

# St. Felix RC Primary School February 2025 Newsletter



When goodness is not reinvested, it is lost. The greatness of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear. Feb 13 Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nice to see the beginnings of Spring at last and I hope you made the most of the half term to spend time together as a family.

World Book Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and we look forward to seeing the children in school dressed as their favourite book character.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, we will be finishing the term with a day of pilgrimage and reflection based around our House Saints and St Felix. Father John will bless candles on Ash Wednesday and these will be given to pupils to light with their families over Easter to live out the Jubilee of Hope in return for a donation to Cafod. Our reflection activities will include Godly Play, Visio Divina and Catholic Social Teaching through Cafod resources. The candle donations will be our Cafod Lenten contribution instead of a Lent Walk.

I look forward to sharing our Lenten journey with you this half term.

Best Wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

# **Upcoming Dates**

Spring Parent Consultations	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Whole School Photos	Thursday 27th February am
EYFS / KS1 Liturgy	Thursday 27th February 1pm
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes	Wednesday 5th March 9am
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
St Felix Day Mass at Church – parents welcome Friday 7th March 1:30pm	
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent 2:45
Reconciliation Service	Tuesday 25th March 2pm
Y4 visit Easter Experience	Thursday 3rd April 9:30am
LKS2 Easter Play	Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April
End of Term	Friday 4th April

28/2	Butterworth
7/3	1:30 pm St Felix Mass in
	Church
14/3	Stations Y3
21/3	Stations Y4
28/3	Stations Y5
4/4	Stations Y6

# Children's Mental Health Week 3rd-7th February

The Peer Mentors began the week with a whole school assembly to launch this year's theme. The MHST joined us for a parent workshop on the Tuesday which was well received. The Peer Mentors ran a Time Out Club for Y1-3 which generated our wonderful display



### **KS1** Michael Rosen Visit

If like many adults in school, you love Michael Rosen, you will feel the same jealousy we felt when KS1 set off to spend an hour listening to him share his poetry on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The children were familiar with Rosen's work, particularly Chocolate Cake as this forms part of the English curriculum for Year 1.

A fabulous time was had. Michael Rosen was engaging and accessible with his skilful performance of some of the children's favourite poems. He spoke about how he was inspired to write and how poetry is a living breathing activity not something old and dusty in a book.

There were plenty of opportunities for audience participation with No Breathing in Class and the Hand on the Bridge. After the reading and questions, some children had books signed by Rosen.



We are now opening our Nursery to rising threes so your child can enroll for the term after they turn three. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact the admin office admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk or

admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk or 01440 703775

# Young Shakespeare Company

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February UKS2 enjoyed an interactive performance of Midsummer Night's Dream with Young Shakespeare Company.

This text as a core part of the English curriculum and the performance brought Shakespeare to life. Children were delighted to take on key roles such as Lysander, Hermia, Demetrius and Helena and to demonstrate enthusiasm for their cultural heritage. The professional actors led the children through the world of the play, untangling some of the trickier elements of the plot and language in a fun and exhilarating way. A huge thank you must go to the Cangle Trust who financed this opportunity.

"That was the best play ever!" said one excited Y6.





# St Felix Dates for 2024-25

**Back to School** New Year Mass in Church – parents welcome Children's Mental Health Week NSPCC Number Dav KS2 Mass Young Shakespeare Company with UKS2 Half Term **Spring Parent Consultations** Whole School Photos EYFS / KS1 Liturgy Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes World Book Day St Felix Day Mass at Church – parents welcome Stations of the Cross **Reconciliation Service** Y4 visit Easter Experience LKS2 Easter Play End of Term

#### Start of Term

PD Day – no pupils Pupils return Spring Bank Holiday Y3 Art Workshop KS2 SATS Week Pentecost Half term Year 1 Phonics Check Year 4 Multiplication Check **Sports Day and Picnic** Y6 Activity Morning at Burton End UKS2 Play at Arts Centre Y6 Transition to St Benedict's / Samuel Ward / Castle Manor Move Up Morning Reports out to parents End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in School Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome End of Term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:15pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February Thursday 27th February am Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm Fridays in Lent 2:45 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9:30am Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2pm  $26^{th} May - 30^{th} May$ 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1:30pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### 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
Pupils In	Wednesday 23rd April
Half Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Ends	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
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#### Autumn term

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

# Spring term

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

#### Summer term

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