



Felix

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer 1 Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message



Dear all,

I wanted to start by saying a personal thank you and well done to year 6! The children approached the SATs tests with resilience, positivity and we are so proud of them. I would also like to thank the staff and family members who supported the children in SATS week in many ways, including the lead up, to prepare them.

We are approaching our last half term of 2024-2025 and it is going to be a busy one with changes ahead. This week, we say goodbye to Miss Felgate who has been in the school for a very long time. We appreciate all of her commitment and support of the children, families and staff members.

We look forward to the term ahead and the exciting things we have planned! This includes sports day, year 6 performance, new class transition and welcoming new children to the school for transition, World of Work event, enrichment week and much, much more!

Have a great half term break,
Jess Hearn



Attendance

We continue to promote and raise awareness of the importance of good attendance. Our target is 96% but we are a way off reaching it at present.

We left the Spring term with a whole school attendance of 92% but unfortunately, we are still seeing a lot of illnesses.

We would like to reiterate the importance of letting the school know first thing in the morning when you know your child will be absent. These ways are;

- 01394 283374 opt 1
- office@felixprimary.org

It is very important to remember the 48hr policy regarding sickness & upset tummy.

If you have any worries or concerns regarding attendance, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

Whole school attendance year to date is 92.04%.

Hop To It!



This Half term we have raised £233.14 towards out Hop to it Hare. This means we are just £179.58 away from our total.

The winner of the Summer Dress Down Hamper is Alex P. from Maple class



Pastoral



Wow that was a short term with lots of things thrown in! Year 6s did extremely well coping with their SATs and enjoyed their Residential and Activities in the last week. Last bit of this year's journey ahead.

Any problems or concerns children or parents might have regarding transitioning to new class or school I am happy to discuss and help.

Food banks are listed online. If you need any help or advice in that direction please let me know and I will try and assist.

Please as a reminder - scooter/bikes etc to be walked from bottom gate.

Also, no mobile phones for children or adults to be used on site.

We've got this, for the final hurdle of sports day to come and Year 6's preparing their farewell with their play and party.

Mrs. C.



Enrichment

An exciting event!

Amelia in year 6 won the Sainsbury's Tote Bag Competition for the new store in town and we were invited to attend the grand opening.

Amelia cut the ribbon along with 2 Sainsbury's colleagues and some of our year 6 students were present to welcome the very first customers into the store.



Forest Schools

We have had a short term but filled it with fun activities.

We made hedgehogs to celebrate national hedgehog week, used the wildflowers around the site to make nature bands.

There has been a lot building going on this term, the children have made their own swing and dens.

The last session we have been able to have a campfire and roast marshmallows.



Clubs



Gardening Club

Wow. This term has been short, but we have been so busy. We have now got 9 raised gardens, thanks to the Felixstowe Lions and Rotary Club. Each class now has a planter and the gardening club are keeping an eye on them and also planting their own.

We have grown lots from seed including beans, peas, nasturtiums, tomatoes and radishes. We have planted allium and gladioli.

We have entered the Suffolk Show Competition and we are busy getting things ready for Our Secret Garden. If you go to the Suffolk Show, please look at our entry. It will be by the Flower Tent.

Some of our children received Highly Commended certificates for their work in relation to the Environment. Miss Fish has been chosen as a finalist for the 'Inspiring Others' Award and Felix Primary are also a finalist for the 'Green Award' category.

The award ceremony for the 4th Felixstowe Environmental Awards is being held on 22nd May 2025, so fingers crossed we do well.

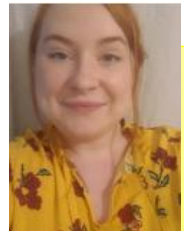


School Council

Great news, we have a date for our bake sale. The school council would love to invite you to our bake sale on Tuesday 3rd of June after school.

If you would like to donate cakes, please could these be in school by the Monday the 2nd of June.

All the money raised will go towards outdoor equipment for the children to use at break and lunch.



Youth Forum

We have had another successful term visiting the town council. We visited to discuss an upcoming fairtrade event in Felixstowe.

The girls decided that there would need to be a fairtrade chocolate fountain at the fun day, a suggestion that others seemed pleased with and we hope to see at the event. We presented our ideas for spending the money given to us by the town council.

We have decided to supply 2 stalls at the summer fayre, with all our proceeds from the 2 stalls going to the British Heart Foundation (the charity chosen at youth forum).



Whole School News

P.E and Sports Clubs

We'll start this half term by talking about the last half term. At the time I was last writing the newsletter we hadn't yet competed at the Suffolk Schools cross country. What a fantastic morning and the children represented the school so amazingly well.

