



St. Felix RC Primary School

July 2023 Newsletter



Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it.

16 July Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts we have received. We have said goodbye to most of our Y6 pupils. It was lovely to celebrate with them over this week and bring to a positive close their time at St Felix. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Shackell, Mr Wolmarans and Mrs Harriss today.

I am sure many of you will be buying school shoes over the summer. Please make sure shoes are black and suitable for school. Shoes with heels and platform soles are not suitable for children in school as they increase their risk of injury. Please remember to buy suitable shoes for PE – school shoes inhibit their ability to take part fully in the lesson.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September and aiming for full attendance. Those first days back really matter. Outcomes from a [recent Children's Commissioner report](#) showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Have a lovely summer, a good rest and take the opportunity to read lots of books with your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

End of Term	Thursday 20 th July
New School Year 2023-24	
PD Days	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September
Pupils Return to School	Wednesday 6 th September
Meet the Teacher Morning Y1-Y6	Friday 8 th September 9am
Commissioning Mass	Friday 8 th September 2pm
Kingswood Information Evening	Monday 18 th September 4:30pm
Y6 SATs meeting	Monday 18 th September 5:15pm

Ofsted Update

During July we have had further positive monitoring of our curriculum. The EYFS advisor from the LA is pleased with the Nursery.

We begin a new Post Ofsted Action Plan in September for Year 2 to further develop the areas identified by Ofsted:

- SEND provision
- The curriculum
- The governance of the school

We still await our Ofsted monitoring visit.

House Points

The final total of the year was calculated on Monday for the Leavers Assembly and the winning house was St Francis.

The trophy was proudly collected by Isla and Sophia

Portals of the Past

Monday 10th July saw LKS2 travel back in time to the era of the dinosaurs. The children explored fossils and "met" Mary Anning. They really enjoyed being able to handle the artefacts and learn all sorts of additional facts.

Sports Day

We were lucky enough to have perfect Sports Day weather on 13th July.

The children had great fun taking part in continuous activities and were delighted when parents joined in – thank you to those who rose to the challenge!

The cup was won by St Peter – congratulations to the House Captains Thomas and Millie.

The picnic lunch was a lovely celebration of our community and thank you to the group of parents who provided an amazing biryani for the staff to enjoy – it was delicious.

Activity Day 14th July.

From Seventies disco to pop from the 2000s, St Felix celebrated its 50 years of being a school last Friday with a look at the music, art and crazes of those years. The staff took on the persona of various pop stars. The pupils told me how the Macarena was different to the music of Grieg in KS1 and in KS2 they recognised the faster tempo of the disco era and the stronger beat of the percussion than we would hear in classical music except the 1812 overture! .

Midsummer Night's Dream

UKS2 took over Haverhill Arts Centre for the day on 7th July to present their version of a Midsummers Night's Dream.

After a full-on morning of technical rehearsals Y5 and Y6 performed for the school at 1:30pm and again at 6:30pm for the parents.

The singing was great, the voices were clear and the comic acting was hilarious – Hee- haw!

It was a wonderful way for Y6 to showcase their talents before they move onto high school and a great preview for Y5 of what they can achieve next year.

Summer Fayre

Despite the dismal weather last Friday, the HSA outdid themselves with an amazing summer fayre. Lisa, Clare, Alison, Emma and the rest of the team brought together a range of stalls and activities from tiny lucky dip parcels to giant teddies. The Nerf shooting gallery was a great hit, delicious burgers were cooked in the rain and Father John did a sterling job pulling the raffle.

Thank you to all who helped make this a fabulous occasion for the St Felix family and raised over £1500



St Felix Dates for 2023-24

Back to School

Meet the Teacher Open Morning

New Term Mass at School

Y5 Swimming Starts

Class Mass

Kingswood Info / KS2 Information Evening

Class Mass

Flu Vaccinations

Kingswood – Y5 Residential

Class Mass

Individual Photos

Governor Monitoring Morning

Harvest Service in School/CAFOD/Food Bank

Class Mass

Autumn Parent Consultations

Half Term

All Saints Mass

EYFS Open Morning – New Parents

EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies

Remembrance Service in school

Advent Wreath Service in School

Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Flu Vaccinations

Reconciliation Service

Christmas Jumper/Turnaround

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led

End of Term

Back to School

New Year Mass in Church

KS2 Mass

KS1 Liturgy

EYFS Liturgy

NSPCC Number Day

Children's Mental Health Week

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

Stations of the Cross

Half Term

Wednesday 6th September

Friday 8th September 9am Y1-Y6 only

Friday 8th September 2pm

Monday 11th September 10am

Thursday 14th September 2:15pm

Monday 18th September from 4:30pm

Thursday 21st September 2:15pm

Monday 25th September 12:30 -3pm

27th- 29th September

Thursday 28th September 2:15pm

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 19th October

Friday 6th October

Thursday 19th October 2:15pm

Monday 16th– Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th - Friday 27th October

Tuesday 31st October 2pm

TBC

Tuesday 8th November 1:15

Friday 10th November

Friday 1st December 2:30pm

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December

Wednesday 6th December 8:30 -12pm

Thursday 7th December 2pm

Friday 8th December

TBC

Wednesday 20th December 1:30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 4th January

Friday 5th January 2pm

Thursday 19th January 2:15pm

Thursday 26th January 2:15pm

Thursday 2nd February 2:15pm

Friday 2nd February

5th-11th February

Wednesday 14th February

Fridays in Lent 2:45

19th – 23rd February

Spring Parent Consultations

World Book Day

St Felix Day Mass

Reconciliation Service

LKS2 Easter Play

Y4 visit Easter Experience

End of Term

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th February

Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

TBC

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March

TBC

Thursday 28th March

Start of Term

PD Day – no pupils

Pupils return

Resurrection Mass

Y4 Swimming Starts

Class Photos

Spring Bank Holiday

KS2 SATS Week

Ascension Mass in Church

Kingswood Information Evening

Half term

Year 1 Phonics Check

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Sports Day and Picnic

UKS2 Play at Arts Centre

Reports out to parents

Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome

Move Up Morning

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

End of Term

Friday 12th April

Monday 15th April

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Friday 26th April

Monday 6th t May

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

TBC

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27th May – 31st May

10th – 14th June

3rd - 14th June

Thursday 4th July

Friday 12th July TBC

Friday 12th July

Tuesday 16th July TBC

Wednesday 17th July TBC

Friday July 19th TBC

Friday 19th July