

SET Felix Primary

Autumn Newsletter

Headteacher's message



Dear Felix Primary School Community,

Welcome to the first edition of this newsletter for 2024-2025, we are excited to share lots of wonderful updates with you.

Curriculum

Mrs Beck is leading math across the school. She has set up a Times Tables Rock Stars competition and Rowan have won the overall class trophy three weeks in a row! We are also handing out other certificates for effort and determination by your children in using this site to learn their times tables.

Staffing

We have had changes in staffing so please do refer to our website page for our current team, we will continue to update it for you to help:

Our Team - Felix Primary School

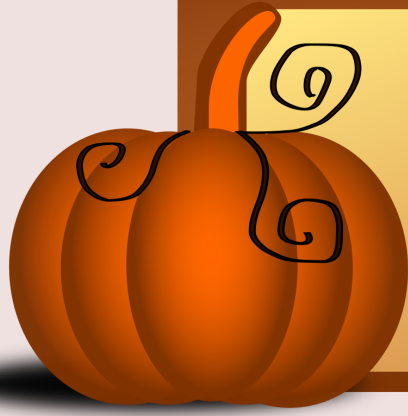
Exciting news! Miss Hardy welcomed a little boy recently and we know you will be pleased and excited to hear this. We wish Miss Hardy a wonderful maternity leave and look forward to seeing her back 2025.

Website

We have a new website to match our new logo and name, please have a look at this. We are working on developing this as the term goes on so please do share feedback to help us make this useful and informative for you.

Best wishes,

Jess Hearn
Headteacher



Whole School News:



Attendance:

This year's attendance so far is 92.1%.

The class with the highest attendance this half term was Pine class with 97%

We have seen a lot of coughs, colds and sickness bugs this half term so far.

Please remember that if your child is absent, this needs to be reported before 9am via an Arbor message, email or a phone call to 01394 283374 option 2. No reason for absence will result in an unauthorised absence mark and as you are probably aware the government have introduced compulsory measures in order to improve the national attendance this year.

I would like to say thank you all for your support this term bringing your children into school and notifying us when your child is poorly, including abiding by the 48hr sickness policy.

Look out for some exciting treats to be won next half term for those who maintain their good/excellent attendance and those who continue to improve their attendance,

Kind regards
Mrs Howieson

Trips/Events and Other news:

This half term has started with a bang with lots of trips and events including:

Sports trips with Mr Entwistle

Crucial Crew with Ms Felgate

Swimming

School photos

Flu Immunisations,

Spooky Dress Up day

And an amazing show for the whole school from M&M productions, the children especially enjoyed this one.



Fundraising:

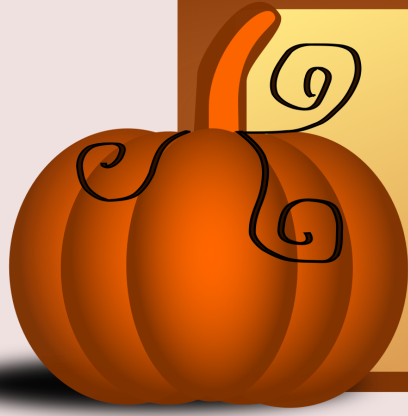
Thank you to all those that contributed to Spooky Dress Up Day. The children all looked amazing and had lots of fun.

We managed to raise a **WHOPPING £200** towards our school here.

[Hop To It! Suffolk 2025 - St Elizabeth Hospice](#)

Thank you again for your continued support, and congratulations to the winners of our Spooky Raffle and BOO box





Whole School News:

Sports and Clubs

Sports Clubs:

After school clubs have made another great start to the year with not many places being left available.

New club letters will be going out so please sign your child up early to secure a space. We have plenty of competitions coming up throughout the year including dodgeball and football, if your child would have any interest in representing the school in these competitions, please try and sign them up to after school clubs to give them the best chances possible to be selected.

