

Felix Primary school

Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

We have had a fantastic last couple of weeks at Felix Primary, and it's been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and positive energy around the school. I'm especially proud of our Year 6 students who represented us in the Basketball Tournament. They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, and were a real credit to the school.

Just a reminder to please make sure lunches are being ordered through the school app. If you're unsure how to use the app or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact the school office, who will be more than happy to help.

Mr Hall

Announcements



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.



Please be reminded that vaping and smoking is not permitted on this site at any time.



Parents are kindly reminded to display parking badges at all times and to use the allocated parking spaces for collection and pick-up.



We are pleased to announce that, from now on, our Star Reader of the Week will be celebrated in assemblies, along with the presentation of weekly values certificates

Important dates

10th February – Safer Internet Day

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026 – Spring Break (half term)

Tuesday 3rd March. 3.30pm – Friends of Felix meeting – for details see page 3

Week commencing 16th March – Upcoming Parents Evening

Friday 27th March 2026 – End of Spring term



follow us on **felixprimary_**

We are pleased to announce that the school has recently launched an Instagram account and would like to introduce it to you. We hope to use this platform to keep you updated with school news and activities.



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Pre-Ordering School Lunches

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the ordering of school lunches.

Following recent issues with incorrect dinner charges, we have reviewed our systems and procedures alongside the Trust and our finance team. As a result, we are now moving to a clear and consistent expectation that all school meals must be pre-ordered via the My Child At School (MCAS) app.

What has changed

The system has now been adjusted so that children are no longer automatically marked as having a hot meal on the register. This means that meals will only be charged where a lunch has been actively ordered.

What parents need to do

Parents must now order their child's school lunches through the MCAS app.

- Lunches should be **ordered in advance**, ideally by Sunday evening for the week ahead.
- This allows the school to check orders on Monday morning and follow up promptly where needed.
- If a lunch is not ordered, it will not appear on the register and will not be charged.

Transition period

We understand that this is a change for some families, so we are allowing a transition period until February half term. From Monday after February half term, MCAS will be the only way to order school lunches.

Important reassurance

We would like to reassure parents that no child will ever be left without food. However, without a pre-order, we **cannot guarantee availability** of a hot meal or a child's preferred option, as catering numbers are finalised in advance. Where lunches are repeatedly not ordered, this will be followed up directly with parents and we will expect orders to be placed via MCAS.

Support

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing MCAS or are unsure how to place an order, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can support you during this transition.

Thank you for your cooperation. This change is necessary to ensure accuracy, fairness and consistency for all families and to avoid further billing issues.

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Year Six Additional Learning Sessions

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through the Spring Term, we are continuing to strengthen the support we provide for our Year 6 pupils in preparation for their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. To support this, we will be introducing a series of Additional Learning Sessions. These sessions will take place on selected Saturdays and during the Easter break. There will be no cost for these sessions.

Additional Learning Sessions are designed to provide small-group, focused support in maths and reading, while helping pupils develop confidence and resilience when answering SATs-style questions. These sessions also give pupils extra opportunities to practise key skills in a calm, positive, and supportive environment. We are keen that pupils see these sessions as a positive opportunity, not extra pressure.

What will a session look like?

- Arrival: 8:45am
- Maths session: 9:00–10:15am
- Break: 10:15–10:30am
- Reading session: 10:30–11:45am
- Lunch and games: 11:45–12:30pm (lunch provided)
- Finish: 12:30pm

We appreciate the commitment this represents and are very grateful for your continued support. Children do not need to participate in all sessions however; we would highly recommend participation in as many sessions as possible. We appreciate that families may not be able to commit to every session, and pupils are welcome to attend as many as they are able.

Sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday 31 January
- Saturday 7 February
- Saturday 14 February-cancelled
- Saturday 28 February
- Saturday 7 March
- Saturday 14 March
- Saturday 21 March
- Saturday 28 March
- Monday 30 March
- Tuesday 31 March
- Saturday 18 April
- Saturday 25 April
- Saturday 2 May
- Saturday 9 May

Number Day

Today we celebrated Number Day by participating in a Sapientia Trust Wide TTRS competition. All children in KS2 competed against children in other schools on TTRS in a 'Top Of The Rocks' competition! We had great fun and are so proud of the amazing mathematicians and rock stars we have in school. Please keep on practising on TTRS as much as you can. Times tables truly are at the heart of maths.

Friends of Felix Meeting

Tuesday 3rd March at 3.30pm, Felix Primary

Friends of Felix is a friendly group of parents and carers who work together to support the school, organise fun events, and help raise valuable funds that benefit all of our children. Children are very welcome to come along - we'll have colouring activities and juice available to keep them happily occupied. If you're interested in getting involved, sharing ideas, or simply finding out more, please do join us. New faces are always very welcome!

Year Six Basketball

12 of our Year 6 pupils accompanied Miss Heath to Inspire in Ipswich, to compete in an U11 Basketball Tournament. Vlad, Bailey, Isla J, Summer, Freddie, Samad, Isla D, Abigail, Max, Jack, Violet and Brooke took to the court with excitement and apprehension. They represented the school, showcasing their sporting ability. As the tournament progressed, all the pupils grew in confidence. We won 3 out of 5 matches. By our last match, Team Felix were unstoppable, scoring winning points in the last few seconds - securing us another victory! Freddie was approached by a talent scout and invited to attend a trial with Suffolk Basketball. Well done to Freddie! Summer is my top pick for 'Star Player'. Summer showed leadership, focus and strength on the court. A huge congratulations to all the Felix pupils who took part.