St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

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WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

Issue 9 6th November 2026

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
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
Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm
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

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 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
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
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

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
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

ALL

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

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

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

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 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

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

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

Year 6

PE DAY – TUESDAY

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

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

Celebration Names

1L George for having a positive mindset and trying his best in everything he does.

1PL Mabel for being an absolute superstar this week! She has been really involved in every job she does and is a ray of sunshine in our class!

2BD Christiano for writing a very thoughtful response to a painting about the Holy Spirit.

2SD

3MW Azura, Leo and Omiyah are the stars of 3MW this week for their enthusiasm and excellent participation in our Science workshop. Well done for being super Scientists!

4D: Maddie for working hard in English and using her senses to create a wonderful poem.

Rozalia for her success in Maths, tackling tricky column addition problems.

4H:**Alex** for writing at length independently in RE about the prophet Elijah.

Kit for applying himself fully in English to create an imaginative volcano poem.

6HD - Lenny is a star this week for engaging in all lessons and contributing valuable and well thought out ideas – this has been particularly evident in our new English topic where he has really tried to extend his vocabulary choices – well done!

6SB - Sophie is a star this week for excellent and creative presentation with her poster in Geography! Well done, Sophie.

Learning in Class

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have designed our own Royal Treehouse and described what it is like. We have tried to make our writing grow by adding details and using "and" to connect our ideas. In maths we have been using ten-frames to add two one-digit numbers and working out the missing number in addition problems. In Science we have been learning about the senses and we did an experiment to show us how important the sense of sight and our eyes are. In R.E. we listened to the story of The Annunciation and thought about how Mary must have felt to have been chosen by God.

Year 2 This week we have been thinking about how the Holy Spirit inspired the prophets. We also looked at some paintings about the Holy Spirit to write our own responses. In DT, we made moving monsters! We created several designs and then chose our favourite for the real thing.

Year 3 - took part in their second Science Microscopy Workshop this week with two Scientists from The John Innes Centre (their first workshop was in the summer term of Year 2). These workshops are part of a local schools Science project, encouraging use of microscopes in primary classrooms and engaging in opportunities with real Scientists! This week, the children explored seeds, using magnifying glasses and digital microscopes. They observed seeds that were soaked and seeds on different surfaces. The children learnt that seeds come in different shapes and sizes, and their adaptations help plants spread, survive and reproduce. Year 3 will take part in one more workshop with the John Innes Centre in the Spring Term.

Year 4 We were delighted to welcome so many lovely parents into our Year 4 classrooms this week for our first parent workshop of the year. The children really enjoyed sharing their knowledge and skills around times tables with their families so they can extend their practise at home. We have been mastering our understanding of exchanging in Maths using the column method for addition. We are beginning to apply this to solving tricky word problems and reasoning out solutions when there is more than one step involved!

Year 5 Huge congratulations to Year 5 on a fantastic residential. The children were a credit to the school and to you all.

Year 6 We have enjoyed welcoming the children back after half term. In Geography they were able to compare the human and physical features of the Amazon Rainforest and the UK. We look forward to seeing parents attending our Geography workshop on Monday afternoon at 2pm.

The Library

Start of the Autumn term 2 and new Librarians have been recruited!
Isabella, Jerusha, Rachel, James and Marla are joined by **Evie, Gigi, Dominic M, Elena M, Ella, Emily M, Nina, Isabella and Maria SS.**
Always very busy, the Library needs a strong team!

We have just celebrated the Bayeux Tapestry visit, and now Harvest with 'Picking a Good Read'!
Once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month the lunch time Games Café attracts chess and Snakes and Ladders enthusiasts!
Thank you Library Dragon



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 **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

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

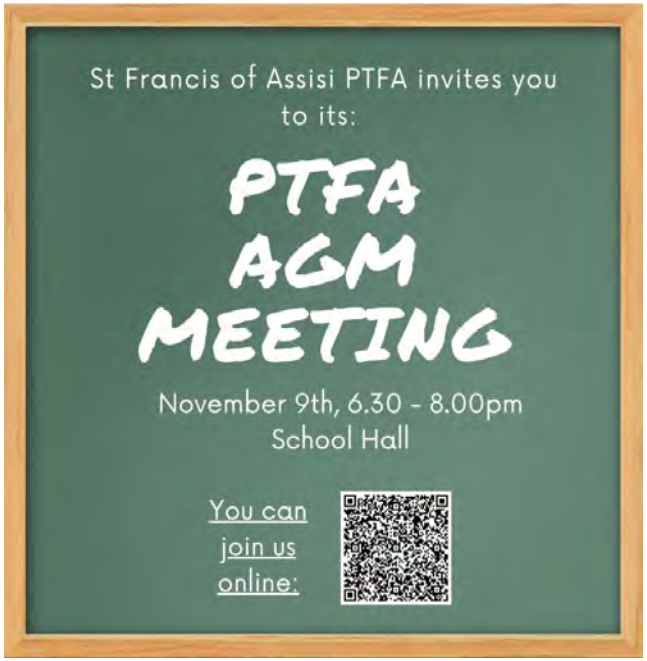
The PTFA is searching for parents interested in taking on the roles of Chair and Co-Chair. These positions are incredibly rewarding and make a real difference to our school community — and this year will be a transition year, giving new volunteers plenty of time to learn the role, shadow the current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







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.



POPPY APPEAL





Year 6 will be selling poppies and gifts at break time and lunchtime from tomorrow Wednesday 4th.If you wish, please send a £1 coin ONLY with your child to purchase an item as there will be no facility to give change for notes. Items will be available over the next few days or until they run out.

Year 6 will visit Reception and Year 1 children in their classrooms to sell items.

🎄 **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! 💜

