



## Headteacher's message:

Dear all,

Where has the time gone? I can't believe we are now at the end of term! We have come to the time to say goodbye to our staff and children moving on to the next stage of their learning journey. There have been many fun and exciting things happening this half term and I am sure you will love reading about them.

Acorn class studied the butterfly life cycle and watched caterpillars change. One of the butterflies was unable to fly due to damage to one wing and I offered to adopt it! 7 weeks later and Felix the butterfly is doing really well and loves his fresh fruit and flowers!



Talking of flight and change, we would like to wish all of the year 6 children all the best for high school and thank you for being a part of our school family. Thank you to all your family members for supporting you and us.

We also have other children leaving and we would like to say goodbye and hope you continue well in your next chapter.

We are saying goodbye to staff members this term too:

Fiona Dalton is our music PPA teacher and teaches a mixture of 1:1 and small group instrumental lessons. This has been a fantastic addition to our curriculum offer and we will miss hearing the tunes throughout the corridors.

Amie Hopwood-Hartley is returning to an exciting opportunity in her previous role so has exciting times ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September and to our new school 'Felix Primary School' and our new logo. Have a safe and relaxing Summer, with lots of fun and family time.

Thank you for your support this year and everything you do in conjunction with us and your children.

Jess Hearn,

Headteacher.



# Whole School News

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This term has been so full of activities, from school discos and beach trips, to the world of work and enrichment week. I am quite sure the whole community is about ready for the Summer Break to recoup and get ready to do it all again. Please read on through our final newsletter of this academic year to see some of the things your children will have been up to!

## Enrichment Week:

As our summer term draws to a close, we are celebrating with a whole school enrichment week. This is such a fantastic opportunity for children to have new experiences and to learn skills that are not necessarily part of the curriculum in school.

The week started with a visit from Our Animal World where the team brought several animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, therapy dogs, various lizards, a royal python and a lesser bamboo rat for the children to see, stroke, hold and learn about.

Premier sports have supported us with ultimate frisbee sessions and samba dancing.

Ollie from The Beat Goes On returned again this year for rhythmic workshops, this time using basketballs and we had a visit from The Junk Orchestra who used old junk such as battered suitcases and empty paint cans to create a whole orchestra with our children.

Alongside all of this, we have had wonderful enrichment activities in our classes which have included baking, arts and crafts, languages lessons and enterprise projects.



## Beach Trips:

We have had so many amazing beach trips this year. We feel incredibly blessed to have this on our doorstep and would like to thank you all for your support in completing these trips.



## World of Work:

Last week we had a fantastic World of Work event where our children got to meet volunteers from all different careers and chat to them about their work. Jobs representatives included police, architect, BT and Yeo Group who brought along some pizza from Bencotto!



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## Forest School:



Our final term of forest school has been all about finding bugs, and we have found a lot!  
We also had fun flower bashing! The results were beautiful.

Our new addition was a hammock, which everyone has enjoyed using, the hardest question was deciding whether they looked like a hot dog or a caterpillar cocoon.



Mrs Schrier and myself hope you all have a great summer enjoying the great outdoors.

## Youth Forum:

We had great fun attending our last Youth Forum event of the year. Thank you to the three year sixes and their families for attending the after school meeting. At the most recent meeting we had the pleasure of meeting the new Mayor of Felixstowe, who discussed with us the importance of our youth speaking out and making sure their voices are heard. I look forward to selecting our new Youth Forum Attendees for this coming September.

## School Council:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Cake sale. We raised over £100 to put towards new resources. Watch this space for next term.

## Friends of Felix:

The Friends of Felix have had another fantastic half term and raised lots of essential funds for the school and items we would not be able to purchase without the hard work and dedication these ladies put in.



Monies Raised :

Summer Fair ~ £522.75

School Disco ~ £541.87

Sports day refreshments ~ £73.06

This half term the Friends of Felix have provided the Year 6 with their leavers t-shirts and ice creams at the leavers events.



## Pastoral:

Well we made it to the end of the year , some ups and down and kept us on our toes but we got there!

Mrs Batram, Mr Humphreys and myself would like to wish you all a great summer holiday, enjoy the time with your children and we look forward to seeing you all back on September 5th.

Please also remember if any concerns to contact Customer First, Please also check online for food bank websites should these be required.

Any concerns you may have please come and see us in September and we will try and assist you or point you in the right direction.



