



St. Felix RC Primary School

October 2025 Newsletter



"In this Marian month, Pope Leo invites us to: 'Pray the Rosary every day for peace. Together with Mary, we ask that men not close themselves to this gift of God and that they disarm their hearts.'"



Dear Parents and Carers, this picture was taken to form part of an article in the Haverhill Echo and Suffolk News. I have been in Catholic education for 32 years and my four children have attended catholic schools. I would like to reiterate I am very proud and honoured to now be part of the St Felix community. To attract new families, and inform returning parents we are holding an open morning on 4th November between 9.30 -10.30am and an open afternoon on 11th November 1.15 - 2.15pm. We have some flyers available for distribution so please collect some if you can think of anywhere suitable to place them.



The year 6 children travelled to the cathedral in Norwich with Ms Murray, Mrs Lashmar, school governor, Father John and Mrs Price.

The cathedral was full of children representing all the schools from across the Diocese. Bishop Peter spoke to the children about being examples of God's love in our world and that they are the hope for the future as part of our Jubilee Year of Hope. The children joined in with the prayers and singing and it was wonderful to be part of such a joyful celebration.

The Ignite team gave each school a Jubilee candle which has been brought back to school and this has been placed on our prayer table in the school hall. Our children were so respectful and prayerful throughout the service and behaved impeccably all day.

Pictured with the Bishop are Boriana and Anselmo who carried our banner in the entrance and concluding processions.



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The harvest assembly in school was made even more special by having the Jubilee Year of Hope Icon in school. Only a handful of schools were chosen to host the icon which was brought into school by Jane Crone the CAFOD representative. Jane told the children about the painter who attended a school sponsored by CAFOD in Ethiopia. She explained the symbolism in the painting and the children were allowed a close-up look.



Thank you for all the tins and dry goods collected for the REACH foodbank. There was so much produce, and when the REACH representative came to collect, he told us that our school had collected the most items this year! All the items will really help struggling families and lone people in our local community. Supporting those in need is an important part of our mission as a Christian school and helps us to demonstrate the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Solidarity' as one family caring for each other. Pictured are the children who helped load the bags into the van.



The Haverhill Carnival came to school on Thursday to tell all the children about carnivals and let them try on some of the costumes they have used in previous years. We would like to be involved, so we will be doing some carnival workshops after school to make some headdresses we can wear during the Haverhill Carnival. It will take place in the town centre on Saturday 29th November. We are working with the committee to arrange these workshops, but don't have any definite dates yet. If there are any arty parents that would like to help then please see Mrs Price.

St Felix versus Westfield Whites

We kicked off and it was action packed from the beginning. There was an immediate shot on goal but it was saved by Oskar C. From the goal kick Brandon collected the ball and made a run for goal, unfortunately they intercepted the run. Francesco made some really good runs on the goal but didn't manage to hit the target. After half time there were a few defence changes, I was taken off for Michael, he defended well but a tackle that was deemed too rash led to a free kick and the opposition scored. The team tried their best to get another goal. We had lots of throw ins, runs at goal but the Westfield Whites defence stood firm and were impenetrable. The team really missed Reggie, George and Aiden who were out on their Year 5 residential. We hope we can back to our winning ways on their return. By Samuel Ruthven Y6

Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Well done to the year 5 children and staff who went on the residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands. Ms Murray, Mrs Graham and Mrs Newnes all reported that it was so much fun. They did mountain biking, canoeing, high ropes/ tree trekking, camp fires, caving, archery and zip wire. With all this activity the children were exhausted and slept through both nights, this meant the staff also got some well-earned rest. It was a really successful trip.

HSA News

On Wednesday 8th October the annual HSA AGM was held. The outgoing Chair Lisa Haworth reported on all the events that had occurred during the previous school year. It is clear that the HSA has played a vital role in providing resources across the school and subsidising events and visits across the year. The HSA is really important, for raising money and creating a school community where everyone can come together to support one another and there are additional funds in school that can be used across the year. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for everything they did to ensure all the children had access to extra resources and activities. The new Chair for this academic year is Seyla Cervera. The Vice Chair is Victoria Eccleston, Amy Jeffrey is Secretary and Hannah Mannering is the Treasurer for another year. The committee members are Bethan and Will Keely, Ben Eccleston and Samantha James. The first fund raiser will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 23rd October and save the date for the first disco of this academic year on Thursday 20th November. Start and finish times to be confirmed.

In school last week we celebrated the European Day for Languages with an assembly. In school we are so fortunate to have a such a vibrant and diverse community. We have approximately 15 different languages spoken by parents and children. The key Stage 2 children have weekly French lessons and practice the vocabulary taught throughout the week.

On Friday we relayed the sad news that Mrs Kelleher is leaving our school to pursue a new career in social care with Suffolk County Council. We will all miss her greatly but we know her association with the school will continue in a different guise. We hope her last few weeks in school will be very happy.

EPIC Dad – Fathers and Families Project



I was recently on a course and was introduced to the 'Epic Dad' organisation. Follow the link and it will take you straight to their website. They offer a wide range of programmes and activities designed to support men, empower fathers and strengthen families. Dads can access mentoring support, parenting courses and there are lots of events held throughout the year Dads can attend with their children. I met the founder who was extremely enthusiastic and dedicated to supporting Dads to be the best parents and role models for their children.

Please use the link for some essential top tips about how to keep children safe at Halloween.

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips-](#)

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Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you: If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure your child/ren do not try to visit the site. It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

Please talk to your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



Up and Coming Events

Individual Photos Thursday 16th October – NO PE clothing

Autumn Parent Consultations
October

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd

Non- Uniform Day HSA funds

Thursday 23rd October

[voluntary suggested contribution £1]

PD day

Friday 24th October

Half Term October

Friday 24th October – Friday 31st

EYFS Open Morning– New Parents
10:30am

Tuesday 4th November 9:30am –

EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies

Thursday 6th November 1:15pm

Remembrance Service in school

Tuesday 11th November 11am

EYFS Open Afternoon – New Parents
2:15pm

Tuesday 11th November 1:15pm –

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 12th November

Y6 NCMP Height and Weight Measurements

Friday 14th November

School Disco Timings TBC

Thursday 20th November

Advent Wreath Service in School

Friday 28th November 2:30pm

Reconciliation Service

Thursday 4th December 2pm

Catch Up Flu Vaccinations

Friday 5th December 12:30 - 3pm

Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led

Friday 19th December 1:30pm

End of Term Friday 19th December



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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 April 2026
Half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Ends Friday 17th July
PD Day **Monday 20th July 2026**

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