

Felix Primary school

Newsletter

December 2025

AUTUMN TERM

ISSUE #02

Headteacher's Update

This term has been an exciting and productive one at Felix and we are delighted to share some of the wonderful progress and achievements across the school. One of our highlights has been the significant improvements to the school environment. Over the October half term, several large display boards were installed, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere for our pupils. In the main reception, you can now see a beautiful display of a tree representing each class, reflecting the identity of every classroom. We also have displays highlighting our house teams, a timeline of history learning, our school values and information promoting healthy eating.

Looking ahead to next term, every child will be allocated to a house team and we will begin collecting house points. This initiative will encourage pupils to work collaboratively across the school, celebrate achievements together and foster school spirit.

Our after-school clubs have also been a huge success this term. The Book Club, supported by Mrs White, has been incredibly popular, encouraging a love of reading across the school. Board Games Club, organised by Mrs Spurling and Miss Matthews, has offered pupils a fun, engaging way to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. In addition, Miss Day has led the Pine Prefects Club, giving pupils the opportunity to take pride in contributing to the school community while building confidence, responsibility and leadership skills.

We are also delighted to have welcomed the Luke Chambers Football Academy this term. Former Ipswich Town Club Captain, Luke Chambers and his team are delivering high-quality football coaching in a fun, inclusive and supportive environment. The sessions are helping pupils develop their skills, teamwork, confidence and overall wellbeing, while also providing the chance to learn from experienced and highly qualified coaches.

Announcements



The last day of this term will be Friday 19th December. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back for the start of the Spring Term on Tuesday 6th January.



Please remember to pre-order your child's school meals via MCAS. Pre-ordering helps ensure your child receives their preferred meal, supports the smooth running of our lunchtime service, and ensures that meal charges are applied accurately to your account. Thank you for your cooperation.

This term, we have invested significantly in our school library to provide an even wider range of books for our pupils. From next term, classes will have the opportunity to take these books home to read, supporting a love of reading and learning beyond the classroom.

We are also delighted to share that we have secured investment from the Enabling Communities Budget, which will allow us to continue developing the library in the new year. We are extremely grateful for this support and we look forward to sharing updates on how the library continues to grow and inspire our pupils.

It has been wonderful to see the progress made this term and the wide range of opportunities now available to our pupils. Thank you to all staff, pupils, and families for contributing to such a positive and thriving school community. We look forward to building on these successes in the Spring Term and continuing to offer engaging learning experiences for all our children.

Mr Hall



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2026 - 2027 Term Dates

Dear All,

Many of you will be aware that several trusts / schools have recently realigned the structure of the school year. After reviewing our own pattern, we have decided that a slight adjustment would benefit both pupils and staff, particularly in relation to the length of the autumn term.

Our priority has been to maintain the total number of days pupils spent in school, whilst also enhancing the well being of pupils and staff.

The main change is an extension to the October half-term break. We believe this adjustment will support pupil and staff wellbeing and improve attendance, especially given the national priority.

We can confirm that there will be no reduction to the number of teaching days.

Thank you for your continued support as we implement these changes.

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- Autumn Term:
 - Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026
 - Half-term: 19th October - 30th October 2026
 - Last day: Friday 18th December 2026
- Spring Term:
 - Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2027
 - Half-term: 15th February- 19th February 2027
 - Last Day: Thursday 25th March 2027
- Summer Term:
 - Starts: Monday 12th April 2027
 - Bank holiday/ school closed: 3rd May
 - Half-term: 31st May - 4th June 2027
 - Last Day - Thursday 22nd July 2027

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Our Main Entrance Display

parking permits



All visitor parking permits have now been issued. Please ensure your permit is clearly displayed inside your vehicle whenever you are on the school site.

When driving onto the premises:

- Follow all posted speed limits and safety signs.
- Be mindful of pedestrians, especially children.
- Use designated parking spaces only.

Thank you for helping us keep our school site safe and accessible for everyone.

Attendance Matters

Attendance league table for this term

Acorn	93%
Elm	87%
Cedar	92%
Elder	87%
Cherry	95% ★
Rowan	95% ★
Maple	94%
Pine	94%
Poplar	91%
Willow	95% ★



Staff Leaving

Miss Cheung

We would like to thank Phoebe for her time as our Office Manager and for the support she has given to staff, pupils and families during her time at the school. The role of the office is such an important part of daily school life and Phoebe played a key role in helping things run smoothly. We wish Phoebe all the very best for the future and thank her for her contribution to the school.

Miss Lawrence

We would like to acknowledge the contribution Miss Lawrence made at Felix in her role as Teaching Assistant in Maple class. She supported the children with care and commitment and her contribution to the class was invaluable. We wish Miss Lawrence all the very best for the future and thank her for everything she has given during her time at Felix.

Mr Humphrey

Mr Humphrey has worked at Felix in a number of roles, first as a Pastoral Support Assistant and more recently as a teacher in Elder class. Throughout his time with us, he has supported pupils with care and commitment and has been a valued member of the school team. We are grateful for Mr Humphrey's work at Felix and wish him every success in the next chapter.

Miss Hart

Miss Hart has worked at Felix as Lead Teacher in Pine, our specialist unit, where she has supported pupils with complex needs and led practice within the setting. Her commitment to the children and to the team has been an important part of the work of the unit.

Mrs Richardson

Mrs Richardson has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Elder class, where she supported pupils with patience, kindness and reliability as part of the class team. Her steady contribution to the day-to-day life of the class has been appreciated by both pupils and staff.

Staff Arriving

Mrs Joseph

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Joseph who will be joining Elder class in January. She will be working alongside Mrs Holmes to support pupils' learning and development.

Miss Wrinch

We are pleased to welcome Miss Wrinch as the new Lead Teacher in Elm class. She will be working closely with Mrs Spurling and leading learning in the class.

Miss Davis

We are excited to welcome Miss Davis as the Headteacher's PA. She will provide valuable support across the school and help with the smooth running of daily operations.

Mrs Cracknell

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cracknell, who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant. She will be supporting pupils in their learning and contributing to the positive classroom environment at Felix.