

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



*Learning and growing together in God's love*

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## WEEKLY WHAT'S ON

**Issue 3 20th September 2024**

### Reception

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)  
Mystery Reader Week 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Trip to Heigham Park 12<sup>th</sup> June

### Year 1

Change of date **Thurs 28th November 2pm Parents London Workshop**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Year 1 Liturgy tbc  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Gressenhall Trip (provisional date)  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Parents' Sewing Workshop  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Year Group Assembly 2.30 pm

### Year 2

Weds 2nd October – Mini Monster Man visit to St F  
Weds 27th November - Parents in for clay minibeast workshop 2pm  
Thursday 9th January - Parents in for new history topic launch (making timelines) 2pm  
Thursday 6th March - Time and Tide Museum trip  
Thursday 19th June - Parents in - Year 2 assembly 2.30 pm

### Year 3

**Thursday 26th September 3MD Swimming at Colman School for 6 weeks #3**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Parents in class for Viking learning 1.45 pm to 3pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Trip to the Circus at the Hippodrome

March/April Parents invited into watch Class Circus Show

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Parents in Class for Reading lesson 2pm to 3pm

### Year 4

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9 to 9.45 Parents invited to join Times Table Café

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Polar Museum in Cambridge

Thursday 13th February. Moroccan Day

Thursday 27th March Walsingham Pilgrimage

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May Year Group Assembly

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.15 to 3pm Reading Café for Parents

June visit to Mosque

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Trip to The Forum

### Year 5

Whitwell Residential  
5W Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
5J Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October Sprowston Junior Cross Country

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Falcon Junior Cross Country

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November Pedal Power Level 2

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November Pedal Power Level 2

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Eaton Park Cross Country

January Taverham Cross Country

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Horsford Cross Country

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Theatre Royal Horrible Histories – Terrible Tudors

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March Old Catton Cross Country

### Year 6

**Friday 20th September 3.40pm for our Ullswater Parent meeting.**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis pupils are invited to visit with parents for 9.30 am tours or 10 am tours – photos at 8.45 am  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October Sprowston Junior Cross Country

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)

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

Thursday 14th November 2.15pm - 3pm Year 6 Parent Workshop

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Falcon Junior Cross Country

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Residential trip to Ullswater

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Eaton Park Cross Country

January – Taverham Cross Country

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Horsford Cross Country  
Monday 3rd February 2.15pm - 3pm Year 6 Parent Workshop

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March Old Catton Cross Country

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6 - 7.30 pm New Y7 Parents Evening

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 8.45 am - 3.00 pm Y7 Transition Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 am Leavers' Mass

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Year 6 Production

## ALL

Monday, 23rd September at 2:00pm PTFA Meeting #1(Food Technology Room) or

Tuesday, 24th September at 7:00pm PTFA Meeting #2 (Hall)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September Bishop Peter Visit

St Francis of Assisi Day - Mass 9.30 pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

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

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evenings

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Choirs for Change Norwich

Citadel 6pm to 8.30 pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Y6 and Reception NCMP (Height and Weight Measurements)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December Reconciliation

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December Choir Carol Singing outside Jarrolds 12 to 1pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January RETURN TO SCHOOL AND Epiphany Mass

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Choir at Young Voices 02

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February KS2 Mass at SJB Cathedral 10 am

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

14<sup>th</sup> March Class Photographs

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 am Rocksteady Concert

1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat KS2

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Mass 2pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 : Field Events UEA 3 to 6 pm

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025: track heats (1:00pm-5:30pm) - please do not arrive before 1:00pm

.Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025: track finals (1:30pm-5:30pm) - please do not arrive before 1:30pm.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

## CELEBRATION NAMES



**1L Christopher** for making an amazing map of school showing the different land use.

**1PL Leo** for creating a fantastic map of school and really taking his time.

**2B: Tate** - For improved levels of resilience in his learning, leading to higher quality learning. Keep it up Tate!

**2H Bernie** for settling into Year 2 so well and writing a fabulous kenning poem independently.

**Rudy** for taking his interest in our topic outside of school and sharing amazing facts with us.

**3BD Matylda** for her careful presentation in her Maths work this week.

**3MD - Jerusha and Nathan** - for being super-involved in lessons, for offering lots of brilliant ideas and for sharing their thoughts. I always enjoy hearing what they have to say!

