



St. Felix RC Primary School

July 2024 Newsletter



Without hope, we would be mere administrators balancing the present, but not prophets and builders of the future *July 7 Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy term with many things to celebrate. We have had strong reports from our Catholic Schools Inspection as well as Ofsted, and all of the statutory results were above the National Average from Early Years right through to Y6. This is testament to the great team at St Felix from the HSA right through to the subject leaders and, of course, our students.

This is a lovely week to be a headteacher because you see children reflecting on how much they have learnt this year and getting excited about what next year will bring. This is particularly true of our Y6 pupils. We are really proud of what they have achieved and look forward to hearing about further success as they move to high school. They are always welcome to come back and say hello but, hopefully, they will be far too busy with the opportunities of Y7 and beyond.

Whilst reading the pupil reports over the last few weeks, I was struck by how often pupils were advised to learn their number facts in KS1 and times tables in KS2. These have to be rehearsed at home to ensure pupils have the quick recall required to progress at the expected rate. The best present you could give your child this summer is to practise the tables and bonds at home so your child returns to school with something far more valuable and useful than a new pencil case or phone.

Many thanks for all the good wishes we receive at this time of year. I hope you all enjoy a good break.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome	Tuesday 16 th July 9:30am
Move Up Morning inc. new Reception pupils	Wednesday 17 th July
New to Nursery pupils and parents class visit	Wednesday 17 th July 10-11am
Secondary Transition days except Linton/St Bede	Wed – Fri 17 th -19 th July
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in School (parents welcome)	Friday July 19 th 1:30pm

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Autumn Term

PD Days	Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Pupils in	Wednesday 4th September

Olivia!

Huge congratulations to UKS2 pupils and staff team. The year-end production of Olivia! on Friday 12th July was fantastic.

The children worked really hard and rose to the challenge of putting on a play in a very short time. The Tech team at Haverhill Arts Centre were as friendly and helpful as ever and enabled the show to look slick and allowed the audience to focus on the super singing and acting.



Reading over the summer

Join [Suffolk Libraries Reading Quest](#). Reading Quest is an exciting opportunity to get the whole family involved in reading and making memories this summer! The challenge is open to children of all ages and all reading abilities. You can sign up straightaway.

A poem from the Reading Leaders

Read everywhere.

Under the bed or in the bath,

Out in the garden or even the path,

Jumping around on your trampoline,

When you travel by train, plane or submarine,

After a game with friends in the park,

Snuggled in bed as it starts to get dark,

On the beach in the sand or with the seaweed

The important thing is to READ, READ, READ, READ!



KS1 Art Gallery



What a wonderful chance to celebrate the art in KS1!

The pupils' work was beautifully presented with snacks and nibbles for the visitors. However, the real stars were the pupils themselves who used their Skillsbuilder skills to welcome the parents, to explain how they had constructed the art and to provide background information about the artist.

Great work!



Teddy Bears Picnic

If you go down in the woods today...



You probably got quite wet! However, the rain couldn't dampen the spirits for the Early Years Teddy bear's picnic. Thank you to all the bears who joined us and the parents who came to make sure the bears got safely home again.



St Felix Dates for 2024-25

Back to School

Meet the Teacher Open Morning

New Term Mass at School

Y5/6 Class Mass

Kingswood Info

Y5 Class Mass

Kingswood – Y5 Residential

Y4 Class Mass

Diocesan Schools Mass

Harvest Service in School/CAFOD /Food Bank/

Wear something bright

HSA AGM

Y3 Class Mass

Individual Photos

Autumn Parent Consultations

EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies

Half Term

Remembrance Service in school

Flu Vaccinations

EYFS Open Morning– New Parents

Advent Wreath Service in School

Reconciliation Service

Flu Vaccinations

Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Christmas Jumper/Turnaround

HSA Christmas Disco

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led

End of Term

Back to School

New Year Mass in Church

Children's Mental Health Week

KS2 Mass

EYFS / KS1 Liturgy

NSPCC Number Day

Half Term

Spring Parent Consultations

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday 4th September

Friday 6th September 9am Y1-Y6 only

Friday 6th September 1:30pm

Thursday 12th September 2:15pm

Monday 16th September 5pm

Thursday 19th September 2:15pm

25th- 27th September

Thursday 26th September 2:15pm

Friday 27th September

Friday 4th October

TBC

Thursday 10th October 2:15pm

Thursday 17th October

Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October

Thursday 24th October 1:15

Friday 25th - Friday 1st November

Monday 11th November 11am

Wednesday 13th November 8:30 - 12pm

TBC

Friday 29th November 2:30pm

Thursday 5th December 2pm

Friday 6th December 12:30 - 3pm

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December

Friday 13th December

TBC

TBC

Friday 20th December 1:30pm

Friday 20th December

Tuesday 7th January

Friday 10th January 1:30pm

3rd – 9th February

Thursday 13th February 2:15pm

Thursday 27th February 1pm

TBC

17th – 21st February

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th February

Wednesday 5th March 9am

World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
St Felix Day Mass at Church	Friday 7 th March 1:30pm
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent 2:45
Y4 visit Easter Experience	TBC
LKS2 Easter Play	Monday 31 st March and Tuesday 1 st April
Reconciliation Service	Thursday 3 rd April 2pm
End of Term	Friday 4 th April

Start of Term

PD Day – no pupils	Tuesday 22 nd April
Pupils return	Wednesday 23 rd April
Class Photos	Friday 25 th April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
KS2 SATS Week	Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May
Pentecost	Monday 9 th June 2pm
<i>Half term</i>	26 th May – 30 th May
Year 1 Phonics Check	9 th – 13 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	2 nd - 13 th June
Suffolk proposed Y6 transition dates	25 th and 26 th June TBC
Sports Day and Picnic	TBC
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre	Friday 11 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 18 th July
Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome	Friday 18 th July
Move Up Morning	TBC
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End of Term	Tuesday 22 nd July

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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

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

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