



### Pope Leo XIV

*“Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus still speaks to us and teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.”*



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term is flying by! A reminder that next week will be Parent Consultation meetings. This is the perfect opportunity to see how your children have settled into their new class, as well as look at some of their work from the first 7 weeks. It's always amazing how much they learn in such a short time.

Please remember that meetings are 10 minutes in length and if you need longer, please arrange a time to talk to your child's class teacher via the office.

Year 4 are attending Mass at 10am on Thursday – parents are very welcome to attend!

Year 6 are attending their annual pilgrimage to Walsingham on the same day. This is a fantastic opportunity to walk the Holy Mile in our Jubilee Year!

Kind regards,

Mr McGill and Mrs Berry

### Our Gospel Values

Creativity  
 Courage  
 Forgiveness  
 Generosity  
 Humility  
 Joy  
 Perseverance  
 Stewardship

### Executive Headteacher

Mrs Berry

### Head of School

Mr McGill

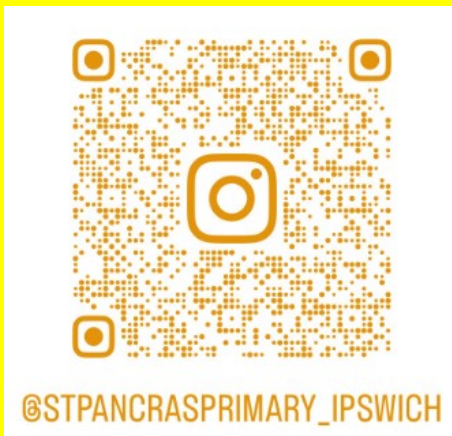
### SENCO

Mr Bentley

### Our Classes

Rainbows Miss Aldous  
 Mrs Iannelli  
 Celestial Mrs Thackeray  
 Ms Abbott  
 Mrs Durston  
 Class 3 Mr Grimwood  
 Mrs Harvey  
 Mrs Nwafor  
 Class 4 Mrs Crowther  
 Mrs Katkuniene  
 Class 5 Miss  
 Pursehouse  
 Ms Borley  
 Class 6 Mrs Jones  
 Mrs Smith  
 Mrs Tella

Please follow our newly resurrected Instagram page. Content will be posted regularly to here and Facebook!



## Learning behaviour of the week:

Wear school uniform correctly and proudly.

# AUTUMN TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

16th October—Y4 Class Mass

16th October—Y6 pilgrimage to Walsingham

21st and 23rd October—Parent Consultation Meetings

22nd October—Y5 BT trip (half the class)

24th October—House Points prize 1—trip to the park

3rd November—INSET day

5th November - Open morning

6th November—Open afternoon

6th November—Y5/6 trip to Wolsey Theatre

6th November—Y3 Class Mass

7th November—Individual and sibling photos

7th November—Y5 Author visit

11th November—Y6 Whitton Remembrance service

11th November—Open morning

12th November—Open afternoon

13th November—Celestial Class Mass

27th November—Rainbows Class Mass

8th December—Nativity dress rehearsal to school

9th December—Nativity performance

10th December—Nativity performance

13th December—Christmas bazaar (11am –2pm)

19th December—House Points prize 2—Non-uniform day

# WHAT HAVE CELESTIAL BEEN UP TO?

What a busy start to the year in Celestial Class! We have been working hard on our Phonics, the Y1s have started to look at the Phase 5 alternative digraphs and are beginning to recognise them in words. The Y2s have been revising Phase 5 with a view to starting on their spelling units.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers up to 20: one more and one less, reading and writing numbers as words and looking at how many tens and ones are in the teen numbers. We are currently working on addition and subtraction within 20 focusing on number bonds to 10, then 20, systematic number bonds, using part whole models and solving problems. Our Mastering Number lessons are helping us to focus and recall our number bonds.

Our whole class reading lessons have been enjoyable. We have read the story of Beegu, who realises that children are kinder than adults, and imagined what job Beegu could do. We are now reading Where the Wild Things Are and enjoying the mischief that Max gets up to. We have also written some poems relating to weather and our senses in our writing lessons and even tried to get them to rhyme or use a certain number of syllables in a line! This was challenging!

In Science, we are learning about the human body and have explored most of our senses by going on a listening walk, smelling and trying to guess what was in the pot and also some tasting activities. The sweets were delicious and we had some interesting suggestions for the smelling pots!

# WHAT HAVE CELESTIAL BEEN UP TO?

Our DT project is designing and making a pencil pot, which we are looking forward to making in the next couple of weeks, and in Geography, we have focused on spatial sense looking at aerial views. Everything looks different when we look at it from above. We have also drawn maps of our classroom and thought about how close or far things are from us.

In Computing, we have had fun creating pictures using the 2Paint a Picture tool and created pictures in the styles of Impressionism, Pointillism and William Morris.