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## Art

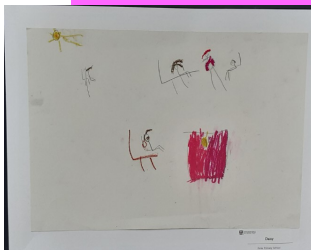


### Art:

This half term 11 of our children had their work selected for the Young East Anglian Artist Exhibition in Woodbridge. We had been waiting eagerly for the results, so it was lovely to finally be able to take the children along to see their work on display. Huge congratulations to them all. The exhibition showed a large, diverse range of work all based around the theme of Connections.

### Art Club:

We completed our final session of Art Club for the year at the beginning of this half term. The children were able to complete their mini coral reef sculptures. They added coloured glaze to their fired clay before we put them in the kiln for the final time. It was a very proud moment when we saw the finished results.



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## Music

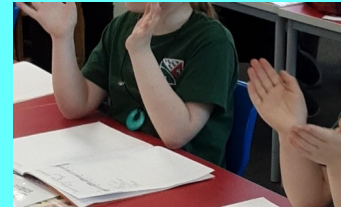
### Music:

This Summer term our theme in classes Oak, Elm and Pine has been Transport. We have been using our voices, bodies and instruments to explore different types of transport. We always enjoy our musical words such as tempo, presto and largo!

In classes Cedar and Elder our theme has been about Traditional Western stories. We have been looking at instruments of the orchestra, pitch and tempo in music.



In classes Cherry, Rowan, Hazel and Poplar our music theme has been about Jazz. We have been learning about rag-time style music, traditional jazz and scat singing which has been really good fun. We also created a jazz motif using a swung rhythm.



In classes Maple and Willow the children have been creating brilliant songs on the keyboards with their own lyrics in a verse chorus structure.

There have been good beats, rhythms and sounds coming from our Thursday lunchtime keyboard club where the children have been exploring and enjoying making music.

A big well done to all those children who have had piano lessons, you have all made fantastic progress in playing and learning to read music. Well done!

### Rocksteady Music:

Many of our students enjoyed either taking part in their very own rock concert or watching their very first Rock concert, organised by the team at Rocksteady Music.

A MASSIVE thank you to Ms Dalton and all the wonderful music she has brought to Felix Primary. Ms Dalton will not be returning in September and we would like to take this time to wish her all the luck in her new adventures.

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## Sports



### Sports:

This half term has unfortunately been a very wet and cold one on the PE front which has meant a lot of normal outdoor summer sports have had to be done in the hall. We have however managed some lovely weather for both KS1 and KS2 sports days, last week for our enrichment and this week for our last week of PE.



We have had such an action packed half term with off site events such as girls football, area sports at Trimley St Mary's school and just last week we took a group of children selected by class teachers to Felixstowe High School to have a go at some trampolining, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, these are just to name a few.



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## Clubs

### Gardening Club:

This term we have been looking at all the new plants that we have grown from seed. We have planted our tomato plants into containers and we hope that they will produce some tomatoes for us. We also planted the tomato plants that were donated to us. The wildflower seeds that we planted at the front of the school near reception have grown and are flowering for the bees and butterflies. Our cherry, pear and apple trees are growing nicely. We are growing potatoes, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries too. We ate the raspberries.

Mrs Schrier and I have really enjoyed this club and we look forward to doing it again next year.



### Green Club:

On 10th June, Deborah Bartlett visited our school to lead an assembly all about the importance of taking care of the environment. The children were presented with some gifts funded by both Deborah and also East Suffolk Council who gave the litter-picking equipment. We were also provided with certificates and Green Hero badges to reward participation.

Our Eco Club has completed several successful litter picks of the school grounds using this equipment already! We are also hoping to organise mini-litter-picks at lunch time or breaks with the wider school.

Congratulations to Nuala and Amelia who won the Litter bin sticker competition, look out for their winning designs on bins near you.

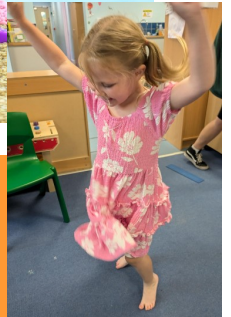


# Specialist Units

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**Elm:** What a fantastic summer term we have all had! We have so many WOW moments and amazing progress to celebrate.



We had lots of fun with engaging activities and learning linked to our topics of Under the Sea and The Very Hungry Caterpillar, both inside and outside. We have enjoyed our weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Long and Mrs Schrier where we can run, dig, climb, play, swing and explore the Forest School area. We have just finished a wonderful enrichment week where we had lots of exciting visitors and amazing activities. We saw lots of interesting and exotic animals with Our Animal Adventure and Mini Monsters. We had a fun body percussion session with Oli from The Beat Goes On and played lots of recycled junk instruments with Mr Junk Orchestra. We also decorated biscuits, played parachute games, played frisbee and had a giant game of "the floor is lava" in the hall with Mr Entwistle.



