



St. Felix RC Primary School

April 2024 Newsletter



Pride is a potent poison: a single drop is enough to spoil an entire life filled with goodness. A person may have performed a mountain of good deeds, but if we did them only to exalt ourselves, then we cannot call ourselves virtuous.

24 April Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday ready for the long term ahead.

I need to take this opportunity to remind you that parental supervision of pupils before school is essential to keeping pupils safe. We accept that parents of some of our older pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 feel their children are capable of walking into school independently and they sign to assume this responsibility. However younger pupils should be supervised by an adult until the doors are open at 8:40am. Failure to supervise your child appropriately is a form of neglect.

As children move from Year 2 to Year 3 Universal Free School Meals cease. However, your child may still be entitled to free school meals and the additional funding this brings to the school. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals if your child is about to start Key Stage 2 in September and you believe that they are eligible.

It is good to welcome Mrs Teixeira back this term in Riddell Class and Mrs Stick in Horowitz Class.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and continued good attendance by all pupils.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

Class Photos	Friday 26 th April
Y3 Trip to West Stow	Wednesday 1 st May
Y6 Tag Rugby Festival	Friday 3 rd May
Spring Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6 th May
Ascension Mass in Church	Thursday 9 th May 1:30pm
KS2 SATS Week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May
HSA Disco	Thursday 16 th May
UKS2 Trip to Duxford	Monday 20 th May
Pentecost	Monday 20 th May 2pm
<i>Half term</i>	<i>27th May – 31st May</i>

We have really enjoyed welcoming you to our Friday parent assemblies at 2:45pm. The schedule for this term is as follows:

Friday 26 th April	Inkpen
Friday 3 rd May	Donaldson
Friday 10 th May	Dahl
Friday 17 th May	Riddell
Friday 24 th May	Lewis
Friday 7 th June	Horowitz
Friday 14 th June	Rowling
Friday 21 st June	Earth Cubs
Friday 28 th June	E Safety Team
Friday 5 th July	HSA Summer Fayre – no assembly
Friday 12 th July	UKS2 Performance – parents evening only
Friday 19 th July	End of Year Mass parents welcome 1:30pm

Ofsted Update

A recent safeguarding audit (19/4/24) demonstrated that the school has effective safeguarding in place. We are keen to address gaps in pupil understanding and the recent visit from the local authority recognised that assessment for learning is regular feature of lessons. We are running maths drop ins for parents this term on key topics to help parents address gaps in learning at home.



Parentview

The school is due an Ofsted inspection. However you don't have to wait and can comment on the work of the school at any time using:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Lunches

The Lunchtime Co. have now been serving lunches for nearly two weeks. The results have been positive and the children are enjoying the wider range of food including salad bar.

Apologies for any initial difficulties caused as the catering staff work out the popularity of new menu items

Please do not park inside the school gates

Science Week

This week we have been celebrating Science Week alongside the other schools in Haverhill. On Monday we were joined by Steam Co for a rocket making workshop. Y5 and Y6 had the opportunity to build a simple rocket and the whole school gathered to watch the launches. The workshop encouraged pupils in UKS2 to consider a wider range of career paths and showed them how amazing working in STEM subjects can be.

This afternoon years 2-4 will be working with Kinetic Adventure on kitchen science and forensics.

Families can take part too this weekend: <https://onehaverhill.co.uk/sciencefestival>

STEAM Co. Community Science Day - Saturday 27th April

STEAM Co. and Nick Corston will be hosting an incredible day of science related activities in East Town Park. With something for parents and children to enjoy, you can build your own rocket, craft a cardboard creation, produce your own zine and stay for the big rocket grand finale. Make sure to also watch out for #OurSeeMonster. There will also be plenty of stalls and activities to engage with, including activities with CHaOS and engaging stories with our storyteller in residence, Shane Ibbs.

Visitors will be able to engage with a range of activities with the Curiosity Cube, including:

- Creating a wind turbine set
- Examine different fabrics with a digital handheld microscope
- Build a threading machine by connecting electrical components



St Felix Dates for 2023-24

Back to School
Meet the Teacher Open Morning
New Term Mass at School
Y5 Swimming Starts
Y5/6 Class Mass
Kingswood Info / KS2 Information Evening
Y4 Class Mass
Flu Vaccinations
Kingswood – Y5 Residential
Y6 Class Mass
Diocesan Schools Mass
Harvest Service in School/CAFOD /Food Bank/
Wear something bright
HSA AGM
Individual Photos
HSA Non-uniform day
Governor Monitoring Morning
Y3 Class Mass
Autumn Parent Consultations
Half Term
All Saints Mass
EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies
Remembrance Service in school
Coffee, Cake and Calculate
EYFS Open Morning– New Parents
HSA Bags2School
HSA Advent Raffle
Advent Wreath Service in School
Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2
Christmas Experience at St Mary's Y1
Flu Vaccinations
Reconciliation Service
Christmas Jumper/Turnaround/ Christmas Lunch
HSA Christmas Disco
Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led
End of Term

