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

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 Teachers 3.30 pm HALL

Year 2

PE DAY – MONDAY

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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Monday 2nd November 2026 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 9th November PTFA Meeting 6.30 to 8 pm

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

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 –

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

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 - Elinor for working so hard to write four number stories accurately when looking at a part part whole model. **1L - Raphael** for always doing his best in everything he does.
1PL - William for working really hard on his handwriting and blending, meaning his reading and writing is improving so much!
1PL - Viktor for working so hard to write four number stories accurately when looking at a part part whole model.
2SBMasha (Marie) for your truly incredible, detailed artwork. You have also been a wonderful friend, mathematician and writer. Well done!
2BD Emilia for showing kindness to those around her and for being a good friend to others.
3MW Aylin is a star this week for her participation in our topic lesson and for sharing her ideas with her peers.
Olivia and Nikola have settled into their role of Junior Chaplain brilliantly. They are excellent role models for class prayer and worship.
3MD Maia - for her great 'Have A Go' attitude in Maths
Emile: for his excellent work attitude and for always being brave and 'Having A Go' Albie: for his hard work, deeper thinking and his careful self-checking in Maths and English
4D Alex, Alfie, Teddy and Sebbie for working beautifully together to design their part of our class coastline and completing their designs to a high standard
4H Freya and Alex for working so kindly and collaboratively on their giant coastline scenes and including so many human and physical features.
5J - Isabella and Bertram – for their hard work, resilience, and deep thinking in response to all their learning – and for being kind and supportive classmates to everyone.
5J Natalie – for her positive outlook and response to her learning. Natalie works hard, is open to feedback and she is kind and caring to others.
5J Finley – for his being such a positive, kind and an enthusiastic member of our class and for showing impressive presentation and cooking skills.
5W Nathan – For being such an enthusiastic and positive member of our class. He is such an active learner and his desire to learn is admirable.
5W Elizabeth – For being such a kind and caring member of our class. She is always thinking of what she can do for others and she is an excellent role model for all!**5W JJ –** For his excellent presentational and baking skills which he demonstrated at The Nest Tea Party this week – Well done!
5W Nancy – For her fantastic information poster on stoats which was very detailed and beautifully presented.
6SB - Florence is a star for working incredibly hard in lessons. She has edited and supported others with their editing in English, offering supportive suggestions.
6HD - Marnie is a star for always listening and participating in class. Her work is always beautifully presented, showing thoughtful reflections on her learning. Well done!
The Nest: Seb who did a great job encouraging and supporting others with the baking of our cakes! He spoke clearly and loudly in our presentation and listened carefully to others when it was their turn to speak.

Learning in Class

Year 1 has been using images and part part whole models to write number sentences. We have learnt that we can start a number sentence with the whole, which caused great intrigue! We also wrote letters to the King, telling him about us. One year he replied so we're crossing our fingers that this happens again. We have been learning about question marks too, which we included in our letter. This week marked the start of our new RE topic, Prophecy and Promise, and we learnt how Mary was called to do a special job and she said yes! Can you remember what it was?

Year 2 has been doing some fabulous writing about the story of Anansi and his sons. We have also drawn some spider webs using geometric shapes and repeating patterns with an Anansi in the middle! We have worked so hard this half term and are really settled into our new year group. Well done everyone!

Year 3 - has worked super hard in maths this week, using number lines and base ten to calculate addition and subtraction number sentences of 10 more and 10 less of any given number up to 200. We have introduced all children to Times Table Rockstars this week, and we will send logins home for this soon. The times tables we would like the children to focus on are x2 x5 and x10 to consolidate their year 2 learning before moving onto x3 and x4. In English the children have written the end of their action sequence, for Arthur and the Golden Rope. They have spent time carefully editing and improving their work, before publishing and creating a piece of writing they are incredibly proud of! Well done Year 3 for all of your hard work this half term.

Year 4 has been busy consolidating their learning across the curriculum. In Science, they created models to demonstrate their understanding of the digestive system, while in Geography, they worked collaboratively to design a giant coastline map, using keys to identify and label key features. In English, we have begun generating exciting ideas for our upcoming poetry writing inspired by volcanoes. Well done, Year 4, for your fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm so far towards your learning!

Year 5 In Maths, the children been using the part whole model to revise and explore connections between fractions, division and multiplication and the importance of factoring. In RE, we have been analysing Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus' response to the pharisees question, "What is the greatest commandment?" We have also have explored how the Cardinal Virtues can help us to follow the New Commandment. In Topic, we are researching animals that we might see during our residential and in English we have been describing a summer and autumn walk.

Year 6 . The children have finished their persuasive writing, to encourage the reader to help save their animal. They put lots of effort into this writing and it has been a pleasure to read. In RE we have been reflecting on Baptism and the significance it has on their relationship with good.

The Nest : In the Nest this week we have been looking back on all the work we have done this half-term and reflecting on our achievements against our targets. Our Wednesday afternoon group celebrated the end of their Afternoon Tea project with a special presentation. It was so lovely that so many family members joined us.

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 – 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 **SHUNA** 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

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 **Monday November 9th, 6.30-8.00pm** at the school.

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.



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!



PARENTS' EVENING

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

There was a glitch on Wisepay so please check your times but you will receive an email to confirm.

🎄 **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:

🎄 A little half-term activity: Jolly Jars! 🎄

Got an empty jam or honey jar at home? Give it a festive makeover! Any clean jar with a lid will do, so there's no need to buy one.
Have fun decorating, labelling and filling it with your children. Small toys, fidgets and unused party-bag goodies make lovely fillers! ✨

Please bring your jars in by Friday 13 November.
They'll be sold at the Christmas Fair to raise funds for the PTFA. Please only contribute if you'd like to.
Every donation is appreciated, but there's absolutely no obligation.
Thank you! 💜





