St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Felicity Hope

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 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
Tuesday 8th December – Trip to the Hippodrome
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 ay 26th November 4H <25 m Swimming
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

ALL

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

Thursday 25th February 2027 The Big Ballet – The Wind in the Willows

Friday 26th February 9.45 to 11.45 Panathlon Multisports UEA years 3-6

Year 5

PE Day - WEDNESDAY

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

Friday 9th July 3.30 pm Meet the Year 5 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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 Udo - for working really hard on his London writing this week.

1PL Maren - for sharing wonderful ideas and creating a great piece of writing all about London.

2SD Sonny- for bravely sharing so many fantastic ideas with your classmates during learning time. We are all so proud of you! Well done!

2BD Michelle for her kind and helpful behaviour in the class this week. Well done, Michelle!

3MW Emilio and Aidan have been stars this week for their perseverance with their handwriting and presentation in all of their learning.
Hazel is a star for her excellent RE learning this week, contributing to our lessons with thoughtful ideas. Well done, Hazel!

3MD Joel and Molly - for their excellent collaborative work in RE, and for producing a very neatly laid out information poster together.

4D Marcie and Viviana for finishing their volcanoes with amazing painted detail and colours.

4H Saverio for making the most of opportunities to read to himself and showing great focus.
Faron for being able to explain his reasoning to others in Maths.

5W - Dylan TL, Maria 5J – Evie Harry All the children showed the following qualities at our Year 5 residential: resilience, team spirit, bravery and kindness. The Special Norfolk Lakes Certificates were awarded to the following children who showed this in abundance!

Learning in Class

Year 1 we have written about London landmarks. We have finished our London silhouettes and created wonderful London skyline pictures based on Van Gogh's "Starry Night".In maths we have been subtracting one-digit numbers using a numberline. In R.E. we have been thinking about what Mary said to Elizabeth when she visited her with her good news. In Science, we have been thinking about our sense of sound and gone on a sound walk.

Year 2 We have had another busy week in Year 2. On Wednesday afternoon we had a Puzzle Party in the hall with Mrs Stevenson-Burley where we learned how to play some fun maths games. Thanks to all the mums, dads and grandparents who came in to play with us. We had a great time! We have also been like the scientist and artist Maria Sybilla Merian, and have been looking at a mystery minibeast we have not seen before. We did very careful close observational drawings of the minibeast using sketching and coloured pencils.

Year 3 - This week in DT, Y3 have begun the practical part of their textile project - Cushions! They spent time carefully creating a paper template of their applique, then pinned this onto the coloured felt pieces. The children then cut around their template and pinned their felt applique pieces onto the main cushion piece. Our next DT lesson will be the Year 3 Parent Workshop on Wednesday 2nd December at 1:45pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Year 4 This week we have managed to finish our volcanoes with paint and glaze and they are looking spectacular! In English, we have started reading Kensuke's Kingdom and looking forward to getting into the thick of the story! We are beginning to look at the story's language and grammar used for writing speech and dialogue within a narrative. In Maths, we are continuing to practise methods for subtraction, including column method, and have just begun to exchange.

Year 5 All the children have made a great start in learning their dance routine for the dance show in January. In RE, we have been learning about how David was chosen for a special job by God. In Science, we are learning about the different gestation periods of mammals. In English we have been writing a leaflet to persuade people to visit Norfolk Lakes Activity Centre. A special well done to all those children who have taken part in the Bikeability sessions which have run over the last few weeks.

BEING INVOLVED PAGE

Gresham's & Norfolk & Suffolk Music Hub Instrumental Play Day

We are delighted to be partnering with Gresham's School to deliver a large-scale instrumental play day, bringing together young musicians from schools across the region for a day of rehearsing, performing and making music together.

Suitable for musicians in **Years 5-11**, from beginners with **approximately three months of tuition through to Grade 6 standard**, the event will feature:

A new work inspired by Benjamin Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.

Film music from *Top Gun* and *Interstellar*.

A singing element involving all participants.

Full ensemble and sectional rehearsals led by experienced music educators and professional musicians.

Date: Friday 29 January 2027

Venue: Gresham's School, Holt

Performance: 2.30pm concert with parents invited to attend.

This promises to be an inspiring day that encourages progression, builds confidence and creates new musical connections across the county. Register here: https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/greshams-and-norfolk-suffolk-music-hub-instrumental-play-day/

Instruments

Strings: Violin, viola, cello, double bass

Woodwind: Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone

Brass: Trumpet, trombone, euphonium, baritone, tuba, tenor horn, French horn

Percussion: Gresham's Prep and Senior percussionists ONLY

If your child would like to attend this event and they are in Year 5 and 6 with at least 3 months of instrument learning, please email Claire Furness on deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch and I will book them in on your behalf.

Proposed Timings

9:15am: Registration opens
9:30am: Arrival, settling in and instrumental preparation
9:45am: Large-scale rehearsal
11:00am: Break
11:15am: Sectional rehearsals by instrumental family*
12:30pm: Lunch
1:00pm: Full ensemble rehearsal
2:15pm: Final preparation / move into performance space
2:30pm: Final presentation / concert, parents invited
3:00pm: Departure

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
- Remembrance Day
- Anti Bullying Week

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH - SHONA

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



Community Spotlight: Come and Sing... Christmas!

Young singers aged 6-11 are invited to join the festive **Come and Sing... Christmas!** sessions taking place at All Hallows Church Hall. Sessions run on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4.45pm and include a snack and drink. Places can be booked by emailing sing.allhallows@gmail.com. Find out more on the attached PDF.



Norwich Cathedral Chorister Auditions

Do you know a young singer with a passion for music?
Norwich Cathedral is seeking boys and girls currently in Years 2 and 3 to audition for its renowned choir. Choristers benefit from exceptional musical training, life-changing performance opportunities and generous scholarships to attend Norwich School. Find out more on the attached PDF.
Audition Date: Saturday 21 November
Contact: choir@cathedral.org.uk

St Francis of Assisi School Choir

Members of the Choir will have brought home a letter inviting them to join Mrs Furness Carol Singing outside Jarrolds from 11am to 11.45 on Saturday 12th December 2026. We will be raising money for The Priscilla Bacon Hospice.

COMPETITION PAGE

A Black History Month Challenge...Looking ahead to 2027!

In 2027, Black History Month in Britain will mark its 40th anniversary, four decades after the first Black History Month was held in Britain in 1987. To mark this occasion, children across the UK are being asked to create their own Black History Month flag. Children will be encouraged to imagine what a flag representing 40 years of Black History Month in Britain should look like.
We could think about things such as:

- What colours would you choose and why?
- What symbols could represent Black British History?
- How and why does your flag represent Black History Month?
- How does it celebrate the past and look forward to the future?

If you would like to design a flag, it needs to be on A4 paper and have your full name and age on the back. Flag entries need to be given to Mrs Palmer by Wednesday 11th of November to be sent off. I look forward to seeing them!

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.

BEING INVOLVED PAGE