Back to School

New Year Mass in Church
KS2 Mass
KS1 Liturgy

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
Friday 29th September

Friday 6th October
Monday 9th October 8pm via Zoom
Thursday 12th October
Friday 13th October
Thursday 19th October
Thursday 19th October 2:15pm
Monday 16th– Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th - Friday 27th October
Tuesday 31st October 2pm
Thursday 9th November 1:15
Friday 10th November
Monday 13th November 9am
Wednesday 15th November 9:30-10:30
Friday 17th November
Thursday 30th November
Friday 1st December 2:30pm
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December
Tuesday 5th December 10:40am
Wednesday 6th December 8:30 -12pm
Thursday 7th December 2pm
Friday 8th December
Thursday 14th December
Wednesday 20th December 1:30pm
Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 4th January

Friday 5th January 2pm

Thursday 19th January 2:15pm

Thursday 25th January 2:15pm

EYFS Liturgy
NSPCC Number Day
Children's Mental Health Week
HSA Non-Uniform Love Yourself
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes
Stations of the Cross
Half Term
Spring Parent Consultations
World Book Day
St Felix Day Mass at Church
HSA Pop-up Mother's Day Stall
Reconciliation Service
KS1 Trip to Layer Marney
UKS2 Trip to Bury Theatre Royal Tiny Plays
Y4 Colchester Castle Trip
Y4 visit Easter Experience
HSA Bags2School
LKS2 Easter Play
Easter Egg Raffle
End of Term

Start of Term

PD Day – no pupils
Pupils return
Y4 Swimming Starts
Parent Drop-In Maths Session
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Science Workshops SteamCo
Science Workshops Kinetic Science
Book Fayre in the Studio
Class Photos
Y3 Trip to West Stow
Y6 Tag Rugby Festival
Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Ascension Mass in Church
KS2 SATS Week
HSA Disco
UKS2 Trip to Duxford
Pentecost
Half term
Parent Maths Drop in
Theatre Royal Vocal Workshop UKS2
UKS2 Visit to Haverhill Arts Centre
Year 1 Phonics Check

Thursday 1st February 2:15pm
Friday 2nd February
5th-11th February
Friday 9th February
Wednesday 14th February 9am
Fridays in Lent 2:45
19th – 23rd February
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th February
Thursday 7th March
Friday 8th March 1:30pm
Friday 8th March 3:15pm
Thursday 14th March 2pm
Monday 18th March
Thursday 19th March
Wednesday 20th March
Thursday 21st March
Friday 22nd March
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March
Monday 25th March
Thursday 28th March

Friday 12th April
Monday 15th April
Monday 15th April
Monday 15th April 9am
Monday 15th April
Monday 22nd April am
Thursday 25th April pm
Friday 19th April and Thurs 25th April 3pm
Friday 26th April
Wednesday 1st May
Friday 3rd May
Monday 6th May
Thursday 9th May 1:30pm
Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May
Thursday 16th May
Monday 20th May
Monday 20th May 2pm
27th May – 31st May
Monday 3rd June 9am
Wednesday 5th June 1pm
Monday 10th June 1:30pm
10th – 14th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check	3 rd - 14 th June
Haverhill Library visit re Summer Challenge	Tuesday 18 th June TBC
New to EYFS Parent Induction Evening	Tuesday 25 th June 6pm
Music Concert by pupil musicians	Tuesday 2 nd July 2pm TBC
Sports Day and Picnic	Thursday 4 th July
HSA Summer Fayre	Friday 5 th July
Parent Maths Drop in UKS2	Monday 8 th July 9am
Parent & Pupil new to Reception visit	Monday 8 th July 9:30-10:30am
Parent & Pupil new to Reception Forest School	Wednesday 10 th July 9:30-11am
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre	Friday 12 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 12 th July
Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome	Tuesday 16 th July 9:30am
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 17 th July
New to Nursery pupils and parents	Wednesday 17 th July 10-11am
Secondary Transition days except Linton VC	Wed – Fri 17 th -19 th July
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in School	Friday July 19 th 1:30pm
End of Term	Friday 19 th July

Summer term

PD Day	Friday 12 th April 2024
Pupils In	Monday 15 th April
Half term	Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
Ends	Friday 19 July 2024

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Autumn Term

PD Days	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Pupils in	Wednesday 4 th September
PD Day	Friday 25 th October
Half Term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Ends	Friday 20 th December

Spring Term

PD Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
Pupils In	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February
Ends	Friday 4 th April

Summer Term

PD Day	Tuesday 22 nd April (disaggregate)
Pupils In	Wednesday 23 rd April
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May
Ends	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025