



St. Felix RC Primary School

March 2026 Newsletter



"Easter gives hope to everyday life" — Pope Leo XIV reflects on the Resurrection as the source of true hope that transforms our ordinary routines into encounters with the living Christ.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2nd April Children's Service – 3 p.m. in St Felix Church

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7.30 p.m. in St. Felix Church- Watching until 10.30pm ending with Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April Ecumenical Procession of Witness 10.00 a.m. from the Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road, CB9 8EE to the Market Square joining with fellow Christians for an Act of Worship.

Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon in St Felix Church

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3.00 p.m. in St Felix Church & Stations of the Cross

7.30 p.m. in St Felix Church,

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th April THE EASTER VIGIL – 8.00 p.m. in St Felix Church

MASS FOR EASTER 5th April - 10.00 a.m. in St. Felix Church



This year's Easter show was a real extravaganza. The children had all learnt their lines beautifully and delivered them without any prompting. They knew exactly when to come on and off the stage, spoke clearly, and could be heard perfectly even at the back of the hall. The singing was exceptional; whether as a whole group, in smaller groups, or as soloists and the actions were performed with real enthusiasm. What stood out most was the children's confidence. Speaking in front of an audience can be daunting even for adults, yet the children showed no nerves and seemed completely at ease in the spotlight.

I would like to thank all the teachers for the tremendous effort put into creating such a successful performance, especially Mrs Anderson, who skilfully combined several plays to create this one. My thanks also go to Mrs Curr, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Stick and Mrs Rose for the time, energy and care they invested in ensuring everything came together so well.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who helped their children practise their lines and provided costumes. Your support makes such a difference.



As you are all aware the Houses in school have all been extremely busy with their Lenten projects. They have met regularly and with the help of the staff in their houses have organised themselves to ensure their projects were successful.

St Peter's House decided to make and sell bookmarks to the parishioners at St Felix Church to support the parish's linked project in South Sudan. **"In the future, women will do great things."** This was the mantra of women's visionary, Mary Ward. It's also the founding principle of Loreto School for Girls, an institution paving the way for girls to have equal access to education. Education is essential in lifting from poverty and equipping children to become successful adults. But ongoing war, internal conflicts, and widespread poverty in Sudan has resulted in just one in ten girls finishing primary school, and most are never given the chance to attend secondary school. The sale of the bookmarks raised £137.50 and this will be sent directly to the school.

St Elizabeth House made flyers to remind parents to bring a tin to school on Monday. All the collected food went to REACH foodbank to support people in our local community.

St Francis House wrote to 15 local businesses to ask for donations and coordinated a 'Bring a Plant' to school day on Friday 20th March. The plants will be used to enhance our school environment and hopefully attract bees and butterflies. The children wanted the area around Father Michael's bench to be the first area to be developed. Unfortunately, only one company responded, this was **Scotsdales Garden centre and they gave the school a £20 voucher** which the girls will pick up later in the week. We really appreciate their kindness and generosity. **A special shout out to Mr Read, Bria and Mila's dad for providing us with compost to use around the school.**



The whole school have contributed to covering the Stations of the Cross during Lent during Friday assembly. The Upper Key stage 2 children did all the Stations on Friday afternoon and enjoyed a hot cross bun at the end. Lower Key Stage 2 weren't left out they also had a bun!

Thank you to Mr Read and Mr Handley for doing the heavy stage lifting and storing it away.



St Elizabeth House made cards and Easter gardens for the residents of the Meadows Care Home. They thought the gardens would bring colour and fragrance to their rooms and the cards would remind them that we are thinking about them and sending them a message of love and joy for the Easter season. The older children from the house will personally deliver the plants and spend some times with the residents.

[Loreto School for Girls – Sudan Relief Fund](#) Use the link to find out more about the school in South Sudan



Yesterday, REACH visited the school to collect all the food donated during **Feed Me February**, the Minnie Vinnie's project and St Elizabeth House. Our House Captains did a wonderful job packing the bags and were on hand to help load the trolley and take everything out to the van for the representative who came to collect our contribution. She was incredibly grateful and explained that every donation makes a real difference, with our food going directly to families in the local area who are currently struggling. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our families for their kindness and generosity, and for modelling such compassion and community spirit to the children.





Our volunteers preparing the food for the Easter breakfast.

Easter Liturgy and Breakfast Celebration

This week, our EYFS and Key Stage 2 children came together for a beautiful Easter Liturgy, followed by a special Easter breakfast. The hall was thoughtfully decorated with flowers and Easter-themed displays, helping to create a reflective and joyful atmosphere.

During the breakfast, the children enjoyed a selection of *symbolic foods*, each chosen to help them remember the key moments of the Easter story.

- A **boiled egg** represented *new life* and the *stone* that covered Jesus' tomb.
- A **bun** symbolised Jesus' *crucifixion*.
- A **pretzel**, shaped in three parts, reminded the children of the *Holy Trinity*.
- An **orange** represented God's *never-ending love*.

The children listened attentively to readings, joined together in prayer, and sang beautifully throughout the liturgy.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our parent volunteers, who joined us on the day to help shell the eggs (pre-boiled by Mr Thirkell and Mrs Call), butter the buns, and prepare the oranges and pretzels. When breakfast was finished, our helpers and staff worked together to tidy the hall in record time.