We have 8 of our fabulous children and their families moving on to their new classes in September. It has been such a pleasure to work with you all and we all wish you all the best, please stay in touch!

Have a fabulous summer everyone, with best wishes from Mrs Hunt and The Elm Team.



**Poplar:** As the term draws to an end, it is sadly that time of year where we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been a fantastic bunch and will be missed by all of us.

We have had a busy summer term which saw the Poplar children competing in sports day activities as well as the running races. I must say, we have some incredible fast children who thoroughly enjoyed the competitive side of the races.



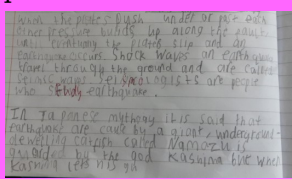
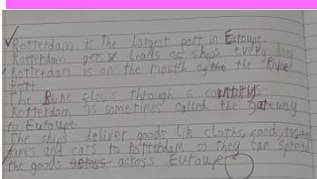
Our topic saw us take a journey along the River Rhine and learn about the Mediterranean. Our children enjoyed being able to make comparisons between Rotterdam Port and Felixstowe Port. They also enjoyed learning all about Cologne in Germany and the challenges the city faces with the River Rhine running between it.



Whilst we wait for the warmer weather to consistently stay with us, we have been able to enjoy some picnics outside where the sense of community in the Poplar class has truly shone through.

In literacy, we have continued to build on our stamina for writing as well as showcasing our learning through drama and expression. It has been wonderful to watch the children's confidence grow.

Maths has seen some trickier learning topics, such as statistics and movement and position. We have been able to use manipulatives which at times has made our learning easier to grasp. I have been very proud of the resilience the children have shown.



Once again, I wish our Year 6s all the best as their journey to high school starts. I wish you all a wonderful summer and for those of you that will be staying with us, we look forward to September where our learning journey will continue



# Specialist Units

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## Stone and Sand Pine:

Another school year is coming to an end and it is now time to look back on all our wonderful pupils have achieved in the summer term.

In English we have explored many stories such as The Gingerbread Man in Sand Pine and The Blue Umbrella in Stone Pine. We enjoyed many Kahoot quizzes to improve our knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

In Maths, we have focussed on a number of skills tailored to individual needs within the unit, including shapes, number recognition, decimals and money.

In Stone Pine, our geography focus this term was on The Rhine and the Mediterranean. The children were also fascinated to find out more about the Anglo-Saxons in history.

The children had a fantastic time at Foxburrow Farm where they were able to build dens, make potions, go on a plant hunt and enjoy a picnic outdoors.



Some of our pupils sat KS2 SATS this term and I was extremely proud of the way they tackled the rigour of sitting exams, as well as their most promising performance!

As the end of term approached, we prepared a mural depicting Felix Primary, using a mix of geometrical shapes and plants and twigs gathered from the playground. We also looked after caterpillars, until they turned into fully-fledged butterflies. It was very emotional to see them take their flight to freedom!



As you know, our wonderful Miss Matthews has not been with us this term. We have all missed her very much and look forward to welcoming her back when she is better.

The time has come to say good-bye to all our leavers. We hope they continue to thrive in their new settings next year! In September, we will be welcoming new pupils to the unit and look forward to getting to know them all and see them thrive.

As for me, the time has come to say good-bye. I leave SET Felix with wonderful memories and hope to hear news of many more successes next year!



# EYFS & KS1

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**Acorn:** Wow Acorns, what a fantastic start you have had to life at SET Felix. We have had so many successes this year and it has been wonderful to celebrate them with you. We have had yet another busy half term with our long, long ago topic. We started by discovering the world of dinosaurs. We found out about the different types of dinosaurs, what they ate and where they lived. We then moved onto castles and explored different types of castles and the people that lived and worked in them. We finished the year learning about the Olympics. We watched some videos of different Olympic events, compared the modern Olympics to the ancient Olympics and ended with our own mini Olympics.

The highlight of the term was our enrichment week. We had visits from Our Animal Adventure, Oli from The Beat Goes on, Mini monsters and a junk orchestra. We also made flapjacks and decorated biscuits to have at our teddy bears picnic. Mr Entwistle set up a giant game of the floor is lava in the hall.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September as grown up year 1 children.

Ms Hawkins, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Tricker and Mrs Kelso

**Cedar:** What a fabulous year we have had together in Cedar Class - it has gone so quickly!

Mrs Tricker and I have so enjoyed teaching your children this year and feel very proud of each and every one of them for all that they have achieved - what 'Super Cedars!'

