



St. Felix RC Primary School

June 2024 Newsletter



Never forget to take care of yourselves, not so much of the outside, but of the most precious part of you: your soul and heart. Listen to your soul in silence and speak to God, following the rhythm of your heart. *June 24 Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a lovely time of year but a very busy one. The warm weather makes everyone feel happier and we all have the holidays to look forward to in less than four weeks.

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Bowyer leaves Y6 and Mrs Wolmarans says goodbye after many years in EYFS. They have both made a strong contribution to St Felix and will be missed. However, they are moving on to better things and we wish them well.

We were delighted by our Catholic School RE Inspection in May which judged the school good with some outstanding features. This was our first full inspection since 2016. This was followed last week by our Ofsted Inspection but we will have to wait a little longer for that report.

Please remember to send your children with sun hats and sun cream and pray that we keep the dry weather a few weeks longer for our Sports Day, HSA Summer Fayre and Thanksgiving Mass.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

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Partnership with Bury Theatre Royal

This year we have been a partnership school with the theatre because we wanted all the children to experience the excitement and opportunities that live drama can bring. The HSA have helped to make this possible.

Y5 & Y6 took part in Tiny Plays, Big Ideas back in February and learnt how their ideas can become a performed piece. They worked with the Bury team again at the start of June to explore spoken language through drama workshops which have helped them unravel the complexities of Oliver Twist and prepared them for their end of year performance, Olivia, at Haverhill Arts Centre on 12th July.

Over the last two weeks we have been visited by two other theatre groups through the Theatre Royal Doorstep Festival. Last week KS2 encountered The Not So Big Bad Wolf and Y3 and Y4 had follow up drama workshops about seeing things from a different point of view. This week EYFS and KS1 enjoyed A Strange New Space and Y2 had a workshop about being creative and using physical theatre.

The children have been really positive about their experience:

"I liked it when she splashed the water and went to a different planet!"

"It was so much fun to sit down and laugh and she went in rocket to the moon."

"I liked the funny parts – I couldn't handle my laughter!"

"We had done the Not Bad Wolf in Y3 and it was great to link it back to something we had done before."

"I loved it because it was a break from the normal way of learning."

"It was fun and gave us confidence act in our own play."

Ofsted Update

Thank you for all your support last week with our Ofsted Inspection. This was a graded inspection which can change the grade the school currently has.

Whilst we were pleased with the result, it is not confirmed until the report is published which make take until September.

Sports Day

We will be celebrating Sports Day on 4th July 2024 – weather allowing.

The children should attend school in their PE kits with suitable sports shoes.

9:15 Meet on playground

9:30 Sports Activities start: EYFS – Y6

The field will be zoned for the different age groups and children will move between activities in their zone. There will be 3-4 activities.

11:00 Running races for Y3-Y6

12:00 Picnic lunch – whole school and parents

1pm back inside for normal afternoon

Parents are welcome to join us for all of these events - please bring your own picnic. You can remain after drop off and the field gate will be open until 9:15am. Later arrivals and exits will need to be via the office. The gate will remain closed until 1pm. Parents should not access the field via the bank as this is unsafe.

Free School Meals

As children move from Year 2 to Year 3 Universal Free School Meals cease. However, your child may still be entitled to free school meals and the additional funding this brings to the school. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals if your child is about to start Key Stage 2 in September and you believe that they are eligible.



