



St. Felix RC Primary School

December 2025 Newsletter



Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

PSALM 26:14

The season of Advent is well underway in school, and the children have been taking part in a variety of activities to help them prepare for Christmas. This week we held a CAFOD World Gifts assembly, encouraging everyone to think about alternative gifts that can support those who have less than we do. Staff have also created beautiful Advent wreaths for each class prayer table, which will be blessed by Father John during our Friday Advent service.

Next week, the Key Stage 2 children will take part in a reconciliation service as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas, with the opportunity for those who wish to receive confession.

Meanwhile, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils are hard at work rehearsing for their Nativity plays. The school is filled with the sound of Christmas songs and excited voices practising their lines—these performances are sure to warm the hearts of everyone who attends. Key Stage 2 children are also preparing for their Carol Service, which will take place in the church on the last day of term. Parents are warmly invited to join in the celebration.

There are many festive events coming up, too. On Friday 5th December, children can enjoy a dress-down day in exchange for a small donation to the HSA. Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 11th December. EYFS and KS1 pupils will celebrate with a Christmas Party on Thursday 18th December, while KS2 pupils will enjoy a trip to the pantomime to see *Beauty and the Beast*.

It is a busy and joyful time in school, and the children are experiencing many wonderful opportunities to enjoy the lead-up to Christmas and prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.



Thank you to our wonderful HSA for organising two fantastic discos for the children!

Mr. Eccleston put together an excellent playlist that kept everyone dancing from start to finish, while the rest of the HSA team made sure the children stayed hydrated and well supplied with sweet treats.

It was a fabulous event and thank you to everyone involved!



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Excitement is building as **St Felix prepares for the Haverhill Carnival on Saturday 29th November**. Pupils have been rehearsing two lively dances and can't wait to shine in their colourful costumes. It starts at 4:30pm, so please come along and cheer us on!

We were delighted to help design a brand-new **residential park in Haverhill**. Our children were the very first to try it out, enjoying activities that encourage strength, resilience, and fun.

To support **Children in Need**, staff and pupils donned their pyjamas and raised an amazing **£156**. In our Gospel assemblies, we continue to celebrate Catholic Social Teaching, helping children connect their actions to scripture and live out their faith joyfully while being mindful to always support those in need.

Finally, our **Key Stage 2 pupils** are embracing their student leadership roles with enthusiasm, supporting younger children across the school by arranging outside games, supporting play, reading, becoming maths mentors and running an eco-club.



Last Friday we held a special assembly to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Throughout the year, the focus has been on Pilgrimage, and the children have been learning all about Marian shrines around the world. Each class researched a different shrine and then presented their findings to the school. The children spoke confidently about what happened at their chosen shrine, where it is located, and why it is considered an important place of pilgrimage. Their presentations showed a wonderful understanding of how visiting these sacred places can support spiritual growth and reflection. It was a meaningful way to bring the Jubilee Year of Hope to a close, and the children should be very proud of the knowledge they have gained.



Our Match Report from our Match Reporter

The season has been going well we have won 2 lost 2 and drew 2. In the games we have won all the team arrived in good time, so we could have an appropriate warm up and team talk from our coach. The ones we have lost and drew we had players coming late or we lost players due to illness. When we played Burton End, we only had 7 players and we lost 4-1 which was a disappointment. We can't take away from them the amazing corner goal, a very skilful move.

Our last game was Kedington and we knew lots of their players, which meant we kept them at bay for most of the game. However, they got a lucky goal. Our goal keeper was taken with the ball into the goal. Everyone played so well and was our best game, even though we lost. The team were listening to advice and putting it into action. Our keeper probably had the best game, but Oscar C was named man of the match because he was everywhere, in defence and acting as a striker. There was nothing wrong with our team, effort or skill and we really bonded and worked together as a team. I hope we can build on everyone's mental positivity and effort going forward. DN Y6





The children in EYFS took part in Road Safety Awareness Week 2025. They enjoyed the visit from the local Road Safety Officer and were very sensible when they walked down to the crossing to practise crossing the road safely.

Up and Coming Events

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 2:00pm

Dress down day- small donation to HSA

Friday 5th December

Catch Up Flu Vaccinations

Friday 5th December 12:30 – 3:00pm

Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

Pantomimes-

Wednesday 17th December & Thursday 18th December 10:00am

EYFS & KS1- Party Clothes

Thursday 18th December Christmas Party 1:30 – 3:00pm with Entertainer

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led

Friday 19th December 1:30pm

End of Term Friday 19th December- Happy Christmas

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**



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