This term has been especially busy with enrichment week - so many lovely activities including 'Our Animal World' - ask us about the different animals we saw..! Music, Art and Sports - amongst others.

We have been busy learning about the seaside and finished the term with a trip to the beach (of course!). We had such a lot of fun and it helped us to remember our learning in Geography this term too.

We hope you have a fabulous summer holiday with your families and friends, enjoying some sunshine and time together. Thank you to all the

parents for your support and kindness this year, it really makes such a difference to both the children and the adults that support them in school.

Keep practising your reading - don't forget there is a super library in Felixstowe with lots of books and activities to choose from.

Mrs Holmes and Mrs Tricker

**Elder:** We can't quite believe that we are coming to the end of another year, and what a year it has been!

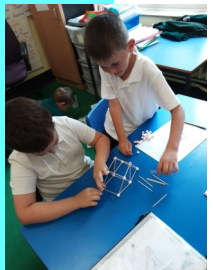
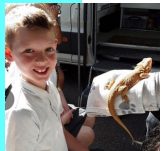
It has been a pleasure to be a part of your child's learning journey and to see the progress they have made.

This term has been filled with some extra special activities including enrichment week and our trip to the beach. Our geography topic this term was All about the Seaside so it was wonderful to conclude with a trip to the seaside to see in person all the things we were learning about.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and we hope that you have a wonderful summer break. We're sure that the Excellent Elders will be ready for their exciting new step as Cherry class in September.

Keep on reading over the summer and enjoy the sun whenever it shines!!

Mrs Beck, Mrs Hayward & Mrs Lawrence



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**Cherry:** What an exciting half term and wonderful end to the year we have had!

We had a great trip to Sutton Hoo to support us with our learning about Settlements. We had a guided tour of the grounds, a trip up the look out tower, we enjoyed looking at the artefacts in the museum and going on a scavenger hunt through the forest.

We have been busy throughout our other areas of learning and improving our skills ready for Year 4, as well as enjoying a fantastic Sport's Day.

Cherries had the opportunity to enjoy a day at The Orwell Hotel rehearsing their songs for the evening performance of 'Around The World in 80 Minutes'. It was lovely to see so many of you there supporting this event.

Finally, we have had a great week filled with enriching activities, from meeting animals, learning about space and performing science experiments. It has been so much fun!

Thank you for all your support this year, it has been a great year teaching your children and we hope you all have a well deserved rest over the summer!

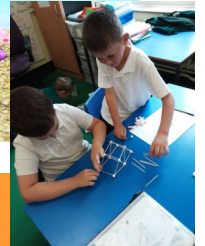
**Rowan:** We have had such an exciting and eventful half term.

In June we went to Sutton Hoo and tied this in with our Settlements topic. At Sutton Hoo, we experienced Anglo Saxon life and what it was like to live in a village. We enjoyed looking at the artefacts, going on a scavenger hunt, climbing the tower and looking out at the burial grounds. Upon returning back to school, we have enjoyed finishing off our English units writing instructions on how to have a strong and healthy mind and stories based on Arthur and a Golden Rope. In Maths, we have been looking at shape and had a variety of practical activities to help us recall and cement our learning. In Science, we have been looking at Electricity and made lots of circuits using the Chromebooks, here we were able to experiment how to make a bulb brighter and dimmer

Towards the end of term we embarked on a morning of The World of Work where we were given information about different jobs including The Yeo Group, BT, an Architect, Dance teacher, Nurse, Police and a Chaplain.

As well as lots of lovely learning we have also had our Enrichment Week, which have included making body percussion music with the Beat Goes On, a visit from Animal World, Ultimate Frisbee with Premier Sports plus lots of in class activities such as making our own healthy sandwich.

Phew! We certainly have been busy and hope the children have a restful and lovely Summer break.



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### Hazel:

Wow, it has certainly been a fun and very busy term in Hazel class this term!

The children have been working their socks off in Maths, with the Year 4 pupils also completing their Multiplication check. In English the children have been writing stories based on Arthur and a Golden Rope and also writing instructions about how to have a healthy, strong mind.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the children in Hazel class well as they take the next step in their learning journey.

Have a wonderful and relaxing you at Felixstowe Library over the Reading Quest.



Summer break. I hope to see lots of holidays, taking part in this year's



### Maple:

Well we have certainly had a very busy half term! Year 6 have been practising for their production and I have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and how well they have learnt their lines - I can see a few potential West End Stars in the making.