This half term it's been all about the summer sports with two different cricket events. Our first was our U9's festival at Dellwood avenue and the second was our first KS1 event of the year! All children involved did a great job at learning and taking part in the different cricket games, they showed brilliant encouragement and sportsmanship that I was extremely proud of.

We have many more events to look forward to in Summer 2



Specialist Support Units: Pine

And the term is over already.... Where did that go?

We are thoroughly enjoying our new learning environment, where Pine class is finally looking like a classroom. The children (and the adults) are still finding new homes for things, but we have settled in well.

Unfortunately, our gardening did not go to plan (Miss Hart thought they may have survived the Easter holidays- she was wrong!) All the plants have either been emptied, died because of a lack of water or discovered in sensory play. We are trying again and have decided that the plants will be good located on the other side of the fence. We will keep you posted on Dojo with how they turn out. We are also understanding the importance of being environmentally friendly by filling up our compost bin- fingers crossed this works! These are all life skills that are important for the children's real life understanding of the world.

One of our pupils sat their SATs papers and then went on to a residential. He had a fantastic time, learnt so much and has returned to school with amazing memories and incredible experiences.

SAND Pine

We have had an incredibly calm and focused half term and we are extremely proud of all the children, and the progress they have made.

We have been enjoying our topic under the sea, learning about all different animals and using our communication cards to create some lovely 'I see' sentences.

The children have shown a leap in independence this term following routines and telling the adults what we should be doing next!

We have seen a big leap in communication this term. Whether your child is using a talkpad, communication board, PECS or verbal communication attempts, everyone has improved the quantity and quality of their communication! Well done Pine!



Specialist Support Units: Poplar

Wow! What a short but busy half term. The children have been busy and enjoying all their learning tasks!

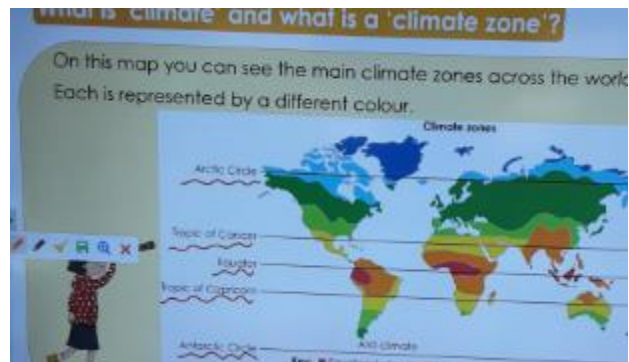
Poplar class have consistently been praised for their 'Wonderful Walking' and 'Star Sitting' setting a positive example to all pupils in the school. Well done Poplar Children!

In English we have been focusing on Narratives and improving upon our own retelling of stories. The children have been show-casing their understanding using complex sentences and rich vocabulary. The children enjoyed 'The Way Back Home' using some super adjectives and adverbs.

Maths has seen some tricky concepts, including decimals and money. I am super proud of the resilience the children have shown, even when they find it incredibly challenging. The Year 4s have been working extra hard on their timetables. We have also continued to use TTRS and Numbots to help us.

We are excited to be learning about the weather and climate zones in Humanities. We have also set up experiments to see how much rainfall we have had. We are pleased to report that it has been a drier than usual month. We will continue with our experiments after half term.

All the staff in Poplar class hope you have an amazing week, and we look forward to returning to finishing off another successful school year with lots of fantastic progress and learning.



Specialist Support Units: Elm

What a super short half term we've had! The children have been very busy this half term enjoying all of their learning opportunities.

In phonics, Blue group have been continuing to focus on our tricky words, and we are beginning to build sentences using our super phonics knowledge. In Green group, we are continuing to secure our knowledge of our set 2 sounds and have really been focusing on segmenting and blending CVC words, the children are becoming super blenders! In Purple group, we are having lots of fun with our phonics themed bucket every day. The children adore exploring the exciting resources in the bucket whilst learning about sounds!

In maths we have been doing a variety of activities in our maths groups. In Blue group, we have been focusing on number order and what happens when we add one more. The children have enjoyed participating in maths stories and have loved our character, the mischievous monkey, who always adds one more. In Purple group we have been looking at all things shapes. The children have had so much fun exploring, creating and building with lots of different shapes.

We covered the topic relationships in our PSHE sessions this term. We have participated in a range of activities, discussions and stories which helped us understand what it means to be a good friend as well as solving friendship problems when they happen. It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children take what we discuss in PSHE and put it into practice – we have had lots of cheering each other on this term. I am very proud of everyone.