It was a wonderful community event enjoyed by all. Most importantly, we hope it created a meaningful experience for the children, one that reminds them each Easter that while we enjoy our chocolate eggs, we also remember that Jesus died to bring us hope.



Easter experience at St Mary's Church

The Year 4 children were invited once again to take part in the Experience Easter programme at St Mary's Church in the centre of town. We were warmly welcomed by some familiar faces; including Tilly's grandma!

Throughout the session, the children explored the Easter story and were encouraged to reflect on the events of Holy Week, making their own thoughtful responses. They began at Palm Sunday, thinking about the hope of Easter. At the Last Supper station, they broke bread and tasted wine (blackcurrant), considering what this moment meant for Jesus and his disciples.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, the children reflected on facing fears and created playdough figures to represent the scene. They also learned about Jesus as a servant king by thinking about the washing of the disciples' feet. At the crucifixion station, they took time to pray for those in need. Finally, they visited the empty tomb and reflected on the joy of Easter morning.

Each child received a small chocolate egg as a treat. They were respectful, engaged, and beautifully behaved throughout the experience. The helpers were also delighted to hear some of the songs from our Easter production.



Match Report from our Match Reporter

Over the past few weeks, the team has played three competitive fixtures, showing strong progress and growing cohesion.

Wickhambrook – League Match

We made an excellent start, with Brandon breaking through the defence to put us ahead early. After settling into our defensive shape, we looked comfortable, but a moment of complacency allowed Wickhambrook to equalise. The game finished 1–1, a fair reflection of an evenly balanced contest.

Coupals – League Match

Our strong starts continued as we once again took an early lead. Coupals responded quickly and levelled, but we held firm for the rest of the first half with determined defending. The effort took its toll, and in the second half we struggled to maintain our shape and energy. Coupals capitalised, scoring several goals and taking control of the match.

Wickhambrook – Friendly Match

In our friendly rematch, the team began with good energy and intent. Despite a positive start, Wickhambrook caught us on the counter attack to take the lead. We created promising chances in the second half, but their goalkeeper was in excellent form. Having played us recently, they adapted their approach successfully, focusing on a solid defensive setup. The match ended 1–0.

Looking Ahead

Despite the mixed results, there is plenty to feel optimistic about. The team is developing chemistry, communicating well, and showing strong fitness levels. Every player is demonstrating commitment, and the collective effort continues to grow match by match.



A huge **thank you** to the HSA, who have kindly gathered all the donated Easter eggs, created beautiful hampers, and sold raffle tickets. The money raised goes directly back into school to fund all the “extras” that enrich our children’s experiences. This year, the HSA have paid for all the Easter food, purchased new ride-on toys for EYFS, and provided additional resources for Wrap Around Care.

Some dates for the diary-

April 13th – return to school

April 16th Suffolk Farm Show Year 3/Year 4

May 4th- bank Holiday- no school

May 10th & May 17th Holy communion

May 11th -12th 13th 14th SATs Tests Year 6

May 14th DISCO time!

May 22nd Dress in Fire Colours for Pentecost



Today we said a fond goodbye to **Anne Start**, who has been a dedicated Teaching Assistant at our school for the past **24 years**. Mrs Start is a wonderfully kind and caring person who has always shown great love, patience, and compassion towards the children in her care. She is also well known for her deep affection for animals.

Anne is now looking forward to enjoying her many hobbies, including music, gardening, caring for her animals, and exploring interesting places. We hope she has a long, joyful, and fulfilling retirement. She will be greatly missed by everyone in the school community, especially the EYFS team.

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

Working Together to Keep Children Safe

We know that navigating the online world can be difficult, and we are grateful for the support of our parents and carers. By encouraging children **not** to use platforms designed for older teenagers and adults, we can work together to protect their wellbeing and create a safer digital environment for everyone.

If you would like advice on online safety or support managing your child's digital use, please contact the school office.

We are always happy to help.

Safeguarding

0808 800 4005

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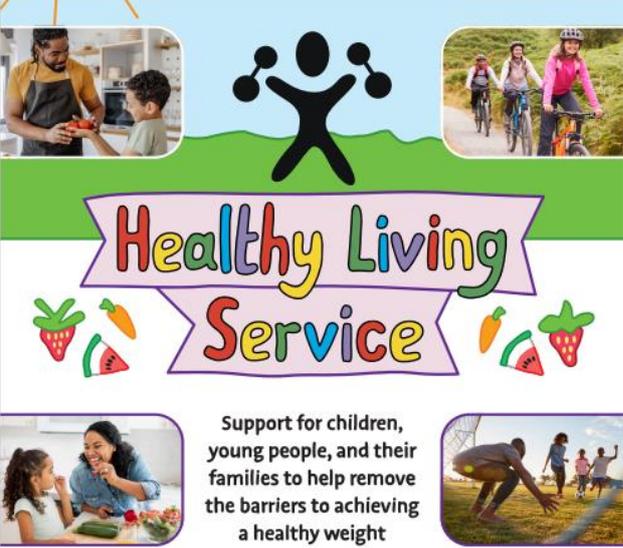
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young people with SEND

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Happy Easter!

*I wish you all lots of fun, plenty of
yummy chocolate, and the chance to
feel the hope and joy of Easter as we
celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.*

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