We have all been enjoying Enrichment week this week - especially the ice-cream making and eating! The children have also written some superb books which are sequels to Brightstorm - the book we read before half term. We have also done some sewing and art using our Anglo-Saxon history topic as inspiration.

I look forward to continuing to work with the year five children in our new classroom where they will become Willow Class and will be joined by most of the year fives in the current Hazel class.

I will truly miss my year sixes who have been a pleasure to teach for the last two years. I wish them all the best at high school and in the future

### Willow:

What a lovely final term Willow have had for their last term of Year 6!

Between the 8th and 12th of July, we had Enrichment week which involved a variety of activities. The week started off with a competition to create a costume from newspaper and masking tape. The children were awarded points per item of clothing they made and then were judged after walking the catwalk! We had some amazing creations including: bracelets, ties, necklaces and hats!

The children then enjoyed taking part in the Animal World activity where they were able to touch and handle a range of animals including geckos, snakes, guinea pigs and dogs. That afternoon, the children also participated in the Beat Goes On which involved body percussion and using basketballs too!

On Thursday, we had a team challenge day where the children represented their colour group for various competitions. The first project involved protecting an egg from a drop to ensure it wouldn't smash when it hit the ground. We had such a range of creations! They then had a taste testing challenge where they had to try different foods whilst blindfolded, and guess what they had eaten. Although some children were reluctant, most children gave this a good go and we had a good giggle together!

We are very sad that the year has come to an end but wish all of our year 6s the best of luck as they transition to high school. We will miss each and every one of them and hope they come back and visit us in the future!



# Whole School News

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## Attendance



This years overall attendance is 91.5%

During the awards ceremony Yasmin (Cherry Class) was awarded this years overall attendance award for her improved attendance and her new found resilience when coming to school.

We would like to celebrate all of those children who have achieved 100% attendance this year. All of whom were either invited to our new annual attendance award trip or received a rewards to take home. They are:

**Elm** ~ Jake. **Elder** ~ Noah. Phoebe and Scarlett. **Hazel** ~ Mia. **Maple** ~ Noah and Abigail. **Rowan** ~ Ella-Mai, Mark and Samad

Even on the trip the pupils continued to show achievements and resilience when facing their fears and attempting the 'wall walk'



And finally well done to all of those who were close to 100% attendance and those that improved their attendance throughout the year. Names were put in a hat for many of these children to receive free voucher for play2day.

The government are really keen to improve the national attendance next year and have introduced compulsory measure to schools in order to do this. Please make sure you are calling when your child is absent as if no reason for absence is recorded this will be marked as unauthorised. 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) in a 10 week period would mean a penalty notice would be issued.

The most effective way to report an absence is by calling 01394 283374 and leaving a message on the voicemail. You can also email [felixprimary@seckfordeducation.org.uk](mailto:felixprimary@seckfordeducation.org.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to take thank you all for your support this year, bringing your children to school and notifying us where they are unable to attend.

See you in September for an even more successful year !

Mrs Howieson

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## Term Dates:



Autumn Term - 2024	
Monday 2nd September	Start of Term
Monday 2nd September	Trust staff professional development days (no staff on site)
Tuesday 3rd September & Wednesday 4th September	Staff professional development days
Thursday 5th September	Whole school start of term
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Staff professional development days
Friday 20th December	End of Autumn term
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6th January	Start of Term
Monday 6th January	Trust staff professional development days (no staff on site)
Tuesday 7th January	Whole school start of term
Monday 17th -Friday 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April	End of Spring Term
Friday 18th April	Bank Holiday
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Term
Tuesday 22nd April	Staff professional development day
Wednesday 23rd April	Whole school start of term
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Friday 23rd May	PD day
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half term
Tuesday 22nd July	End of Summer Term

## Clubs/Trips/Events:

Watch out in the next academic year for so many new and exciting enrichment opportunities. We have exciting trips planned for the whole school including a residential trips for the year 6 children. And there will be the school staples such as discos and non-uniform days for the whole school.

We are looking to introduce lots of new and exciting clubs next year including a book club and drama club, so look out for how to sign up for these. If you can think of any club you think your child would enjoy please let us know.

Breakfast club will continue as usual from Monday 9th September 2024. A reminder that your child **MUST** be signed up before attending as if the number becomes to great we will not have the appropriate staff ratio for them to attend and they will need to be collected.

WOW what a half term, what a term and what a year. The end of the Summer Term is always bitter-sweet as we say goodbye to some of our school community, but equally we are excited at what their futures will hold.

*You're off to great places,*

*Today is your day,*

*Your mountain is waiting*

*So..... Get on your way!*



*Felix Primary wish you a safe and happy summer !!*