



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## January 2024 Newsletter



At the start of the year, we exchanged wishes for peace, but weapons have continued to kill and destroy. Let us pray that those who wield power over these conflicts may understand: War is in itself a crime against humanity. *14 January Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a strong start to the new year and recent RE monitoring showed what thoughtful and articulate pupils we have. Thank you to those of you who have completed our [CSI Parent Survey](#). This will be open until 31<sup>st</sup> January if you wish to contribute.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents at our Friday assemblies and Inkpen and Donaldson have set the bar high. Well done to the children in Year 1 and 2 and we look forward to the next few weeks. Assembly starts at 2:45 and we will invite you in shortly before this. You are also welcome to join us for Mass at church or for Stations of the Cross in school at 2:45 when your child's class is leading:

- Friday 26th January Butterworth Assembly (YR)
- Friday 2nd February Maths Leaders Assembly in Y6
- Friday 9th February Ministry Team Assembly in Y5
- Friday 16th February Stations of the Cross Dahl (Y3)
- Friday 1st March Stations of the Cross Riddell (Y4)
- Friday 8th March St Felix Day Mass 1:30pm in Church
- Friday 15th March Stations of the Cross Lewis (Y4)
- Friday 22nd March Stations of the Cross Horowitz (Y5/6)
- Thursday 28th March Stations of the Cross Rowling (Y6)

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

### Upcoming Dates

KS1 Liturgy	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm
<b>Butterworth Assembly</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm
EYFS Liturgy	Thursday 1st February 2:15pm
NSPCC Number Day and <b>Maths Leader Assembly</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Children's Mental Health Week	5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February
HSA Non-Uniform Love Yourself	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Ministry Team Assembly</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes	Wednesday 14th February 9am
<b>Stations of the Cross Dahl Class</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February</i>

### Ofsted Update

We have commenced this term with two external reviews of our provision. These were positive and helpful.

Our Reading curriculum was seen as secure and developed appropriately across the age range. Our focus on reading for pleasure was recognized:

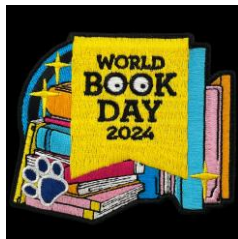
"All pupils have a book club every week.

All enjoy the opportunity to share what they are reading and enjoy reading about with their classes."

The feedback on our provision for SEND pupils:

"SEND had improved both in visibility and practice, particularly around ease of access to information and recording on Provision Map"

Both reports also contain development points which the school continues to work on.



### World Book Day March 7th

This year we want to celebrate reading as an opportunity to see the world from someone else's perspective. We are going to have our CAFOD Lenten Walk on World Book Day. Each class will choose a book and undertake their walk linked to a journey within the book. Teachers will be in touch with information about the book chosen.

You can donate to support our work with Cafod at <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-felixs-world-book-day-walk-in-their-shoes>

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

### Number Day

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day and asking pupils to dress as a digit. This means anything which displays numbers, which would include football strips. In school we will have additional Maths activities and an assembly by Maths Leaders.



### Theatre at St Felix

This year we are bringing theatre to our pupils.

We have already worked with IFF to provide pantomime tickets primarily for Y3 and Y4. In February Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in Bury Theatre Royal's Tiny Plays. This will mean a visiting writer helping them to write their own short plays; at least one of which will be part of a performance by professional actors on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the theatre which all our Y5 and Y6 pupils will attend.

In the summer term there will be a play performed by a travelling theatre company, from the Doorstep Festival, at school and associated workshops for two classes.

This has been possible with the support of the HSA.





## 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

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

KS2 Mass	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm
KS1 Liturgy	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm
EYFS Liturgy	Thursday 1st February 2:15pm
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Children's Mental Health Week	5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February
HSA Non-Uniform Love Yourself	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 9am
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent 2:45
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February</i>
Spring Parent Consultations	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
St Felix Day Mass at Church	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm
HSA Pop-up Mother's Day Stall	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm
Reconciliation Service	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm
Y4 Colchester Castle Trip	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Y4 visit Easter Experience	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
HSA Bags2School	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
LKS2 Easter Play	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Egg Raffle	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>End of Term</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Start of Term</b>	
PD Day – no pupils	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Pupils return	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Y4 Swimming Starts	TBC
Class Photos	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> <sup>t</sup> May
Ascension Mass in Church	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 1:30pm
KS2 SATS Week	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Pentecost	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2pm
HSA Disco	Thursday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Kingswood Information Evening	TBC
<i>Half term</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>
Year 1 Phonics Check	10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day and Picnic	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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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