Our RE lessons have been about God's Creation and we have thought about ways we can look after God's wonderful creation. We have designed posters reminding everyone what they could do to help. We have thought about prayers and learnt the Our Father with actions and wrote about how we can pray. We have also created a paper chain about how we feel when we pray.

We are looking forward to learning lots more as the year goes on.



# SPORT UPDATES

## Upcoming competitions

Football competition is coming up for:

U11 Boys/mixed (Y5 and Y6) on Tuesday 21st October.

Details and team selection to follow!

## Sporting events this week in the world

**Football: England v Latvia on Tuesday**

**FIFA U20 Men's World Cup is still taking place**

If you feel inspired to try rugby, contact your local club!

**Ipswich Rugby Club**—Humber Doucy Lane

[club@ipswichrugby.com](mailto:club@ipswichrugby.com)

**Ipswich YM Rugby Club**— The Street Rushmere St Andrew

[joinus@ipswichymrugby.co.uk](mailto:joinus@ipswichymrugby.co.uk)

## Junior Parkrun

Check out your local Junior Parkrun at 9am on Sunday morning. Local options include Christchurch Park, Kesgrave and Ravenswood Primary School.

# STARS OF THE WEEK

**Rainbows** – **Amirah** – for using lots of imagination in our power of reading , focused on the story 'the brave bear'-well done!

**Celestial class** – **Mason** for his superb reading in our small group lessons. His confidence has grown immensely, and he reads with prosody at all times.

**Flora class** – **Amari** – for fantastic knowledge and enthusiasm during our history lessons.

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**Fauna class** – **Noah** for consistently being ready to learn, following instructions and always trying his best.

**Ocean class** – **Fausta** – for being polite, respectful and setting a great example to her classmates.

**Mountain class** – **Evie** – for amazing achievements and attitude towards her maths learning this week.

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In order to encourage independent thought, critical thinking and the confidence to form opinions, we are going to be introducing a question of the week. This is a philosophical question aimed at the children, but one that has a wider context or meaning and would also be applicable to adults. We want the children to form their own opinions and not be shaped by those of others around them. In addition, we want to open their eyes to the current political and moral issues within the world around them.

Therefore, the question will be posed in Celebration Assembly every Friday and will feature here, but most importantly, it will not be answered by adults in school. Instead, we want children to arrive at their own conclusions and be confident in their own assertions, without influence or bias.

## Question of the week:

- Can mistakes ever be good?



# ONLINE SAFETY

## Plea to parents

In Upper Key Stage 2, we are experiencing several children complaining about language and comments that are inappropriate when gaming. This seems to be happening over headsets, or when parents are not necessarily in the room. It is our children who are reported to be using this language, so please as parents be mindful of what your children are saying online and who they are saying it to.

# Term Dates 2025-2026

## Autumn Term 2025

*Staff Professional Day - Monday 1st September*

*Staff Professional Day - Tuesday 2nd September*

Term Commences - Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

*Staff Professional Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*

Term Ends - Friday 19th December

## Spring Term 2026

*Staff Professional Day - Monday 5th January*

Term commences -Tuesday 6th January

Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Term Ends - Friday 27th March

## Summer Term 2026

Term commences - Tuesday 14th April

*May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May*

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term Ends - Friday 17th July

*Staff Professional Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July*

# LET'S PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ONLINE RADICALISATION

## Online Virtual Sessions for Parents and Carers

Young People are spending significant amounts of unsupervised time online which may increase their risks of susceptibility to grooming and exposure to extremist content.

Seeking to upskill parents and carers of young people who might be exposed to harmful online content, Norfolk Community Safety Partnership and Suffolk County Council are working in partnership with Small Steps to deliver four online sessions aiming to challenge Extreme Right-Wing (ERW) narratives.

The following topics will be covered:

- Understanding the factors that can make individuals more susceptible to extremist ideas
- How to support others and how to get help and make a Prevent Referral
- Understand how extremist groups often exploit digital platforms and the dangers
- What disinformation and misinformation are and highlight the dangers of both
- Highlight the benefits of real-life connections with people
- Signs of radicalisation, how to have difficult conversations and what to do if approached by an extremist online
- Critical thinking and build real-life resilience to extremism
- Connections between the Extreme Right-Wing and mixed ideologies such as the Incel movement and the manosphere
- Interactive gaming activities designed to explore and raise awareness of the methods used by extremists on virtual platforms

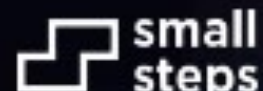


**MON 6 October** at 12.30 PM  
**THUR 16 October** at 12.30 PM  
**WED 22 October** at 5.30 PM  
**TUE 4 November** at 12.30 PM

**CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER**

If you are worried that someone you know is being radicalised, please contact the Suffolk Customer First team at 0808 800 4005 or Norfolk County Council at 0344 800 8020. If urgent call 999.

You can also share your concerns and seek support and guidance by visiting the [ACT Early website](#), or contacting their support line on 0800 011 3764.



# How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

