

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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ALL

Thursday 11th July – School Discos during day for Years EYFS to Year 4
6-8pm Year 5 and 6

Friday 15th November 2024
Choirs for Change Norwich
Citadel 6pm to 8.30 pm

Flu Vaccination Programme Mon
18 Nov and Mon 09 Dec

Friday 24th January
Choir at Young Voices 02

1st May 2025 Joseph and the
Technicolour Dreamcoat KS2
(WisePay £20)

9th July 2025 The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe Theatre Royal
(Years 4,5 and 6) (WisePay £22)

Reception

New Intake start:

Year 3

Wednesday 10th July Year 4 Parent Talk Hall 3.45 – 4.15 pm

Year 4

~~Friday 12th July 2.30pm Year Group Assembly~~ **POSTPONED**-due to teacher absence - many, many apologies

Year 1

Year 5

Monday 8th July Trip to Duxford
Tuesday 9th July Year 6 Parent Talk 3.45 to 4.15 pm HALL

Thursday 11th July School Disco 6-8pm

Friday 11th October Sprowston Junior Cross Country
Friday 15th November Falcon Junior Cross Country
Friday 6th December Eaton Park Cross Country

28th February 2025 Theatre Royal Horrible Histories – Terrible Tudors

Friday 7th March Old Catton Cross Country

Year 2

Year 6

Monday 8th July Crucial Crew at City College

Thursday 11th July School Disco 6-8pm
Friday 12th July Transition Day Notre Dame
Year 6 Production 6.30 pm Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July
Friday 11th October Sprowston Junior Cross Country
Friday 15th November Falcon Junior Cross Country
Monday 25th to Friday 29th November Residential trip to Ullswater
Friday 6th December Eaton Park Cross Country
Friday 7th March Old Catton Cross Country



1L Evelyn for remembering so many amazing facts about reptiles.

1PL Alfie for sharing his knowledge so generously with us all about animals. You are the next David Attenborough.

2B: Nora - Fantastic effort in writing a description of a journey through a storm. You kept going even when it was tough

2H Florence and Alice for acting on feedback and writing such wonderfully descriptive stories about a storm at sea.

3M Amaya - for being part of the Y3 Girls' team at the City Sports Finals.

Maya - for lovely solo singing in Music last week.

Joseph, Thea, Pablo, Maya, Andrea and Isabelle for having the confidence to perform in front of the school as part of a Rocksteady group.

April for all her hard work preparing for the concert.

3MD Luca, Gabe, Marnie and Elijah. Esther, Judah, Emmy, Lenny and Robin. - Well done for your perseverance with Rock Steady. And an enormous round of applause for getting up on the stage and showcasing your newly found talents to the entire school!

4D: Joseph is a star this week for his outstanding work in English. He has inspired us all with his use of poetic devices and descriptive language!

4HD: Kayla is a star this week for being a good role model to other students, making good choices and always trying her best at whatever she does.

5W Kayla - for her brilliant efforts at City Sports and being such a great competitor.

Jacob PM - for being a positive and cheerful member of the class and his focus when working.

Georgie-May - for always being so responsible and mature and being a superb role model for the younger years.

5J Olivia - for her focus and great progress in Maths and for being a kind and supportive friend to all.

Grace for her excellent focus and for producing beautiful, engaging writing linked to her topic work.

Anastasia for her hard work and focus in class - and for producing a lovely diorama.

6M - Yuwa for excellent sewing skills and teamwork in DT!

6SW - Cassandra for excellent presentation with her written work and

LEARNING THIS WEEK

Year 1 This week in our "Amazing Animals" topic, Year 1 have been learning how to identify reptiles. We can remember so many facts about them. We had a visit from a real reptile on Thursday afternoon. It was George the Tortoise! We were all so excited to find out about him and stroke his hard, dry, shell and scaly legs! He is nearly 100 years old! In maths we have been practising telling the time to the nearest half hour and we have been identifying different coins and how much they are worth. In art we have created some beautiful Kenyan landscapes inspired by Martin Bulinya.

Year 3 We have been practising our 4 and 8 times tables recently. Do you know these tables well enough to answer any question about them using multiplication and division - or any related question ideally within 5 seconds? If you are all confident in your family, perhaps you could have a speed quiz to see who is the quickest! It would be really helpful if you could point out any occasions during the next week when you are using your tables to your child/children - to help show when they are useful in 'real-life'. Thank you.

Year 4 This week we have continued to work on our poems, describing a city that we call home. In Topic we have learnt about life on board the HMB Endeavour and created an 18th Century cookbook for the crew. In RE we are starting to explore Hinduism and have considered the similarities and differences between our faiths.

