

St. Felix RC Primary School November 2025 Newsletter



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now entered the month of remembrance. At the start of this month, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints on 1st November, a special liturgical feast, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on 2nd November, a liturgical observance. This year, All Saints was celebrated during Sunday Mass. We remember how the Saint illuminate our path to heaven.

In school, we will be remembering all those who gave their lives fighting for our British Values across the Commonwealth — the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Our Remembrance Service will take place in school on 11th November at 11:00am, when we will observe two minutes of silence followed by readings and prayers. This time of year, can be especially difficult for those who are remembering loved ones who have died. We ask that you keep in your prayers all those who are suffering from grief and loss.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

'Lest we forget' Haverhill's Remembrance Sunday event will consist of a parade followed by a service at Haverhill cemetery.

2:20pm – Remembrance Sunday Parade: • The parade will start from Haverhill Arts Centre car park and proceed along the High Street. • After a short pause on the Market Square the procession will continue onto the Withersfield Road cemetery at 3:00pm. 3:00pm – Cemetery service: • The service will be led by the Rev. Max Drinkwater of St Mary's Church, Haverhill and include The Last Post played by Tim Pannell. • There will be an opportunity to lay poppies after the service. • After the service the parade will head back to Haverhill Market Square for an official dismissal.



Children in Need will be celebrated on 14th
November this year. To join in with the fun the
children can wear their PJs/Onesies or come in
fancy dress. Please remember it is a school day
and the children will be outside so warm clothes
and sensible shoes are essential.

The usual school rules apply so no nail varnish, make-up, tattoos and only stud earrings.

The House Captains will be doing loose change bucket collections in their house colours.

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Our football team have been doing really well this season. So far, we have won two, lost one and drew one. The last game was against New Cangle and was a 0-0 draw. It was a really good games and we communicated much better, the passing was so much cleaner and the team listened well to one another. Everyone arrived in good time and we had a good warm-up, everyone's heads were locked in to the game and took their roles and the game seriously. This showed in the overall quality of the game. Our coach is really motivating us and will not allow anyone not to give 100%. Our next game is against Burton End Primary/Purples on the 11th November 2025. All games are at Rovers FC New Cross, near Samuel Ward and spectators are welcome. Match reporters Dexter & Lucas Y6





We were so happy to welcome Rachel Jeffs from Full Swing Tennis on Monday 20th October. She delivered 3 x 30minute tennis sessions with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All the children enjoyed learning new skills and developing their eye-hand coordination, throwing, catching and hitting balls with their rackets. Rachel was impressed with the children's enthusiasm and careful listening. For more information, please use the link. https://www.fullswingtennis.co.u





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Well-done to all the children who took part in the summer reading challenge at the local library. It has taken some time to thank everyone who has taken part but we didn't want to miss the opportunity to celebrate their achievement.

Pictured are the new school librarians proudly showing off their badges. The children will sign books in and out and keep all the shelves tidy. They will also be on hand to provide reading suggestions for the children. Several longitudinal studies have shown that children who develop the habit of reading are likely to achieve high qualifications and upward mobility later on in life.

In school, we encourage children to be active members of a team and to work together for the good of the whole community. Through this, they develop a strong sense of responsibility, cooperation, and care for others.













Our wonderful Mini Vinnies set up a pop-up prayer table in the hall during lunchtime. They have been so helpful around the school, spreading love and care to everyone they meet. A big thank you to Mrs Anderson-Gent for coordinating their fantastic work.

This week, our House Captains will be selling poppies and representing the school as ambassadors during our open events. They will also be collecting donations on Children in Need Day and, later in the term, inspiring their houses to raise funds for a CAFOD World Gift.

Our three Chaplains will be working closely with Father John to lead prayers and reflections at the end of day assemblies on Wednesdays with our Key Stage 1 classes.



Please remember COATS now the weather is turning cold. We encourage the children to get out in the fresh air and run about at breaktimes even if it is a bit drizzly and cold, so it is really important they come to school in a waterproof coat. Please remember to name everything so it can be returned if lost.

School Meals at St Felix

School dinners at St Felix are fantastic! The variety and quality of meals are second to none. Children can choose from a delicious range of options, including hot meals such as curries, lasagne, and traditional roasts, as well as packed lunches, baked potatoes with various fillings, and vegetarian dishes. There's also a help-yourself salad bar available every day.

Children in **EYFS and Key Stage 1** [Reception year 1 and Year 2 receive a universal **free school meal** each day. For those in **Key Stage 2**, the meals offer excellent value for money.

If your child is in **KS2** and you think they child may be eligible for free school meals, **please apply**. Our friendly office staff are always happy to offer advice and support. You could be eligible for other support as well.

Please look out for the Christmas Hamper collection class lists to make the hampers that are to be raffled for school funds at the EYFS and KS1 nativity productions and the KS2 carol concert. We will need volunteers from each class to coordinate the donations and to create the hampers.



Carnival Workshops 6th Nov- 13th Nov- 20th Nov and 27th Nov. If you can come along 3.30-4.30 to help to devise dance routines and measure up for costumes for the carnival let Mrs Price or the office know!

Please look out for a much-loved missing tortoise. The tortoise had lived happily on Chalkstone Road until recently. The owners would really like them home and are offering a handsome reward. Please phone 07801970545 if you find them or know of their where abouts.

Parents please be aware of the latest trend on TiK-Tok- Fainting game, Hangman, Elevator, and Blackout

Information on a similar trend "TikTok blackout challenging can be found here <u>The TikTok Blackout Challenge: How to Protect Children</u> which includes <u>What Parents Need to Know. How Safe is TikTok for Children?</u>

<u>The online safety</u> of your child(ren) is extremely important. For clear, easy to understand advice and step-by-step instructions on how to set up parental controls on devices or adjust your Wi-Fi settings, please visit the NSPCC website: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-

This resource provides practical guidance to help you keep your child safe online, whatever their age or stage of digital experience.

Up and Coming Events

Poppies for sale in school WB 3rd November

<u>Open Morning– New Parents</u> Tuesday 4th November 9:30am – 10:30am

EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies Thursday 6th November 1:15pm

Remembrance Service in school Tuesday 11th November 11am

Open Afternoon – New ParentsTuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 12th November

Y6 NCMP Height and Weight Measurements Friday 14th November

Children in need dress up day Friday 14th November – Remember safe foot

wear and no jewellery. PJ/onesies or fancy dress. Loose change bucket collection by

House Captains.

Hamper Collection items Week beginning 17th November

School Disco Timings TBC Thursday 20th November

Advent Wreath Service in School Friday 28th November 2:30pm

Haverhill Carnival Saturday 29th November- Come along!

Advent House World Gifts- Fund Raisers throughout December - More information to come!

Reconciliation Service Thursday 4th December 2pm

Catch Up Flu Vaccinations Friday 5th December 12:30 - 3pm

Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Thursday 11th December

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led Friday 19th December 1:30pm

End of Term Friday 19th December

Safeguarding

0808 800 4005



Term dates 2025-26

Autumn term

PD days Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Pupils In Wednesday 3rd September

PD Day Friday 24th October

Half term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Ends Friday 19th December

Spring term

PD days Monday 5th January 2026

Pupils In Tuesday 6th January

Half term Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Ends Friday 27th March

Summer term

Pupils In Monday 13th April 2026

Half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Ends Friday 17th July

PD Day Monday 20th July 2026