing about food chains and what would happen if one part of the chain broke. Well done Eliana!

2SD Maria Esther for your excellent hard work and resilience. You never give up and have really been pushing yourself in your lessons this week. Well done, you are a superstar!

3MD Isobel: for her careful work in RE and for being a supportive working partner **Penny:** for her hard work and perseverance in RE. **Jasper:** for his excellent attitude to his work and enthusiasm in lessons **Alfie:** for his great attitude and determination to complete a task

3MW Tadek and Margot are stars this week for their excellent writing in English, creating a poem all about Memories of Iceland.

Evan is a star this week for his super scientific skills, explaining how pollination occurs.

4H Ally for his beautiful portrait of the prophet Elijah and for working so hard every day. **Ella** for her excellent, clear instructions for making a papier mache volcano in English.

4D Robyn - for her great work in English this week, writing clear and concise instructions.

Oskar - for responding positively to feedback and working hard on his handwriting in English.

5W Marla – For being such an enthusiastic and resilient learner. It has been a joy to watch her grow in confidence this year! **5W - Felipe** – For being such an avid reader. Also for his wonderfully positive attitude towards all his learning which shines through in every lesson. He is a great role model to others.

5J Niko for being an enthusiastic learner who loves to challenge himself especially in Maths **5J Ana** for showing how involved she is in all her learning – through thinking deeply, sharing her ideas and showing a love of learning.

6SB - Anastasia is a star for excellent work in class and producing some wonderful writing in a Science and English. She is always ready to learn and so kind and helpful towards others.

6HD - Esther is a star for trying incredibly hard in her English work and is an asset to Year 6. She is always ready to learn, super organised, helpful and kind towards others.

Learning in Class

Year 1 This week in RE we have been learning more about the story of The Annunciation and in writing retold the story of when Angel Gabriel gave Mary a special message from God. We also created portraits of Mary using oil pastels, which look beautiful. In Maths we have been writing addition and subtraction stories using part, part whole models to help us. In Art we added detail to our Van Gogh pictures using yellow and white chalk. In science we learned about our sense of smell and in music used instruments to play along to a beat.

Year 2 This week in Year 2 we have been learning about the Japanese artist Rakou Inoue who makes amazing sculptures of animals and minibeasts using natural objects such as petals, leaves, twigs etc. We went outside to forage for interesting things from nature and then the next day, we made our own fabulous sculptures. We have also been thinking about food chains and considered what would happen if one part of the food chain broke. A great week everyone, well done!

Year 3 - this week the children started a new topic of writing in their English lesson, all about Thor's Hammer. They used the drama technique of freeze framing to begin to learn the story and they wrote a caption for each 'frame' to explain what was happening, incorporating a subordinating conjunction. In Maths, the children have been solving arithmetic and reasoning questions, to consolidate their learning for the first half of this Autumn term. In Spanish, they loved rehearsing a conversation asking "What is your name? Como te llamas?" and responding in Spanish "My name is...Me llamo".

Year 4 have been learning to write clear instructions in English, crucial for the exciting art lesson at the end of the week when we used them to make amazing papier mache volcanoes. We can't wait to paint them next week when they are dry and make them erupt! We also launched our new Science topic - Space. The children will be learning lots about the planets and earth's relationship with the sun and moon in the weeks to come.

Year 5 In Maths, the children been exploring fractions and different ways to represent them including in a part whole and on a number line. In RE, we have been learning about David and his early life and connected this with Psalm 23 – the Lord is My Shepherd. In Science, we are learning about the life cycles of mammals. In English we have been exploring the features of persuasive texts.

Year 6 The children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their Reception buddies and playing with them. Thank you so much to all the family members, who attended our Monday Parent Workshop - it was lovely to see so many of you. We are looking forward to our trip to Shropshire next week; parents, please check your emails as all information, particularly timings and the packing list, has been sent to you already.

St Francis if a NO DOGS on the playground school

We love dogs but they are not allowed on the playground (even in arms) as a number of people are very nervous around them.

You will be asked to leave the playground if you bring a dog for these reasons.

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

OUTDOOR SHOES

Please help us keep our carpets clean by providing separate outdoor shoes for your child. Wearing these means they can still play on the field when it is wet or slightly muddy.

MUSIC OF THE MONTH IN SINGING ASSEMBLIES – November

Hymns: Kumbaya, Colours of the Rainbow and One Bread One Body, The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came. Taize Oh Lord Hear My Prayer, Colours of Day, Father In My Life I See

Entrance Music –

Antonio Vivaldi – Autumn
Pyotr Tchaikovsky 2 Autumn song from The Seasons
Scott Joplin : Maple Leaf Rag
Aram Khachaturian Masquerade Suite
Fela Sowanda – African Suite
Samuel Akpabot 3 Nigerian Dances

VALUE ASSEMBLY

The November Value is Tolerance.

The Value Assembly each week is:

- Tolerance
- Patience
- Catholic Social Teaching – Everybody Should have a Say
- Catholic Social Teaching – Thinking of Everyone

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH - SHUNA

We will be celebrating **SHONA** in November . 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



THANK YOU!

Samaritan's Purse sends special thanks to

St Francis of Assisi Primary School

for packing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and sending love, hope and joy to precious children around the world.

Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK

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CAFOD

St Johns Advent Drawing Competition

Nativity Scenes from around the world

How is the birth of Jesus celebrated around the world?
Create your own Nativity scene, inspired by the different cultures, traditions and countries around the globe.

Competition dates: 9th–29th November
Winners announced: 30th November

HOW TO ENTER

1. Scan the QR code to download the entry template
2. Complete your drawing on the template
3. Email your completed entry to us at- cafodstjohns@outlook.com

SCAN ME

Open to all ages with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize!

All three winning designs will be professionally printed as greeting cards, which will be sold at St Johns to raise funds for CAFOD

- All three winners will receive a set of their own printed cards.
- The 1st prize winner will also have their design printed on a T-shirt for their personal use



GOOD LUCK!







We are delighted to welcome the Early Help Community workers and members from the School and Community Team to St Francis on ***Monday 30th November 9:15am to 10:00am.*** *Both teams support with a variety of needs which include, mental health for children and families, help with finances, Fun local activities for kids and families, parenting support and managing child behaviour, SEND queries and much more.*

Please see attached flier for full details.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Tea and Coffee will be available. Younger siblings are welcome.



TEN PIN BOWLING

We could not have been more proud of this group of children who competed against other schools at the Bowthorpe Bowling House.

Well done.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Scheme

A great BIG thank you to all those who donated items for the Christmas shoeboxes. The Junior Chaplains have been super busy, spending the last couple of days organising the items into the boxes for girls and boys, aged between 4 and 9 years. In total, we filled **48 shoeboxes!** The boxes will be collected and sent to the sorting centre tomorrow and then we will find out soon where in the world the boxes will be sent to. Thank you all so much!





Year 3 and 4 Football Development League

Well done to both these teams in their games yesterday.

Year 4

SFA -v- West Earlham 10-0

SFA -v- Notre Dame Prep 6-0

Year 3

SFA -v- West Earlham A 2-3

SFA -v- West Earlham B 8-0

Special well done to all year 4 players from this League night and the one in October as **you won the trophy** for the Year 4s Norwich School Sports Partnership League

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St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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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