

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

Monday 30th September Bishop Peter Visit
St Francis of Assisi Day Friday 4th October

Monday 7th October Individual Photographs – Year 6 to have their class photos 8.50 am before visit to Notre Dame

Week beginning 14th October Parents Evenings

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

Friday 25th October Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)
Wednesday 13th November Open Morning 9.15 to 11 am for New Intake Reception September 25
Flu Vaccination Programme Mon 18 Nov and Mon 09 Dec

Thursday 12th December Reconciliation
Wednesday 18th December 9.30 am Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 7th January RETURN TO SCHOOL AND Epiphany Mass

Friday 24th January

Choir at Young Voices 02

Thursday 6th February KS2 Mass at SJB Cathedral 10 am

March Choir perform at Norfolk County Music Festival – The King Centre.

Thursday 6th March World Book Day

14th March Class Photographs

Wednesday 26th March 9.30 am Rocksteady Concert

1st May 2025 Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat KS2

Monday 9th June Pentecost Mass 2pm Monday 23rd June 2025 : Field Events UEA 3 to 6 pm Tue 24th Jun 2025: track heats (1:00pm-5:30pm) - please do not arrive before 1:00pm. Wed 25th Jun 2025: track finals (1:30pm-5:30pm) - please do not arrive before 1:30pm.

Thursday 26th June Sports Day

Wednesday 9th July 9.30 am Rocksteady Concert

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

Tuesday 15th July and Wednesday 16th July 6.30 pm Year 6 Production

Reception

Friday 25th October 9.15 Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)

Year 3

Tuesday 10th September Trip to the Castle

Thursday 12th September 3MD Swimming at Colman School for 6 weeks

Year 4

Tuesday 22nd October 9 to 9.45 Parents invited to join Times Table Café

Friday 8th November 2024 Level 1 Pedal Power – letters to go out 9th September

November Visit to the Polar Museum in Cambridge (dates to follow)

February Moroccan Day

March Walsingham Pilgrimage

Friday 9th May Year Group Assembly

Thursday 22nd May 2.15 to 3pm Reading Café for Parents

June visit to Mosque

June Visit to The Forum

Year 1

Thursday 17th October 2pm Parents London Workshop

Tuesday 22nd October Year 1 Liturgy tbc

Tuesday 25th February Gressenhall Trip (provisional date)

Tuesday 25th March 2pm Parents' Sewing Workshop

Thursday 22nd May Year Group Assembly

Year 5

Whitwell Residential

5W Monday 30th September Wednesday 2nd October

5J Wednesday 2nd October to Friday 4th October

Friday 11th October Sprowston Junior Cross Country

Friday 15th November Falcon Junior Cross Country

13th and 14th November Pedal Power Level 2

25th and 26th November Pedal Power Level 2

Friday 6th December Eaton Park Cross Country

January Taverham Cross Country

Friday 7th February Horsford Cross Country

28th February 2025 Theatre Royal Horrible Histories – Terrible Tudors

Year 2

Year 6

Thursday 19th September Open Viewing 5pm to 8pm with talks in Sports Hall at 5.30 pm and repeated 6.30 pm.

Monday 7th October – St Francis pupils are invited to visit with parents for 9.30 am tours or 10 am tours – photos at 8.45 am

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Friday 25th October Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)

Thursday 31st October – deadline for high school applications to Local Authority and SIF to Notre Dame High School

Friday 15th November Falcon Junior Cross Country

Monday 25th to Friday 29th November Residential trip to Ullswater

Friday 6th December Eaton Park Cross Country

January – Taverham Cross Country

Friday 7th February Horsford Cross Country

Friday 7th March Old Catton Cross Country

Friday 11th July 9.30 am Leavers' Mass

Language of the Month – ROMANIAN

If you, or someone you know, would like to come and talk to your child's/children's class about Romania and its language or if you feel brave enough to speak to the whole school in Assembly, please get in touch with Mrs Claire Furness deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

Attendance

Parents will have received the letter school is legally obliged to send regarding fixed penalty notices. A copy of this is also on our website together with the revised absence request form. If you wish for any support with attendance, please contact Mrs Furness. This website is also informative.
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>

WINTER COATS

Please see the attached link that offers winter coats for children if money is tight.
<https://www.coats4kids.org.uk/>. On this note, can all parents label their child's coats as we throw many away (or send to Charity Shops) each year which seems so very wasteful.

Year 6 Transition to Notre Dame in September 2025

Please go to this link on the Notre Dame website.
<https://www.ndhs.org.uk/admissions>

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31st October – deadline for high school applications to Local Authority and SIF to Notre Dame High School

Bishop Peter will be visiting school and celebrating Mass on Monday 30th September. We are not yet sure of the start time but it is likely to be around 9:30. Parents are welcome to attend...coffee and biscuits with the Bishop afterwards!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There is lots of unclaimed and un-named uniform as well as shoes, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles. Please come and take any item you think would be useful. It will be outside of school again today.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS, ideally with sew on or stick on labels so they do not fade.