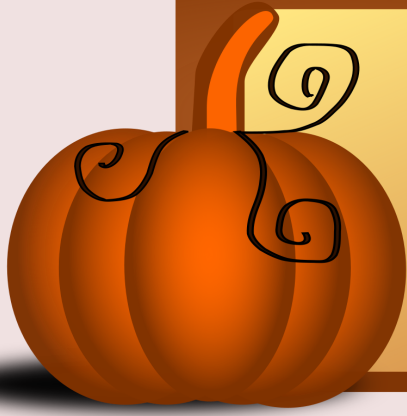


Sports:

This half term in PE the KS2 children have been focusing their learning in hockey and fitness. The Year 6 children have been going swimming. EYFS have been focusing their learning on Fundamentals and Target Games.

Also, this half term has seen the school compete at the Felixstowe Schools Paarlauf which the children did a fabulous job of representing Felix Primary. We also had the Hockey Festival which unfortunately had to be postponed for Year 3/4 but went ahead for the Year 5/6, who had a great time and again represented the school extremely well.





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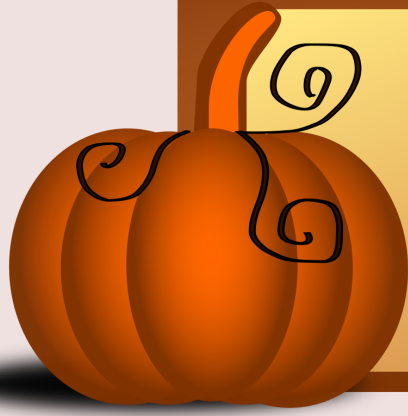
ART

This half term all classes have been developing their drawing skills using a variety of resources to help them explore different techniques. Cedar and Elder class have been using spirals as the inspiration for their work and have been using big paper, oil pastels and chalk to present their work.

Cherry class have been exploring how to use charcoal and learning about the technique of Chiascuro (light and dark) in their artwork.

Rowan, Maple, Poplar and Willow classes have been learning about typography (the art of using words and letters). They have explored designing their own fonts and are currently designing their own maps using the typography skills they have used for any words they use.



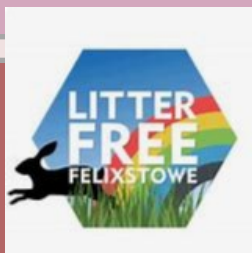
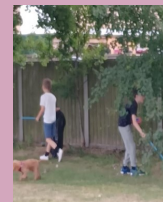


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Gardening and Eco Club

This term we have been involved with Litter Free Felixstowe as a school. We were invited to attend a Litter Picking Event at Seaton Road Park on 22.9.24, where a lot of litter was collected.

Some of the children from last years Gardening Club entered competitions being run by Felixstowe Flower in Bloom. I am happy to say that we won 4 certificates in the Junior School Painting Competition. Lots of work has been happening this term in the garden including starting a Compost heap.



We would thank you (amongst

people at the Felixstowe Lions Club and Felixstowe Rotary Club who have and continue to support us in so many ways to ensure our school has useable, safe, natural and fun outside spaces.



**Felixstowe
Lions Club**
District 105CE

Rotary



Felixstowe



Whole School News:



Pastoral:



Welcome back and lovely to see you all again.

I would start by introducing myself to Acorn parents. I am known as Mrs C to the children and I'm the Pastoral Support Manager.

I am on the gate in the mornings and afternoons if you want to come and have a chat.

We will soon be looking into places that offer help for the Christmas period. If you are struggling financially and would like signposting to help groups please let us know.

Inclusion:

Being a parent of a child with special educational needs is as rewarding as it is challenging. It is important families are also supported alongside the child. Autismandadhd.org is a great website that offers practical support and has a regular newsletter you can sign up to. Take a look.

Staffing:

There have been a few changes over the summer to our SEND team and it now includes:

Mrs Bhagwandas who is Assistant Head and SENCO for our three Specialist Units. She is on site all week except a Thursday.



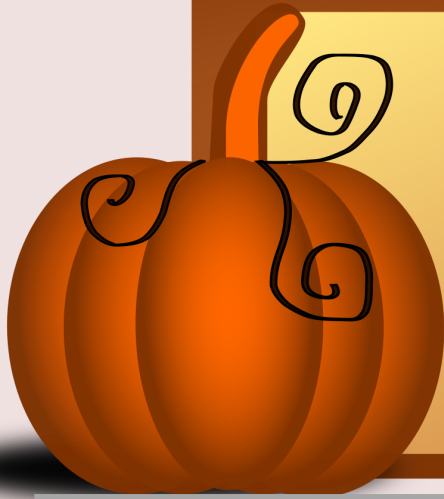
Mrs Cleland is our current SENCO for mainstream and is on site on a Monday and Wednesday.