Every week in RE we have been reading a story from different religions and beliefs, the children have enjoyed these very much and now look forward to our weekly sessions, often asking what story we will be reading before the lesson even begins! The children even got to ask Mrs. Hussain some questions about her religion when we read our Muslim story Bilal and the beautiful Butterfly which was amazing to see how curious the children were.

All the staff in Elm class hope you all have a fantastic week off and look forward to welcoming all the children back for the last term of the year where there will be even more fabulous learning opportunities. Where has the time gone?



K.S 1

Acorn

We have had another busy and exciting half term in Acorns. We have had a huge push on phonics and writing and the progress of the children is clearly evident in their work. Many of the children are now secure with their set 2 sounds and are applying this to their writing.

In Write Stuff we read Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen and used this as inspiration for writing instructions for making a chocolate mug cake. We then read Ruby's Worrry.

In maths we have been practicing counting to 20 using bead strings. We have also been continuing to use doubles and to think about odds and evens. We have started to use the language of add and take away and have been doing this in lots of different ways.

Our topic has been changing and growing and the children have been discovering the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and hens. We made a beautiful 3D display in the corridor showing these lifecycles which used an array of different media and techniques. We have also been thinking about how humans change as they grow from babies to adults.

The children have done lovely observational and still life drawings where they have demonstrated excellent pencil control and observational skills.

We learnt all about VE day and celebrated this by making our own flags.



Whole School News

Cedar

In Cedar class we have been exploring the outside area as we learn about plants. We have looked at the different parts of trees and looked for wild flowers, we painted pictures, completed observational drawing of leaves and planted a variety of plants in the new raised bed.

We have also spent time outside to help us with our English. We have completed a non-fiction text about seasons and whilst being outside we have used our senses to think of adjectives to make our writing more exciting.

In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have then been using this knowledge to make arrays and complete basic multiplication problems. Everyone in Cedar class can tell you how many strawberries are in 3 boxes, if there are 5 in each box.

We have been learning about different relationships in our PSHE lessons, thinking about who is in our family, how we should care of our friends and who in school we should go to if we need help.



Whole School News

Elder

Summer 1 has gone in a flash!

It has been a lovely half term filled with lots of fun activities and a super school trip!

In English we have been focusing on the story of Plop the nervous owl. We have been trying really hard to ensure our sentences have capital letters, full stops and that they make sense. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading and writing about Plops adventures and look forward to creating our own story around Plop.

In maths we have been finding fractions of amount. The children have worked hard to remember what the denominator is. We now need to work just as hard to remember how important the numerator is when finding a fraction of an amount.

In science we have been researching different animals and their habitats. We have discussed the different adaptations the animals may have to be able to survive in their habitat. We used this information to support our learning at Colchester Zoo. Where we were lucky enough to see multiple animals enjoying the sunshine.

We now look forward to our final half term in Elder class, we cannot wait to see the children continue to flourish whilst following our school rules – being ready, respectful and safe. Showcasing our school values – pride, achievement, resilience and kindness.



K.S 2

Cherry

Summer 1 seems to have zoomed by. We have been delighted to welcome two new children to the class – well done, Cherries, for helping them to settle in so quickly!

In English, we have been writing narrative based on the story of The Happy Prince, by Oscar Wilde. about a beautiful statue of a prince covered in gold and precious jewels. He sees the suffering of the poor in his city and finds a way, through a kindhearted sparrow, to help them. We are almost ready to write our own versions of The Last Bear, in which April befriends a polar bear and they go on an adventure together. We have worked on lots of key English skills, such as including fronted adverbials, direct speech and adjectives in our writing. I've included a link to a guide below which you might find helpful.

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In maths, we have continued our work on mass and capacity, and we are currently deepening our understanding of fractions. Most excitingly, we are working very hard on our times tables. This is because becoming fluent in these supports so many other areas of maths. Times Table Rock Stars is an excellent resource – log on with your child today and prepare to be wowed! Do let us know if you need a username or password reminder.

In French, we have been re-visiting some of our earlier learning on greeting each other and introducing ourselves, as well as learning how to talk about our families!

In RE, we have continued to deepen our understanding of Christianity.

In Science we have been exploring parts and more specifically the functions of the different parts of the plants. Cherry Class are looking forward to having the opportunity to dissect some plants!

Computing has seen us explore with creating media and using different fonts, sizes and colours of texts for different purposes.

In History we have continued our work on Ancient Egypt and spent some time looking at hieroglyphics and using these to write our own names which was great fun, some children were grateful to have shorter names!