**4HD Ada** is a star for her wonderful description of Mike from Monsters Inc. She used fantastic expanded noun phrases which brought the character to life. Well done Ada!

**Maria** is a star for creating her own pneumonic about the order of the planets in the solar system. Great independent work Maria!

**4D: Chikuru** is a star for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to his learning, he has tackled all tasks with positivity and is a wonderful role model to us all.

**Florence** is a star for consistently taking care over her presentation ensuring her Year 4 books have gotten off to a beautiful start.

**5W Sophie C** for working hard, being patient and showing kindness.

**Deimantus** for working hard and trying new things with a good attitude.

**5J Zara** for her involvement and enthusiasm for her learning which is shown through her deep thinking and thoughtful questions.

**Guy** for showing excellent focus especially with his writing and art.

**6SW - Jack** for working extremely hard on his sentences and punctuation in English and RE this week - well done!

**6B - Bea** for working hard in all lessons and always being the first one ready!

## PTFA Meeting

Our first PTFA meeting is coming up, and we'd love for you to join us. To make it convenient for everyone, we're offering two meeting times:

- Monday, 23rd September at 2:00pm (before school pick-up)
- Tuesday, 24th September at 7:00pm

Both meetings will be held at the School (please come to the main office), and we'll discuss roles within the PTFA, upcoming events, and the results of our parent survey.

If you can't attend, don't worry—we'll share the minutes afterward to keep everyone informed.

## PARKING AND DRIVING at SFA

A resident's complaint

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Meadow Rise for ten years, I am deeply concerned about the safety of your students and members of the public (me) due to the dangerous driving, parking, and disregard for road rules exhibited by their parents. I have observed and contemplated addressing this concern annually, but I don't want to be one of those people.

But I am going to have to. Every morning, at about 8:30 a.m., I cycle to work. I cycle all over the city, and the most dangerous place to cycle is near your school and my home. I am amazed there hasn't been a severe accident yet. I have a near-accident on Jessop Rd at least every two weeks where I must pull off the road or skid to a halt. The most common dangers are parking on junctions, driving on the wrong side of the road, parking on double yellow lines and speeding.

I understand you don't have sway over how the public drives, but there must be a way to educate them on how to act outside a school. They don't drive like this everywhere.

I would really appreciate it if you could help educate the parents before the police get involved in a road accident.

## Learning this week

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been thinking about things that we like to do that make us unique. We have been recognising numbers to ten written as numerals and words. In our topic we have been creating models of Norwich landmarks and maps of our school with a key to help us identify land use.

**Year 2** In Year 2, we continued our work in becoming Spider experts! We made detailed drawings of spiders and transformed these into watercolour paintings. They look terrific. We also received a letter from a poet who wrote a Minibeast Kenning. We have worked hard to write a new, improved verse about Spiders and look forward to sending these to her.

**Year 3** In Year 3 this week, we have been learning about numbers to 1000. We have been using the Maths resources to represent how many hundreds, tens and ones are in a number in a number of different ways. In Writing, we have been learning about the Viking wolf Fenrir. We wrote sentences to describe the different parts of Fenrir's body using adjectives and nouns.

**Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been learning more interesting facts about Antarctica, looking at place value in maths, preparing for a drama session in our RE lesson, practising our sketching skills in Art and getting ourselves ready to perform a song in our singing assembly on Friday.