Please contact the school if you wish to make an appointment with one of our SENCOs.

The team are supported by Miss Rayner (SEND Admin Assistant) and Mrs Buttery (SEN Intervention TA).





Specialist Units

Elm Class:



Elm Class have had a great start to the school year! We have welcomed in our new children and everyone is settling in well.

We have enjoyed lots of sensory trays and activities in Literacy as part of our Going on a Bear Hunt topic- we stomped in oozy mud, splish splashed in cold water, swirled in a snow storm and swish swashed through long grass. We are practising our phonics for reading and writing every day too.

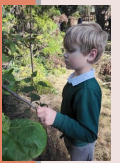
In Maths we have counted forwards and backwards, sorted, and subitised both practically and in games and songs,

We are learning about our bodies in our "All about me" topic including learning the different parts of our bodies and how to keep our hands and bodies clean, healthy and safe.

We really enjoy our Bucket Time sessions and are excited to see what comes out of the bucket. We have enjoyed the Autumn sunshine in our outdoor area- exploring the continuous provision activities and the space to move around.

Our PE sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays in the hall where we can climb, balance, jump, roll throw and catch. We have a lovely time exploring the outside area and in Forest School time on Friday afternoons.

Have a lovely half term break- see you all soon!



Poplar Class:



Poplar class have had a wonderful start to the term welcoming new children as well as old. The children have shown what excellent listeners they are, embedding the new routines as well as getting to know and reconnect with each other.

In maths, Poplar children have been learning about place value as well as embedding their number bonds. Times Tables Rock Stars has become a part of our daily routine. We are really hoping to increase our home usage so that we stand a chance of winning 'Class of the Week.' Please help with this and contact us should you require resharing of your child's details.

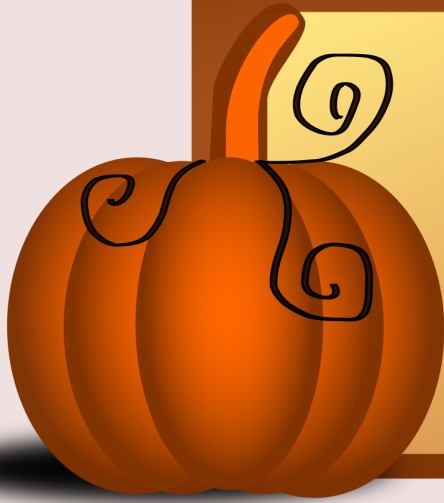
English has seen the children separating into small groups where some children have been working on instructional writing whereas others have been retelling a trip to the woods. The children enjoyed their walk through the trees where they could focus on the sounds and what they could see.

PE is on a Thursday and Friday. The children have been working on their hockey skills and fitness. Children will need a green t-shirt, black shorts and jogging bottoms for cooler weather as well as trainers or suitable footwear. Please also send your child in with a water bottle.

Science has seen us looking at forces where we have been able to perform different experiments on the effects of air resistance.

We thoroughly enjoyed watching the recent theatre performance of Oliver Twist.





Specialist Units

Pine Class:

In pine class, children old and new have settled well and enjoyed lots of learning this half term. We all really enjoy our morning catch up, where we use our zones of regulation to check in with how we are all feeling, discuss the weather, days of the week and remind ourselves of the class rules we need to follow.



In Sand Pine the children have particularly enjoyed reading *The Tiger That Came to Tea*, *The Owl Babies* and *Room on the Broom* and have completed a vast array of sensory learning activities. In Stone Pine the children have been following the *Write Stuff* with a focus on forming sentences. The children really enjoyed *The Sound Collector* poem and discussing which sounds they liked the most and which sounds they could live without!