St Felix Dates for 2023-24

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| Back to School | Wednesday 6th September |
| Meet the Teacher Open Morning | Friday 8 th September 9am Y1-Y6 only |
| New Term Mass at School | Friday 8 th September 2pm |
| Y5 Swimming Starts | Monday 11 th September 10am |
| Y5/6 Class Mass | Thursday 14 th September 2:15pm |
| Kingswood Info / KS2 Information Evening | Monday 18 th September from 4:30pm |
| Y4 Class Mass | Thursday 21 st September 2:15pm |
| Flu Vaccinations | Monday 25 th September 12:30 -3pm |
| Kingswood – Y5 Residential | 27 th - 29 th September |
| Y6 Class Mass | Thursday 28 th September 2:15pm |
| Diocesan Schools Mass | Friday 29 th September |
| Harvest Service in School/CAFOD /Food Bank/ Wear something bright | Friday 6 th October |
| HSA AGM | Monday 9 th October 8pm via Zoom |
| Individual Photos | Thursday 12 th October |
| HSA Non-uniform day | Friday 13 th October |
| Governor Monitoring Morning | Thursday 19 th October |
| Y3 Class Mass | Thursday 19 th October 2:15pm |
| Autumn Parent Consultations | Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th October |
| <i>Half Term</i> | <i>Friday 20th - Friday 27th October</i> |
| All Saints Mass | Tuesday 31 st October 2pm |
| EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies | Thursday 9 th November 1:15 |
| Remembrance Service in school | Friday 10 th November |
| Coffee, Cake and Calculate | Monday 13 th November 9am |
| EYFS Open Morning– New Parents | Wednesday 15 th November 9:30-10:30 |
| HSA Bags2School | Friday 17 th November |
| HSA Advent Raffle | Thursday 30 th November |
| Advent Wreath Service in School | Friday 1 st December 2:30pm |
| Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2 | Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th December |
| Christmas Experience at St Mary's Y1 | Tuesday 5 th December 10:40am |
| Flu Vaccinations | Wednesday 6 th December 8:30 -12pm |
| Reconciliation Service | Thursday 7 th December 2pm |
| Christmas Jumper/Turnaround/ Christmas Lunch | Friday 8 th December |
| HSA Christmas Disco | Thursday 14 th December |
| Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led | Wednesday 20 th December 1:30pm |
| End of Term | Wednesday 20 th December |

Back to School

New Year Mass in Church
KS2 Mass
KS1 Liturgy
EYFS Liturgy
NSPCC Number Day
Children's Mental Health Week
HSA Non-Uniform Love Yourself
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes
Stations of the Cross
Half Term
Spring Parent Consultations
World Book Day
St Felix Day Mass at Church
HSA Pop-up Mother's Day Stall
Reconciliation Service
KS1 Trip to Layer Marney
UKS2 Trip to Bury Theatre Royal Tiny Plays
Y4 Colchester Castle Trip
Y4 visit Easter Experience
HSA Bags2School
LKS2 Easter Play
Easter Egg Raffle
End of Term

Thursday 4th January
Friday 5th January 2pm
Thursday 19th January 2:15pm
Thursday 25th January 2:15pm
Thursday 1st February 2:15pm
Friday 2nd February
5th-11th February
Friday 9th February
Wednesday 14th February 9am
Fridays in Lent 2:45
19th – 23rd February
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th February
Thursday 7th March
Friday 8th March 1:30pm
Friday 8th March 3:15pm
Thursday 14th March 2pm
Monday 18th March
Thursday 19th March
Wednesday 20th March
Thursday 21st March
Friday 22nd March
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March
Monday 25th March
Thursday 28th March

Start of Term

PD Day – no pupils
Pupils return
Y4 Swimming Starts
Parent Drop-In Maths Session
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Science Workshops SteamCo
Science Workshops Kinetic Science
Book Fayre in the Studio
Class Photos
Y3 Trip to West Stow
Y6 Tag Rugby Festival
Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Ascension Mass in Church
KS2 SATS Week
HSA Disco
UKS2 Trip to Duxford
Pentecost

Friday 12th April
Monday 15th April
Monday 15th April
Monday 15th April 9am
Monday 15th April
Monday 22nd April am
Thursday 25th April pm
Friday 19th April and Thurs 25th April 3pm
Friday 26th April
Wednesday 1st May
Friday 3rd May
Monday 6th May
Thursday 9th May 1:30pm
Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May
Thursday 16th May
Monday 20th May
Monday 20th May 2pm

Half term

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| Parent Maths Drop in | 27 th May – 31 st May |
| Theatre Royal Vocal Workshop UKS2 | Monday 3 rd June 9am |
| UKS2 Visit to Haverhill Arts Centre | Wednesday 5 th June 1pm |
| Year 1 Phonics Check | Monday 10 th June 1:30pm |
| Year 4 Multiplication Check | 10 th – 14 th June |
| New to EYFS Parent Induction Evening | 3 rd - 14 th June |
| Haverhill Library visit re Summer Challenge | Tuesday 25 th June 6pm |
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Autumn Term

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| Pupils in | Wednesday 4th September |
| PD Day | Friday 25th October |
| Half Term | Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November |
| Ends | Friday 20th December |

Spring Term

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| PD Day | Monday 6th January 2025 |
| Pupils In | Tuesday 7th January 2025 |
| Half Term | Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February |
| Ends | Friday 4th April |

Summer Term

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| PD Day | Tuesday 22nd April (disaggregate) |
| Pupils In | Wednesday 23rd April |
| Half Term | Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May |
| Ends | Tuesday 22nd July 2025 |