



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## March 2024 Newsletter



Christ is alive and He loves you with an infinite love. He gave His life for you, so in His love for you He does not wait for you to be perfect. Look at His arms outstretched on the cross, and let yourself be saved over and over again.

*25 March Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and short half term.

KS1 travelled to Layer Marney and had an exciting day finding out more information about kings and queens for their history topics.

Y4 found Colchester Castle fascinating and enjoyed going down underneath the castle to explore its Roman origins.

A big thank you to those parents and carers who joined us to support the children on these trips. It has also been wonderful to see some of you in school to share the Stations of the Cross with us. In the CES parent survey in January, some parents said they did not feel part of the prayer life of the school so we have been delighted to address that this half term with the offer of joining us for Stations and the St Felix Mass in church on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you have found some time to reflect with the Stations of the Cross made by Dahl Class which have been on the gates throughout Lent.

Do have a happy and holy Easter and pray the weather is kind for any family plans.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

### Upcoming Dates

<b>End of Term</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Start of Term</b> Pupils return	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Parent Drop In Maths Session	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 9am
Y4 Swimming Starts	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Science Workshops SteamCo	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April am
Science Workshops Kinetic Science	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April pm
Book Fayre in the Studio	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 3pm
Class Photos	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Y3 Trip to West Stow	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Spring Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May

### **Tiny Plays Big Ideas**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March UKS2 visited the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to see the debut performance of a range of pupil plays, one of which was by our own pupil, Florence. This was the culmination of a two-week writing process supported by a professional playwright.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit – as Max said – “We were the loudest school when we saw our name!”

Kai said, “Always use your imagination to make anything possible. Technically not all, but lots of things, through theatre magic!”

Faith said, “I have been to theatre lots before but it’s usually very old people!”

Florence said, “I was really surprised to be chosen. I have seen lots of plays and I knew what you can do on stage.”

Her play had the whole audience jumping up and down in unison, so she clearly knows her craft. Well done, Florence!

### **Ofsted Update**

We have been working hard to improve our identification of pupils with SEND. As a result, our school SEND register has increased from 6.4% to 9.7%

This half term we have taken the opportunity to ask parents during our parent consultations how they feel the school is doing. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. 98% of parents feel their child is safe, happy, well-behaved and doing well.

### **Dear Families**

**We have some exciting news!**

**From April 15<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime Co. will be providing delicious and nutritious meals to the school.**

**Choose from a daily choice of 3 delicious options.**

**All food is freshly prepared, sourced locally wherever possible, and served by friendly staff in a safe and secure environment.**

**Enjoy our extensive salad and dessert tables, including a daily choice of fresh fruit, and new natural yoghurt pots, served with a choice of healthy toppings. We will also be serving a weekly 'Street Feast' when you can enjoy high street style foods and concepts.**

**Over the course of the year, there will be special themes days, fun activities and community events - these will be advertised around the school and on the website.**

**We want children to gain a gentle appreciation of good food, where it comes from and the important role it plays in a healthy lifestyle.**

**All of us at Lunchtime Co. hope you enjoy your lunches and we can help make them the highlight of your day.**

**We look forward to serving you!**



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 9am Y1-Y6 only  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2:15pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 4:30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2:15pm  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 12:30 -3pm  
27<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2:15pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 8pm via Zoom  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2:15pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup>– Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2pm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:15  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9am  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:30pm  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10:40am  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 8:30 -12pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 4th January

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
Y4 Swimming Starts  
Science Workshops SteamCo  
Science Workshops Kinetic Science  
Book Fayre in the Studio  
Class Photos  
Y3 Trip to West Stow  
Spring Bank Holiday – school closed  
Ascension Mass in Church  
KS2 SATS Week  
HSA Disco  
UKS2 Trip to Duxford  
Pentecost  
*Half term*  
UKS2 Visit to Haverhill Arts Centre  
Year 1 Phonics Check  
Year 4 Multiplication Check  
Kingswood information Evening  
Sports Day and Picnic

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 9am  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April am  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April 3pm  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1:30pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> TBC  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2pm  
*27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May*  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June  
TBC  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

HSA Summer Fayre	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports out to parents	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30am
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July TBC
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in School	Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 19th July

## **2023-24**

### **Autumn term**

PD Days	Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September
Pupils In	Wednesday 6th September
PD Day	Friday 20th October
Half term	Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
Ends	Wednesday 20 December 2023

### **Spring term**

PD day	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Pupils In	4th January 2024
Half term	Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024
Ends	Thursday 28 March 2024

### **Summer term**

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

## **2024-25**

### **Autumn Term**

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

### **Spring Term**

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

### **Summer Term**

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