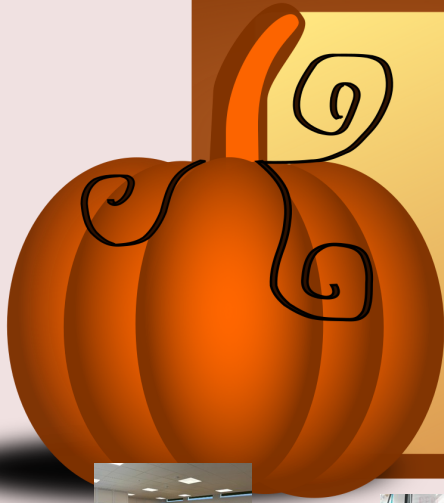
In Maths the children in Sand Pine begin each lesson with counting number songs, these involve lots of smiles and the children are beginning to join in with these. We then split into our groups where we are working on number recognition and subitizing, some of us our working on addition to 20.

In Stone Pine we follow *White Rose Maths* and are learning about place value. We have used dienes and place value counters to make all different amounts and some of us have been able to create numbers up to 100 and even 10,000.



We are super impressed with the kindness that children are showing to each other in Pine class and as a result have created a kindness wall and a celebration window, which we love adding to. Keep it up Pine class





EFS and KS1 News



Acorn class:

Acorns have had lots of fun this term settling into school and enjoying exploring our new classroom and garden. We were very lucky to have lots of new equipment, furniture and resources at the beginning of the year. We also had our garden tarmacked and astroturfed to make it safer and more user friendly.

In Write Stuff we have been exploring *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* and *The Rainbow Fish*. The children have enjoyed lots of sensory experiences including stomping in cold, icy water.

In Acorns this half term our topic has been "All About Me". We have been learning all about our bodies, how to keep ourselves clean, safe and healthy and have been thinking about our feelings.

Cedar class:

What a super start to our school year in Cedar Class! We have been busy learning all about Place Value and addition and subtraction using lots of resources to help us to understand. Don't forget to log on to Numbots as well at home, this really helps children become more fluent in their maths and is also lots of fun! In English we have told the story of *The Storm Whale* and written a recount of our 'Cedar Class Walkabout' and den building. One of our favourite parts to the week is going to our fabulous new library and looking at books together. Our History topic this term has been all about Toys from the Past. Looking at photos, and comparing them with toys that we have now, has really made us think about how things have changed! Well done 'Super Cedars' you have been working hard.

Elder class:

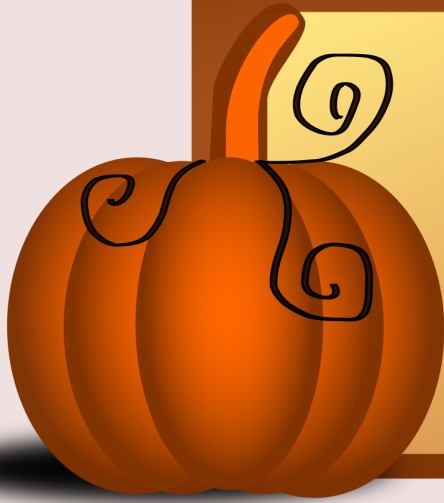
What an amazing start back we have had to the new school year.

Elders have been busy in maths learning all about place value. We have been focusing on tens and ones, thinking about how to read and record two digit numbers and counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's.

In English we have been writing a story. We thought all about different plot points to make our story interesting and added adjectives to make our writing more exciting.

In History we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We have compared London now to what London was like in 1666 and discovered the events that happened during the Great Fire of London.

We have greatly enjoyed our library time each week. Our new library is full of new and exciting texts. We have managed to find some graphic novels, poetry, non fiction and fiction books to read and share in class.



KS2 News

Cherry class:

What a busy half-term we have had in Cherry class so far!

In English we have been reading 'The Street Beneath My Feet', a non-fiction explanation text by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zammer. We will be using this as a basis for constructing our own explanation text.

In RE we have been finding out about Islam and how a Muslim may show obedience to Allah. The children constructed prayer postures using playdough.

In Science this term, we have introduced a new scheme of work published by White Rose Education. As part of this, the children follow some fictional characters and their class pet, Diddy the duck, as they explore scientific ideas and concepts. This term so far we have been finding out all about skeletons including functions of skeletons and the different types. Did you know that some animals do not have a spine?

