



St. Felix RC Primary School February 2023 Newsletter

Almsgiving, charity, will be a sign of our compassion toward those in need, and help us to return to others. Prayer will give voice to our profound desire to encounter the Father, and will bring us back to him.

22 February Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

The kitchen works started Monday 13th Feb and now all lunches are made offsite, we can't do any last-minute changes on the day. Things are going well so far. The area has been stripped out, the walls have been redone, the floor was laid yesterday and the ventilation and ceiling began today.

7th February was Internet Safety Day – Let's Talk About It and I hope you took the opportunity to have a conversation with your child(ren) about what they do online. We have recently come across some unpleasant content on WhatsApp groups amongst the older children so we would advise you to check your child's actions in chat groups. The age restrictions are a reflection of children's inability to moderate their conduct on these spaces and parental input is required to keep them safe (WhatsApp is suitable for 16+).

Mrs Teixeira is due to start her maternity leave at the end of this term and Potter class will be taught by Miss Plumb on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Curr on Thursday and Friday.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Bedtime Story event on World Book Day.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
Mayor Literacy Visit	Thursday 2 nd March
Year 6 Visit to Arts Centre to meet Anne Fine	Friday 3 rd March
Spring Parent Consultations	Monday 6 th March - Thursday 9 th March
St Felix Day Mass	Wednesday 8 th March 2pm
Reconciliation Service	Thursday 23 rd March 2pm
Young Shakespeare Company UKS2	Friday 24 th March 1pm
LKS2 Easter Play	Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th March 2:15pm
Y4 visit Easter Experience	Tuesday 28 th March
End of Term	Friday 31 st March

Mayoral Visit 9th February 2023

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

Twelve children from EYFS/KS1 were delighted to receive books and certificates in recognition of the extra effort they have made with reading.



Let's Get Connected

Children's Mental Health Week 6-10th Feb

Across the school pupils took part in activities to remind themselves of the importance of being part of a community and reflected on all the different people they can rely on in school and at home



Lent

The House Captains are leading a Lenten project. To demonstrate the three acts of Lent – act / pray / give they would like to collect donations for the foodbank.

These can be brought into school at any point during Lent

Attendance

School attendance is very important for pupils.

We celebrate every Friday which class has the highest attendance for the week.

3/2 Potter 97.3%
10/2 Horowitz 100%
24/2 Lewis 100%



We like to support Cafod during Lent and their focus this year is on the Big Lent Walk. We will be doing this on 31st March – more details to follow.

Ofsted Update

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.*

- Last half term we changed the way we record information about pupils with SEND. Systems are now in place to ensure this is focused on pupil need.
- There was training for teachers on their legal responsibility under the SEND Code of Practice and how to meet needs in the classroom.
- Regular monitoring across the half term has shown improvement in the way children with special needs are taught in class and the level of support they receive

This half term we are moving our focus to the next area

Area for Improvement 3 *Improve reading curriculum by ensuring pupils enjoy a wide range of rich and varied texts and build their understanding of literature to effectively learn how to interpret and consider these texts.*

Our reading curriculum, which we started in September, is now mapped from Nursery to Y6 and this half term we will continue to make adaptations in delivery to meet the needs of the pupils at St Felix. Our phonics programme continues to be successful.



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

Year 6 visit to Arts Centre

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

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 2nd March

Friday 3rd March

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

Summer Fayre	TBC
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

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

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

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

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

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

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