



St. Felix RC Primary School

February 2026 Newsletter

Pope Leo recalled that on this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, St. Luke's Gospel recounts how Simeon and Anna recognized and proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah in the Temple, noting, "What unfolds before us is a meeting between two movements of love: that of God, who comes to save his people, and that of humanity, which awaits his coming with vigilant faith."

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached February after a long, dark and often rainy January. It has been lovely to see the bulbs beginning to grow and the days slowly getting longer. I always feel that by the time we reach Valentine's Day, Lent is just around the corner. This year, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will fall during the half-term holidays.

Our House Captains recently organised meetings within their Houses so that pupils could come together to decide on a Lenten project for this year. Teachers and all support staff have also been placed into Houses to support the children as they work towards their goals.

Each House has chosen a wonderful project:

- **St Peter's House** would like to raise money to support a school in Sudan that is already supported by our parish.
- **St Elizabeth's House** would like to support the local food bank.
- **St Francis' House** would like to organise a 'bring a plant to school' day to help make our school environment more attractive and encourage butterflies and bees.
- **St Catherine's House** would like to build links with a local care home by making Easter cards and small gardens to deliver.
- We have lots planned during Lent to put these ideas into practice, and we will really value the support of parents and carers in helping us achieve these aims.

The Mini Vinnies are also collecting food throughout February as part of their **Feed February** campaign. Mrs Anderson will have a collection box in the school foyer for any contributions, which will then remain available throughout Lent. We understand that family finances are under pressure, but even small donations, when given by many, can make a real difference to those who are struggling.

Next week is **Mental Health Week**, and we will be celebrating the end on Friday with '**Love Yourself Day**'. Children are invited to come to school wearing clothes they love, while being mindful of the weather and what is appropriate for school. All funds raised will be used by the HSA to support children in school and provide some extras.

This year's theme for Mental Health Week is '**This is my place**'. We want every child to feel loved, supported, valued and, above all, safe in our school. We promote this through strong student leadership, with a range of pupil groups that give children the opportunity to have their voices heard. It is important that we listen carefully and then act on their ideas and concerns.

Our Year 4 children have recently taken part in the WOWW project (Working On What Works), a programme that promotes positivity and self-esteem. This has been very impactful, and the children are actively looking for ways to praise and encourage one another. After SATs, our Year 6 pupils will take part in a similar project with the school's Mental Health Team to support their transition to secondary school, equipping them with strategies to help them settle in, make friends and feel confident.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Mrs Price

Please sign up for the Spring Term Parents Consultations -Monday 23rd February - Thursday 26th February. Please visit <https://stfelix.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment

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Please could we remind families not to drive into the school car park at drop off and pick up times.

At these times there are many children using scooters and bikes, as well as parents and carers with pushchairs. We also have visitors and deliveries accessing the site. I am on the gate every morning and fully appreciate that parking can be difficult, and that getting small children out of the car, particularly in poor weather can be stressful. However, the safety of our children, families and staff must always come first. I do not want an accident to happen on the school grounds, and for that reason we ask that families park safely nearby and walk into school.

Please could parents please collect ice-cream tubs so we can plant bulbs in for the residents at the care home. The Carte'dor sized ones would be about the right size.



The Year 4 cooking club made bread this week. They have made pizzas and it is pastry tarts next week. Good to see them washing up afterwards!

The Year 3 children have been studying Antoni Gaudí. He was a famous Spanish architect known for his colourful and imaginative buildings. Gaudí blended natural forms with vibrant colours in his designs. His most famous work is the Sagrada Família, a large church in Barcelona that is still being built today. Many of Gaudí's designs are inspired by nature, including plants and animals. The children used his work as inspiration to create their own nature-inspired tiles.

School Uniform

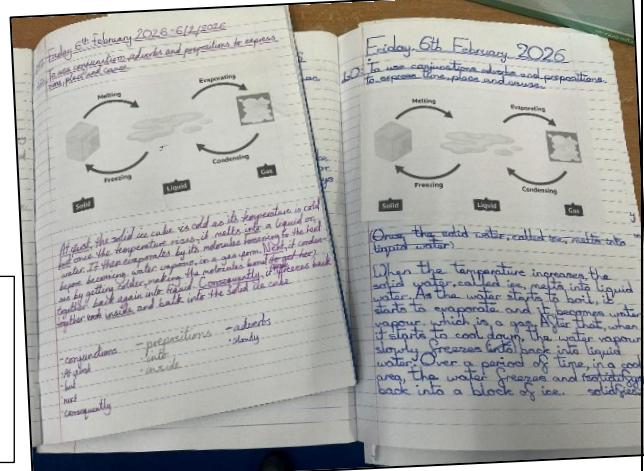
I am incredibly proud of the children in our school and I regularly remind them how unique and special they are, so that they truly internalise this and believe it as the truth. Part of recognising their own worth is learning the importance of self-care and taking pride in themselves, including coming to school smartly dressed and in the correct uniform.

We are fortunate to have a wide range of uniform items available in school. If any family needs support with acquiring uniform, please do come in and speak to us and we will happily help where we can through our pre-loved uniform store.

I would also like to remind families of the correct PE kit. PE kit should be dark in colour: black or navy, with non-branded jogging bottoms and a matching top, along with a plain white T-shirt. At present, we are seeing a variety of different colours being worn, and we would appreciate your support in ensuring the correct kit is worn for PE.



We have been focussing on handwriting and presentation this term. Starting with developing gross and fine motor skills in the nursery and reception classes to regular handwriting practise in KS1 and KS2 classes. This links into our core value of trying our best in everything we do. Two examples of Year 6 writing.



Children in Reception and Nursery build strength in their core and shoulders through a range of gym activities, forest school experiences and outdoor play. Their fine motor skills are developed through drawing, painting, cutting and using playdough. These activities help prepare them to sit comfortably and develop the control needed to begin writing.

Up and coming events

February

- 10th KS2 Mass in school
- 11th Year 4 Matilda at Samuel Ward
- 12th Tractor coming to school
- 13th Love Yourself Non Uniform Day
- 23rd – 26th Spring Term Parents Consultations
- 24th **Violin Ensemble 2.45pm parents' welcome**
- 27th In Assembly Stations of the Cross- Yr3 Stations 1-3

CAFOD FAST DAY

March

- 5th World Book Day Dress up
- 6th Stations of the Cross Yr4 Stations 4-7
- 10th March Class photos- no PE kits
- 12th KS2 Reconciliation Service in school
- 13th In Assembly Yr 5 Stations 8-11
- 20th March bring a plant to school day- St Francis House project.
Please everyone be involved!

Term dates 2025-26

Autumn term

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| PD days | Monday 1 st September and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 |
| Pupils In | Wednesday 3 rd September |
| PD Day | Friday 24 th October |
| Half term | Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October |
| Ends | Friday 19 th December |

Spring term

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| PD days | Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| Pupils In | Tuesday 6 th January |
| Half term | Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th |
| February | |
| Ends | Friday 27 th March |

Summer term

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| Pupils In | Monday 13 th April 2026 |
| Half term | Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May |
| Ends | Friday 17 th July |
| PD Day | Monday 20 th July 2026 |

[This is My Place - Children's Mental Health Week 2026 - The Source](#) Lots of good advice and signposting to organisations.

[Suffolk Sendiass - YouTube](#)

Videos explaining EVERYTHING you need to know about the services available in Suffolk to support children.

Safeguarding

0808 800 4005

THE THEME FOR
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK 2026 IS...



"THIS IS MY PLACE"



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**Sleep is so important
TIPS for a good sleep
routine.**

[Why children need more sleep | The Children's Society](#)