Rowan class:

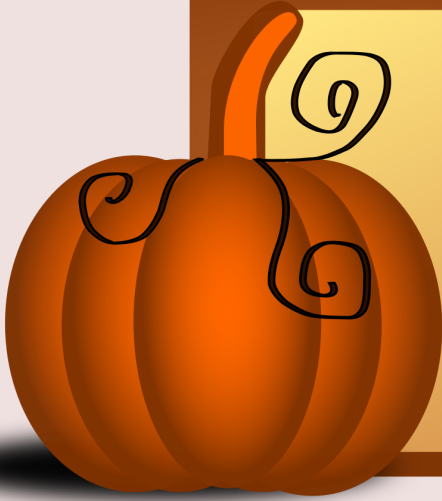
It has been a wonderful half term in Rowan class and we are so proud of the children. We have thought lots about our school value of kindness and it has been a joy to see children show this in action.

In our English we have enjoyed our unit on poetry and have used some impressive vocabulary to write about autumn and winter.

Our maths this half term began with place value and we have finished with addition and subtraction. We are impressed with the resilience the children have shown in lessons, practising and persevering and making lots of progress!

We have enjoyed our foundation lessons, learning about the Romans in history, Animals and Plants in science, Rules & Responsibilities in PSHE, Islam in RE and much more!

Well done Rowan on all of your hard work – we look forward to the next half term.



KS2 News

Maple class:

This half term we have been extremely busy and hard working.

It has been lovely to see the children progress in their writing. In our recent English piece, the children wrote a story based on the book *Computer Dad*. It was lovely to see the children improving their skills from year 4 and even adding in colons and semi colons. We are about to write our second piece of assessed work based on a persuasive text looking at how plastic pollutes the Earth, we have found lots of shocking facts!

In maths, Maple class have impressed myself and Mrs Lawrence on their place value skills as well as addition and subtraction looking at 6 digit numbers!

In Science, we have looked at living organisms and their habitats and produced some fantastic classification keys based on animal and plant features.

In history, we have enquired about and revisited the Anglo-Saxons, looking at the alphabet and creating our names from their alphabet.

Willow class:

This half term we have been writing non-chronological reports. We studied all about The Himalayas to find out the features we needed to include in a non-chronological report. We then researched The Sahara Desert to write our own.

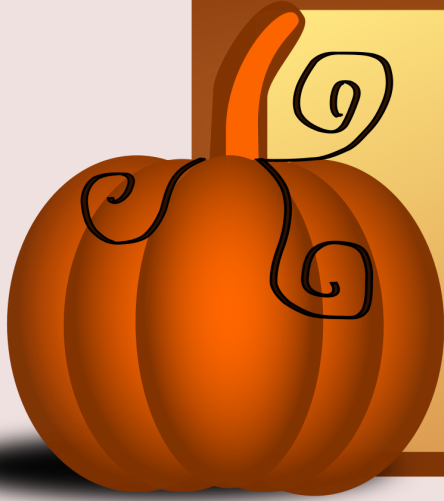
In maths we have been doing place value and all four operations including the joys of long multiplication and long division.

We also made inclinometers to measure the height of trees.

In science we have been classifying organisms and in history we have started learning about the Ancient Greeks but we haven't got very far yet so we will carry on with that after half term.

We have also had fun playing the musical instruments.





Next Term Dates



Felix Primary School AUTUMN (24/25) term events

<u>Date</u>	
10th October 2024	Vancols - Individual and Sibling Photos
11th October 2024	M & M Productions 'Oliver Twist' Showtime 9.30am
W/B 14th October 2024	Parents evening
16 - 23rd October 2024	Scholastic Book Fair for Autumn
23rd October 2024	Flu Immunisations first session 8:30-12:00
24th October 2024	Crucial Crew (Year 5)
11 th November 2024	Armistice service, house captains and school council
11 th November 2024	Anti bullying week
12 th November 2024	Odd sock day
13 th November 2024	Youth Forum at Town Council
15 th November 2024	Spotting clothes and Teddy bear day - £1.50 includes raffle ticket to win a tea part hamper.
22 nd November 2024	Year 5/6 police presentation - Online Safety and Dangers of Vaping
27th November 2024	Flu Immunisations second session 8:30-11:00
17 th December 2024	2:30 Rocksteady. Time tbc
20 th December 2024	Last day of Autumn term