**Year 5** In Year 5, we have been learning the ways that similes and metaphors can develop our descriptive writing. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of place value and our base 10 system. We are continuing to explore the story of Moses in the light of God's covenant with the Israelites. We are excited to welcome Miss Wakefield back on Monday and offer a big thank you to Miss Self for holding the fort. More information about Whitwell to follow tomorrow.

**Year 6** This week Year 6 have worked really hard in Science. They have been focusing on how to classify living things and they have written some super facts about Carl Linnaeus.

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**Class times**

**Locations**

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1 Unthank Rd  
NR2 2RA  
limited parking available

Wednesdays  
Silver Road Community Centre  
36 Silver Rd  
NR3 4TB

**Class times**

Tuesdays @ Unthank Rd  
4 - 7<sup>YRS</sup> 3:45<sup>pm</sup> - 4:30<sup>pm</sup>  
8+<sup>YRS</sup> 4:30<sup>pm</sup> - 5:30<sup>pm</sup>

Wednesdays @ Silver Rd\*  
\*Classes starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2024  
4 - 7<sup>YRS</sup> 4:00<sup>pm</sup> - 4:45<sup>pm</sup>  
8+<sup>YRS</sup> 4:45<sup>pm</sup> - 5:45<sup>pm</sup>

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and Music!

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Jo ↓

Questions / Bookings  
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These lessons are part of CapoComs

Tom Kenny from the **National Tennis Club** joined us in Assembly last week publicising his club for children in Years 1 to 3 which is held at our school on Thursdays at 3.30 pm. He still has 7 spaces available.

Please book on this website:

<https://nationaltennis.org.uk/schools/>

### Do you have any spare and unwanted adult t-shirts?

If you do, the Year 1 children would love to have them to use as Art Shirts. Please donate to the office.

Many thanks.

### Sailing Club

We are excited to offer a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 4-6 to participate in a Whitlingham Adventure Taster Session!

(Activities such as sailing and canoeing)

Date: Friday 27th September

Time: 16:00-18:00

Cost: £19 (Discount available for those helping with the shuttle – see below!)

This session is a great way for your child to try out water sports and learn new skills in a fun environment! If you're interested, please visit the following link to book and for more information: [Booking Link](#)

Additional Information:

- Shared Shuttle: To help with transportation, we are organizing a Parents' Shared Shuttle. Join our WhatsApp group to coordinate rides by clicking here: [Join WhatsApp Group](#)
- After-School Credit: Any cancelled St Francis after-school club credits will be honoured by the school and carried forward to a later date.
- Discount: For anyone assisting with the shuttle service or organizing, there is a special discount code that reduces the price to £12 per child!
- If you have any questions, please contact the PTFA at [ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ptfa.stfrancis@yahoo.co.uk)
- We aim to offer this as a club in the Summer Term

We look forward to seeing your child there!

## Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies at St Francis.

Firstly, we are really sad to be saying goodbye to our amazing **Finance Officer** Marzena Buttle as she begins a new and exciting career in the Police. We are looking for a qualified and experienced replacement for a November start. Details are on our school website.

Secondly, we need to appoint an **After School Play-worker** from 3pm to 4:30pm every day. This position may suit a college or Uni student. Approx. £90 per week. Please see Emily in the Office for more details.

## Volunteers Needed!

Do you know someone who could spare 1 hour on a Monday 3:30 – 4:30 to help Mrs Raworth run Gardening Club? Maybe someone retired or not working at the moment? All enquiries please to the Office.

## The Bishop's Mass

Bishop Peter is visiting St Francis on Monday 30th September. Mass will take place in the school Hall at 9:30am and you **are warmly invited to attend**. However, you will need to book your seats as space is limited. If you would like to attend, please see Mrs Hope at the gate next week or call the school Office to leave your details. Reception children will not be present at the Mass (the Bishop will visit them separately afterwards) but if you feel strongly that your Reception child should attend, they will need to sit with you. Again, please let us know. The Bishop would like to meet as many of you as possible for tea/coffee after Mass in the school Dining Room if you are able to stay

