



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## February 2024 Newsletter



Prayer, almsgiving, and fasting are not three unrelated exercises, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying. We cast out the idols that weigh us down and the attachments that imprison us. Then will our atrophied and isolated heart revive.

*15 February Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week and activities across the school allowed pupils a chance to talk about worries but also recognise what is great and how they can support each other; "It was nice to hear that I mattered."

Our Wraparound provision currently has vacancies if you are looking for before or after-school care 7:45am – 5pm. Morning session £3 and afternoon session £4.50 for pupils in Reception – Y6. Contact the office to book.

During Lent, you are welcome to join us for Mass at St Felix church or for Stations of the Cross in school at 2:45 when your child's class is leading:

- 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)

Have a good half term. There seems to be lots of germs around and a break will allow pupils and staff to fully recover ready for a very short half term running up to Easter. Hopefully this will improve attendance. We look forward to seeing you for the Parent Consultations the first week back.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

### Upcoming Dates

Spring Parent Consultations	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February
Tiny Plays Workshops UKS2	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February and 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Governor Curriculum Monitoring	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 12-3pm
World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3 Girls Football Session	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
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
KS1 Trip to Layer Marney	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Y4 Colchester Castle Trip	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March

### Tractors into Schools Initiative

Farmer Jonathan Drury of Thurlow Estate Farms joined Y1 in school yesterday with his tractor. Inkpen pupils found out about the farm to fork journey of wheat. More exciting was the chance to sit in the cab of the tractor.

“It had two big wheels.”

“It was really comfortable”

“It was a really big tractor - taller than everyone”

“It had lots of lights”

Pupils used this experience to support their writing of questions and thank you letters.

The only disappointment? “There were no chickens!”



### Ofsted Update

This month we have continued to work on the curriculum by focusing on reasons to write. This has included the tractor visit and making links with RE topics.

The upcoming Tiny Plays project and educational visits will also act as stimuli.

Thank you for the response to the RE Survey. Whilst the outcome was overwhelmingly positive, our area for improvement is keeping parents informed about progress in RE.

### World Book Day March 7<sup>th</sup>

[Redeem your tokens here](#)

We will be walking in character for Cafod – all of these props or costumes are optional.

Class	Book	Costume or prop
Nursery	Rosie's Walk	Red shirt or top
Reception		
Y1	Peter Rabbit	Dress up as a rabbit
Y2	Gruffalo	Dress as a Gruffalo character, woodland creature or ready for a hike.
Y3	Little Prince	Crown and Cape
Y4R	Young Gifted and Black	Dress as preferred character from the book
Y4L	Boy at the Back of the Class	Backpack
Y5/6	Kensuke's Kingdom	Wellies or walking boots and spare or waterproof trousers
Y6	How to Live Forever	A book with an unusual title

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>



### SENDCo – Ruth Bamlett

I am the special educational needs co-ordinator. I started working here in September and have had a great welcome from children, staff and parents.

I have worked in schools for a number of years and in a number of different roles and I am a parent. I have always found that working in a primary school is a great privilege.

I work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I am responsible for helping children with SEND and their parents. Also, I work supporting teachers and teaching assistants to ensure the children with SEND are supported appropriately. More information can be found on the website at the top of the page under the SEND heading.

I would like to develop our parent partnership..... so watch this space for future coffee mornings where I join you parents for a natter with cake and coffee/tea. I am hoping we can share ideas and advice in a friendly environment.





# 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  
KS2 Mass  
KS1 Liturgy

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

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

EYFS Liturgy  
NSPCC Number Day  
Children's Mental Health Week  
HSA Non-Uniform Love Yourself  
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes  
Stations of the Cross  
*Half Term*  
Spring Parent Consultations  
World Book Day  
St Felix Day Mass at Church  
HSA Pop-up Mother's Day Stall  
Reconciliation Service  
KS1 Trip to Layer Marney  
UKS2 Trip to Bury Theatre Royal Tiny Plays  
Y4 Colchester Castle Trip  
Y4 visit Easter Experience  
HSA Bags2School  
LKS2 Easter Play  
Easter Egg Raffle  
**End of Term**

**Start of Term**

PD Day – no pupils  
Pupils return  
Y4 Swimming Starts  
Class Photos  
Spring Bank Holiday  
Ascension Mass in Church  
KS2 SATS Week  
Pentecost  
HSA Disco  
Kingswood Information Evening  
*Half term*  
Year 1 Phonics Check  
Year 4 Multiplication Check  
Sports Day and Picnic  
HSA Summer Fayre  
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre  
Reports out to parents  
Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome  
Move Up Morning  
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in School  
**End of Term**

Thursday 1st February 2:15pm  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9am  
Fridays in Lent 2:45  
*19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February*  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
TBC  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> <sup>t</sup> May  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1:30pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2pm  
Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
TBC  
*27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May*  
10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July TBC  
Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm  
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