Year 5 This week in Year 5, we learnt about the creation of the police force in Victorian times and were very lucky to have Mr Nash visit our class to tell us about policing past and present. In Science, we explored which materials are soluble and insoluble and in Maths, we have been learning from the Ancient Greek mathematician, Euclid about some important ideas in geometry!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been working hard on their singing and dancing for the production. The children also began sewing their motif memory badges in DT; we were delighted with their teamwork skills and positive attitudes when faced with new challenges!

St John's Cathedral Choir

St John's Cathedral Choir is currently recruiting new members. The choir is made up of boys and girls from Year 3 upwards, some of whom come from St Francis of Assisi. We rehearse on Wednesday afternoons after school and sing most Sunday mornings during term time, as well as occasional concerts, tours, and extra events in the run up to Easter and Christmas.

Being a chorister provides a great training in singing, musicianship, music theory and sight reading, as well as the confidence that comes with being part of a team and performing regularly to a high standard.

Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to join us for 11am Mass in St John's Cathedral on the last Sunday of term – 14 July 2024 – and/or to rehearse with us the previous Wednesday, 10 July. Music will be provided, so you don't need to bring anything. Just let us know you're coming by filling the short contact form below, and we will be in touch with further information. Alternatively, please contact the Director of Music, David Grealy, if you have any questions – david.grealy@rcdea.org.uk.

Contact Details form:

<https://forms.gle/K4KZBsYZuKT4wBho8>

Optional Theatre Trips for next academic year

If you would like your current Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 child to go and see **Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat** on 1st May 2025 during school time, please pay £20 on Wisepay before the end of term. If you would prefer they do not go, that is fine as I am certain there will be a number of children who would prefer not to attend.

Similarly, children currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 may wish to attend the production of **The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** on 9th July 2025 again during the school day. This text is read in Year 4 so will be familiar to all the children. Tickets payable on Wisepay of £22 before the end of term.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Online registration form for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now available on the Cathedral website. We would like to encourage families to register before the summer holidays as it gives us the opportunity to order the books and materials for the programme.

The link to the notice about the online registration form is here

- <https://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk/registration-for-the-first-holy-communion-and-confirmation-programmes-2024-25-is-now-open/>

PARENT TALKS

You will already know that there are talks next week where you can find out more information about the next year group that your child is attending.

All children (current school age and younger) are welcome to join Mrs Furness in The Nest while the talks are being held in the Hall.

ART CLUB

This club led by Juli Mobbs will continue in September for children who will then be in Years 2, 3 4, 5 and 6.

Tuesday night 3.30 to 4.30 is for children in years 2,3 and 4 and Thursday night is for children in 5, 6 and 4 if Thursday night is preferable.

If you wish to sign up your child for this club, liaise directly with Juli via email: Juli Mobbs julimobbs@icloud.com



HOBBY FESTIVAL

Sunday 28th July from 10-5
@St John the Baptist Cathedral
NR2 2PA Earlam road/Unthank road

Itinerary

10 am - African choir - open the festival

10:30 am - Cupcake decorating contest (open to all)

11:30 am - Paella cooking demo

Other activities available on the day:

- Candle making
- Model making
- Floral arranging demo

There are multiple exhibits set up in the Mac's Bar and various stalls in the Narthex Hall.

Refreshments will be available for purchase on the day.

CITY SPORTS

Every year, our best athletes walk to the UEA Sportspark to compete against the best in **all the Norwich Primary Schools**. On Monday, the field events were held and on Tuesday the heats were held. Some of our athletes won places to return to the semi-finals and finals on Thursday afternoon. The St Francis Girls' Team came 2nd overall and the whole of St Francis came 3rd overall. Amazing.

We are so proud of each and every one of them but a special shout out to **Isla in Year 6** who won first in the Year 6 Girls' Relay, 80m and 200m. (Three gold medals). She was joined in the Year 6 Relay team by **Clodagh, Olivia P and Tabatha O**.

Isaac in Year 6 who beat the 800 m record and won the race with great ease. He also won a gold with his Year 6 Relay Team (**Rui, Olivier B and Igor**) and a 2nd in the 200 m.

The year 4 Girls' Relay team (**Maya S, Matylda C, Iris C and Ray**) also came 1st. All other stand-out final results are:

Y6 Hurdles – Clodagh – 2nd

Y6 Hurdles – Rui – 7th

Y6 80m – Isla U – 1st

Y6 80m – Igor – 4th

Y5 80m – Kayla – 3rd

Y5 80m – Chike – 4th

Y4 80m – Iris – 5th

Y3 50m – Eibhlin – 1st

Y3 50m – Chikuru – 4th

Y6 200m – Isla – 1st

Y6 200m – Isaac – 2nd

Y6 800m – Isaac – 1st

Y3 Girls relay team – Ava, Amaya, Chito and Eibhlin – 4th