2024 2025 dates in 'Parents in School' on our website will be updated next week. We are awaiting confirmation of some events.

| Clubs at St Francis - Autumn 2024 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Club | Who can attend? | Day | Start Time | Finish Time | Cost | |
| Breakfast | Miss Emily Palmer | Anyone who has paid | Every day | 7.40am | 8.50pm | £5 all £3 half hour |
| After School Library | Mrs Julia McClarnon | Anyone who has paid | Every day | 3.30pm | 6.00pm | £3 until 4pm, £5 until 4.30 |
| | Mr Brackenbury | All years | Monday | 12.30pm | 1.15pm | Free |
| Sewing Club | Mrs Gurner and Mrs Adamski | Year 4 and 5 (8 children) | Monday | 12.30pm | 1.15 pm | Free |
| Gardening Club | Mrs Raworth | Years 4,5,6 (8) | Monday | 3.30 pm | 4.30 pm | £30 (10) |
| Premier Sports Football | Premier Sports | Year 2 to Year 6 | Monday | 3.25pm | 4.25pm | (pay via Premier) |
| Rosary Club | Mrs Plane | Years 3,4,5 and | Tuesday | 12.30pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Library Open - | Mrs Kelsey | All children | Tuesday | 12.30 pm | 1.15 pm | Free |
| Creative Writing x 10 | Mr Nicholson | Years 4,5,and 6 | Tuesday | 3.30 pm | 4.30 pm | £30 |
| Premier Sports Dodgeball | Premier Sports | Years 2 to 6 | Tuesday | 3.25 pm | 4.25 pm | (pay via Premier) |
| Art Club | Mrs Juli Mobbs | Years 1, 2 and 3 | Tuesday | 3.30 pm | 4.30 pm | (pay via Julie) |
| Cricket | Mr Curtis | Years 5 and 6 | Tuesday | 12.30 pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Cricket | Mr Bingham | Years 3 and 4 H | Tuesday | 12.30pm | 1.00pm | Free |
| Premier Sports Gymnastics | Premier Sports | Year 2 to Year 6 | Wednesday (1. | 3.30 pm | 4.25 pm | (pay via Premier) |
| Football | Mr Curtis and Mr Bingham | Years 3 and 4 | Wednesday | 12.30 pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Primary Class Design Engineering | Mrs Holden (Notre Dame) | Year 5 and 6 (max 15) | Wednesday | 3.30 pm | 4.30 pm | 15 inform off |
| School Council | Mrs Hinings | Class Representative | Every other Wednesday | 12.35 pm | 1.15 pm | Free |
| Junior Chaplaincy | Mrs Hope | 2 children from each class | Every other Wednesday | 12.30 pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Parent Support | Mrs Rowena Cove | By appointment | Wednesday | 9:00 AM | 4.00 pm | Free |
| High Five Netball | Mr Bingham and Mr Curtis | Year 5 and 6 HALL | Thursday | 12.30 pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Cafod Club | Mrs Savage | Year 5 and 6 | Thursday | 12.30pm | 1.00 pm | Free |
| Tennis Club | National Tennis Assoc | Years 1-3 | Thursday | 3.25 pm | 4.10 pm | (pay via Tennis) |
| Art Club | Miss Juli Mobbs | Years 4,5 and 6 | Thursday | 3.30pm | 4.30 pm | (pay via Julie) |
| Mad Science Club | Mad Science | Years 1 to 6 | Thursday (x 7) | 3.30 pm | 4.30 pm | (pay via Mad) |
| Library Open After School for parents | Mrs Claire Furness | All children and parents | Thursday | 3.30pm | 4.00 pm | Free |
| Choir | Mrs Furness | Years 3,4,5 and | Thursday | 8.15 am | 8.50 am | Free |
| Premier Sports Multi-Sports | Premier Sports | Yers 2-6 | Friday | 3.25pm | 4.25pm | (payment via Premier) |
| Running Club - Eaton Park | Mr Bingham and Mr Curtis | Years 5 and 6 | Friday | 12.30 pm | 1.10 pm | Free |

WELCOME to all the new EYFS children and their parents. Thank you to the PTFA (especially Maria and Barbara) for providing drinks and biscuits this week so the parents can chat together in the first hours of their children's primary education. We also would like to welcome the other few parents who are new to our school. We are so happy you have joined our St Francis family and look forward to seeing lots of you over your time with us.

OFSTED

The Draft Ofsted Report has been written and will be published within the next couple of weeks. We will let you know as soon as we receive it to publish.

Dear Parents,

This year we are introducing an exciting new after-school club for Years 5 and 6 pupils. It will now be held on WEDNESDAY starting the 16th September- not Mondays.

It will be led by Ms Holden, who is the Design and Technology teacher and Careers and Pathways Coordinator at Notre Dame High School.

Please find below additional information about the costings:

We would like to inform you about the financial implications for the upcoming regional F1 in Schools competition. The cost per student for team entry and transport to the regional event will be £15. (Thu 30th Jan 2025-Sprowston Community Academy)

Should the teams progress to the national competition, an additional payment will be needed to cover transport, accommodation, and entrance fees. Based on last year's prices, this would be approximately £300 per student. However, please note that the location of the nationals has not yet been confirmed. Last Year's event was held in Rotherham at the Magna Science Centre. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks for the interest that has already been shown in this new and exciting club.