



St. Felix RC Primary School

February Lent- 2026 Newsletter



"I invite you to a very practical and often overlooked form of fasting: refraining from words that wound, and choosing instead those that heal and build peace." Pope Leo XIV's Lenten Message

Dear Parents,

It is now Lent, a special time in the Church's year when we reflect on how we can make positive changes in our lives. In Gospel of Matthew, we hear how Jesus fasted for forty days and faced temptation, choosing what was right. Although life is very busy, even taking a small amount of time to pause and think about how we can improve our own lives and support others can lead to a more fulfilled and meaningful life.

During Lent, our Houses have organised a number of special projects:

- St Catherine's House – Making Easter gardens for older members of our local community
- St Peter's House – Raising money for a school in Sudan by painting prayer stones and making prayer cards and selling them in school and the parish.
- St Elizabeth's House – Collecting food for the local food bank
- St Francis House – Tidying our school grounds and making them more insect friendly by planting bulbs and plants. **Friday 20th MARCH bring a plant or some bulbs to school day.**

We would be very grateful for your support to help make these projects a success. We are kindly asking for donations of:

Bulbs

Stones for painting

Food for the food bank

Bedding plants

Clean ice cream tubs (to decorate and fill with bulbs)

As always, the term will culminate in a number of Easter celebrations:

- LKS2 will be performing a play on **Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March in the afternoon. Parents and friends are warmly welcome.**
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 will celebrate a liturgy and enjoy an Easter breakfast on Tuesday 24th in the morning. **We would greatly appreciate volunteers to cook eggs, prepare oranges and butter buns.**
- UKS2 will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on the afternoon of Friday 27th March and will share hot cross buns afterwards. **We will also need some volunteers to help with this.**

If you are able to support in any way, please let your child's teacher know.

To help decorate the tables, we would also appreciate any clean coffee jars that can be filled with twigs and Easter decorations.

This is such an exciting time of year, with signs of new life all around us, longer days, and so much to be positive about. Although it is a short term, we have a great deal planned. Thank you, as always, for your continued help and support in ensuring the children enjoy many memorable school experiences.

Wraparound Arrangements after Easter

Dear Parents and Carers - PLEASE be aware that after school wrap around times will be changing due to lack of demand. We have been trialling the end time to 5.30pm, tea-time club but this has not been popular and we do not have enough children to make this work economically.

Going forward after Easter wrap around care will finish at 5pm each day.

We apologise if this change impacts you in any way.

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Match Report from our Match Reporter

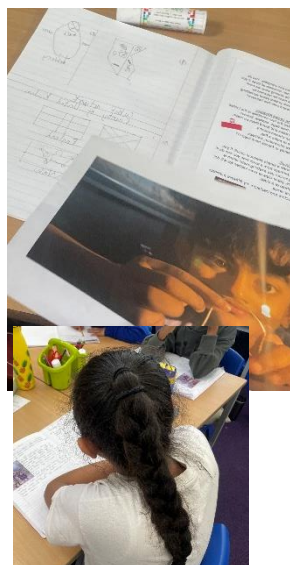
This week 24th February we played Castle Camps who are a strong team. We had solid organisation of the team; we played a 2-2-2 formation for both halves. At half time it was 0-0, but two of our team players came off injured. They came back on and fought through their discomfort. We battled well but the other team's defense was impenetrable and their passing was slightly superior to ours. The score line could have been worse if it wasn't for Oscar C in goal. His reflexes were on top form. Their goals came at the end, through some of our mistakes and general fatigue. Next time we will focus on being there earlier, so we can have a more thorough strategic team talk and warm up. Thank you for all the support from the crowd it really helps to spur us on! Well-done team.



We were delighted to be chosen to take part in the Suffolk Agricultural Association Tractors to Schools initiative. We were visited by John Drury from the Thurlow Estate Farms, who spoke to the children about the importance of farming and the processes involved in growing and harvesting crops. The children especially enjoyed climbing inside the tractor and were amazed by the sheer size of the machine.



The children in Horowitz Class have been learning about pattern design and the work of **William Morris**. Using his designs as inspiration, they created their own nature-inspired patterns. The children made printing blocks and then used them with acrylic paints and rollers to produce their own wallpaper designs.



The children who are learning to play the violin with **Mr Partridge** treated the whole school to a wonderful concert. We were all blown away by the high standard of their playing. There are a few spaces still available for children who are interested in learning the violin. Please contact the school office for more information.

