



St. Felix RC Primary School January 2023 Newsletter

The call to follow Jesus is a decisive moment for every Christian. If someone does not find the courage to set out on the journey, the risk is to remain a spectator of one's own existence and to live the faith halfway.

22 January Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year – we are hoping 2023 is a positive year for St Felix. Thank you for the gifts and good wishes over Christmas.

Thank you for your messages of support following our recent Ofsted inspection. We recognise there is work to be done and this is already underway but it means a lot to us that many of you recognise the strong supportive atmosphere St Felix provides.

The school will be under increased scrutiny for the next 30 months as we will receive up to 5 further visits from Ofsted to ensure the improvement journey is rapid and sustainable. We aim to be graded as Good by the end of July 2025 and hopefully before.

The kitchen works will be starting on Monday 13th Feb and will run for 6 weeks and so should be completed by the last week of the Spring term. During this time, we will not be able to provide hot food but a cold option will still be available. However, it must be ordered in advance as it will be prepared offsite. Please complete the Microsoft form sent on 26.1.23.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

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| Governor Monitoring Morning | Thursday 2 nd February |
| EYFS Liturgy | Thursday 2 nd February 2:15pm |
| NSPCC Number Day | Friday 3 rd February |
| Children's Mental Health Week | 6 th -11 th February |
| Mayor Literacy Visit KS1/EYFS | Thursday 9 th February |
| HSA Non-uniform | Friday 10 th February |
| <i>Half Term</i> | <i>13th – 17th February</i> |
| No HOT meal provision | 20 th February – 24 th March |
| Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes | Wednesday 22 nd February 2:30pm |
| Stations of the Cross | Fridays in Lent 2:45 |

Mayoral Visit 26th January 2023

The Mayor of Haverhill is visiting schools to celebrate children's achievements in literacy.

Ten children from KS2 were delighted to receive books and certificates in recognition of the extra effort they have made with reading.



Ignite Visit

On Friday 23rd January we were joined in school by 3 members of the Diocesan Ignite Team. This group work with young people in schools to help them bring their faith to life through music and creativity.

The ministry team had a wonderful afternoon which culminated in a shared collective worship at the end of the day.



Bishop Peter will join us to celebrate Mass at St Felix 9th June 10:30am to mark the school's 50th anniversary.

Easter Activities at Ely Cathedral

This Easter we will be setting out a new trail in the Cathedral so children and families can discover Holy Week. This trail will take them through the events of Holy Week as seen by the women involved - as we celebrate our female patron Saint this year, we are also focusing on women in faith.



A VIRTUAL, practical course which helps parents and carers to develop and enhance children's understanding and talking.

Suffolk's Specialist Education Services are pleased to be able to offer this popular course. The eight 2 hour sessions will enable you to learn how to develop your children's understanding and talking.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE/ ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: Lucy Parker lucy.parker@suffolk.gov.uk
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Closing date for bookings: 22.2.23

Ofsted Update

Thank you to the parents who joined us on Monday to ask some really useful questions.

We are currently focusing on our second area for improvement until half term:

Area for Improvement 2 - *Ensure pupils with SEND have high quality provision which meets their needs and enables them to make strong progress from their starting points.*

SEND stands for Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

We really appreciated the support we received alongside the questions. "We're right behind you!" was lovely to hear.

Attendance

School attendance is very important for pupils. We celebrate every Friday which class has the highest attendance for the week.

6/1 Donaldson and Potter 100%
13/1 Horowitz 99.2%
20/1 Donaldson 100%
27/1 Morpugo 98.7%



St Felix Dates for 2022-23

Back to School

Epiphany Mass in Church
KS2 Mass
KS1 Liturgy
Governor Monitoring Morning
EYFS Liturgy
NSPCC Number Day
Mayor Literacy Visit KS1/EYFS
Children's Mental Health Week
HSA Non-uniform
Half Term
No HOT meal provision
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes
Stations of the Cross
World Book Day
Mayor Literacy Visit
Spring Parent Consultations
St Felix Day Mass
Reconciliation Service
Young Shakespeare Company UKS2
LKS2 Easter Play
Y4 visit Easter Experience

End of Term

Start of Term

Y4 Swimming
Spring Bank Holiday
Coronation Bank Holiday
KS2 SATS Week
HSA Disco
Ascension Mass
Half term
50th Anniversary Celebrations
Year 1 Phonics Check
Year 4 Multiplication Check
Governor Monitoring Morning
St Peter and St Paul
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre
Summer Fayre

Wednesday 4th January
Friday 6th January 2pm
Thursday 19th January 2:15pm
Thursday 26th January 2:15pm
Thursday 2nd February
Thursday 2nd February 2:15pm
Friday 3rd February
Thursday 9th February
6th-11th February
Friday 10th February
13th – 17th February
20th February – 24th March
Wednesday 22nd February 2:30pm
Fridays in Lent 2:45
Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 9th February
Monday 6th March - Thursday 9th March
Wednesday 8th March 2pm
Thursday 23rd March 2pm
Friday 24th March 1pm
Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March
Tuesday 28th March
Friday 31st March

Monday 17th April
TBC
Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May
Thursday May 18th TBC
Thursday 18th May TBC
29th May – 2nd June
Friday 9th June
12th – 16th June
5th – 23rd June
Thursday 22nd June
Thursday 29th June
Friday 7th July
TBC

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| Sports Day | TBC |
| Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome | Tuesday 18 th July 9:30 |
| Reports out to parents | Friday 14 th July |
| End of Year Thanksgiving Mass | July TBC |
| End of Term | Thursday 20 th July |

Dates for 2022-23

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| PD Day | Thursday 1st September & Friday 2nd September - No pupils |
| Pupils back to School | Monday 5 th September |
| PD Day | Friday 21st October No pupils |
| Half term | 24th – 28th October |
| End of Term | Friday 16th December |

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| PD Day | Tuesday 3rd January - No pupils |
| Pupils back to School | Wednesday 4th January |
| Half Term | 13th – 17th February |
| End of Term | Friday 31st March |

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| Pupils back to School | Monday 17th April |
| Half Term | 29th May – 2nd June |
| End of Term | Thursday 20th July |
| PD Day | Friday 21st July - No pupils |

Dates for 2023-24

Autumn term

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| PD Days | Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September - No pupils |
| Pupils back to School | Wednesday 6th September |
| PD Day | Friday 20th October - No pupils |
| Half term | Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023 |
| End of Term | Wednesday 20 December 2023 |

Spring term

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| PD day | Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - No pupils |
| Pupils back to School | 4th January 2024 |
| Half term | Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024 |
| End of Term | Thursday 28 March 2024 |

Summer term

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| PD Day | Friday 12th April 2024 - No pupils |
| Pupils back to School | Monday 15th April |
| Half term | Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024 |
| End of Term | Friday 19 July 2024 |