In music we have explored Jazz music and had a go playing a piece of Jazz whilst following a piece of music.

Art has given us the opportunity to create moving pictures. We have been able to design our own through the research we have carried out on others and thought carefully about what we liked and what we would like to include on our own pictures.

Please remember to send your child with a drink and sunhat now the warmer weather is coming.

We look forward to seeing you for our reading cafe Friday 4th June at 2:30.



Whole School News

Rowan

Summer 2 here we come! It has been another action packed half term and once more it has been amazing to see the progress every child is making.

We have continued to work our socks off with our times tables and we look forward to showing off our knowledge in the Multiplication Check after half term – lots of practice in the holidays please! We have also been learning about decimals and money – we have lots of keen shoppers who are whizzes at estimating and making totals.

In our English lessons we have written an article debating whether children under 13 years old should have mobile phones. I'll leave it to you to decide what they thought!

Our history topic has been back to Roman Britain, we have zoomed into what life would have been like, looking at evidence archaeologists have discovered and what we can infer about Roman life from the discoveries.

In music we've transported to Brazil each week whilst learning all about Samba music – it's been great fun to learn more about the Rio carnival and the importance samba music has.

In computing we have developed our creativity through editing digital photographs – cropping, zooming, changing the colour. Some of the creations have been amazing – some professional photographers in the making!

We've loved being scientists this half term, collecting and analysing data about plant and animal life, making predictions and conclusions from our findings.

We look forward to our final (I can't quite believe it) half term in Rowan class and know that we will continue to go from strength to strength following our school rules – being ready, respectful and safe as well as modelling our school values – pride, achievement, resilience and kindness. Well done Rowan!



Whole School News

Maple

Wow! That was a short but full half term!

In English, the children have written some great narratives based on the book, The Nowhere Emporium. Mr. Humphrey and myself have enjoyed reading them and seeing the children's imagination come alive as well as how much they have progressed this year.

In maths, we have been looking at shape specifically angles and length and recapping on some prior knowledge. The children were exposed to protractors and practiced using them, which built up our accuracy skills.

During science, we have investigated the reproductive system. We touched on the male and female organs and then did an in-depth study into identifying the sexual reproduction system on plants. The children dissected flowers to examine the female and male parts.

Our year 6s, had SATs and residential this half term, we are super proud of them and can't wait to hear about their time at Thorpe Woodlands.

To link in with VE day, we have been learning about World War II and how technology advanced from WWI. We have decided to link this in with a trip and we will be visiting Landguard Fort on 13th June to look at artifacts and hear about the challenges people faced in WWI and WWII.



Whole School News

Willow

Our Year 6s have been amazing this half term. Within 5 weeks, there has been production auditions, residential and not forgetting SATs week!

They have really stepped up to the plate and blown us away with their attitudes and ability to take responsibility for their learning. Well done Year 6, we are very proud of you.

In English children have been working with Mrs Hockley to write a non-chronological report about their own planet. We have some super planets which range in flora and fauna, some completely inhabitable for human life-form!

In maths, Mrs. Beck has been busy revising all sorts of topics ahead of the SATs. The children are now fearless at fractions, they've defeated decimals and they're masters of multiplication!

In the afternoons we have been keeping ourselves calm and creative with a variety of art activities including optical illusions, graffiti art and making shadow puppets. We think they look great!

As you read this, we've just got back from residential, and we can't wait to tell you all about it in our next newsletter!



Whole School News

Inclusions

The SEN team have been busy this summer term and have been working hard to support your children in school. The SEN team will be holding a coffee morning towards the end of the summer term to offer a time to catch up with other parents and to share supportive ideas. This will be open to all.

Friends of Felix

The PTFA are looking forward to supporting and helping with the Year 6 Leavers' Disco

We are also working with an outside play company about getting some more fun items for the playground.

This is something that we feel is important and will benefit all children.

We are looking at holding Discos again in June and will be in contact via Arbor as soon as dates have been agreed.

An AGM is needed, as soon as possible, and we are asking for more help as the current team are struggling. Please contact Faith Myers if you feel you would like to help.

Eco Council

The Eco Club Council members were chosen and they went around the school with Mr. Humphrey and completed a Waste Survey, checking items were switched off when they were not being used.



Additional Information:

We would like to welcome our new School Crossing Patrol Officer, Mr. David Cockroft, who started this half term.

I am sure many of you have already seen him on crossing duty already and have already made him feel welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school community this term. Have a happy half term holiday. Can't wait to see you next half term.



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