I walked around the school and saw learning happening everywhere. The EYFS children were having fun while learning at Forest School, the Year 2 children were enjoying an exciting electricity lesson where they made their own circuits and switches, and the Year 4 children were working collaboratively in groups to discuss the topic of charity.

Up and Coming Events

- Friday 27th February in Assembly Stations of the Cross - Yr3 Stations 1-3 (pupils only)
- CAFOD FAST DAY Friday- 27th February

March

- **5th World Book Day - Dress up**
- 6th Stations of the Cross Yr4 Stations 4-7 (pupils only)
- 10th March Class photos - no PE kits
- 12th KS2 Reconciliation Service in school
- 13th In Assembly Yr 5 Stations 8-11 (pupils only)
- **20th March bring a plant to school day as part of St Francis House project.**
- 23rd and 24th March UKS2 Easter Play
- 24th March – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Liturgy and Easter Breakfast
- 25th March – Year 4 Easter Experience at St Mary's Church
- 27th March – Stations of the Cross UKS2 and Hot Cross Buns

Term dates 2025-26

Autumn term

PD days **Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd**

September 2025

Pupils In **Wednesday 3rd September**

PD Day **Friday 24th October**

Half term **Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October**

Ends **Friday 19th December**

Spring term

PD days **Monday 5th January 2026**

Pupils In **Tuesday 6th January**

Half term **Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February**

Ends **Friday 27th March**

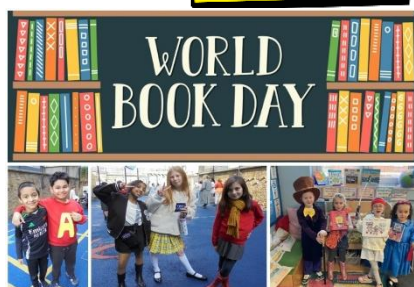
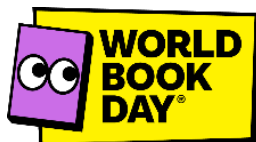
Summer term

Pupils In **Monday 13th**

Half term **Monday 25th**

Ends **Friday 17th July**

PD Day **Monday 20th July**



Supporting Children's Mental Health. Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit <http://www.nsf.uk/workshops>

St Felix Parish Quiz Night

ST. FELIX DAY FOR QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026
KEDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
CB9 7QQ
7.00 for 7.30 start.
ONLY £3.00 PER PERSON
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS
Please sign up your team (with numbers) -
teams of six, on the form in the Narthex;
or come along and make up a team on the night.

[World Book Day 2025: Your incredible costumes - BBC Newsround](#)

[World Book Day 2026 – Ideas and Teaching Activities | National Literacy Trust](#)

[World-Book-Day-2026-Dressing-up-resource-pack.pdf](#)

Each year, the **Annual Literacy Survey** is conducted to understand children's attitudes towards reading. In 2024, the findings showed that just **1 in 3 children and young people (34.6%) aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading.** This is the lowest level recorded since the question was first asked in 2005.

Even more concerning, **only 1 in 5 (20.5%) children and young people said they read daily,** again the lowest figure since 2005. As adults, we all recognise the importance of reading, not only for academic success but also for relaxation and enjoyment. Reading allows children to escape into new worlds, develop their imagination, and unwind. These positive experiences need to be actively encouraged.

To help promote a love of reading, this year children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. The link above provides lots of free and simple ideas, and there are many more examples available online. Please do not buy anything—creativity and imagination are what matter most.

[Leaflets and resources - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

[Suffolk Sendiass - YouTube](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support Service
sendiass
in Suffolk

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

NHS
Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Emetophobia
- Tourette's Symptoms/Tics
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)



Access here: <https://nsft.uk/Workshops>

Childhood Neurodivergence Parent/Carer Workshops

NHS
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Free Upcoming Virtual workshops on Childhood Neurodivergence:

- Understanding and supporting your child when they are hurting themselves
- Supporting your Neurodivergent Family
- Supporting your Child's Social Relationships
- Understanding and Supporting Sensory Needs
- Navigating the Diagnosis Journey
- Supporting Planning, Organising and Remembering

Pre-recorded Workshops and Resources

- Supporting your Child's Education
- Understanding and Supporting Behaviour
- Managing Parental/Carer Stress
- ...And more!



Access here: <https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>



Family fun

Venues across West Suffolk host family friendly events for all ages.

From family festivals, to children's theatre, music and activities, there's so much to discover in West Suffolk. <https://www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk/family/>

Lots of FREE events and activities.