



### Pope Leo XIV

*Together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, let us persevere tirelessly in praying for peace, a God-given gift that we must strive to receive and to which we must make a strong commitment. Pray together.*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had a photoshoot, to support us in promoting the school on our website and local area ahead of Open Days for our 2026/2027 intake. The children were very accommodating and understanding as we nipped in and out of classrooms and the photos should be ready to view soon!

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Walsingham yesterday and had a busy day by the sound of it. They shared the coach with St Mary's and fitted an awful lot into a short space of time. Mrs Smith is aiming to share photos on the Y6 class page soon, so keep an eye out!

Please feel free to look through your children's books before or after your appointments with teachers next week. They will all be out on their desk and we are looking forward to sharing all of their fantastic work!

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

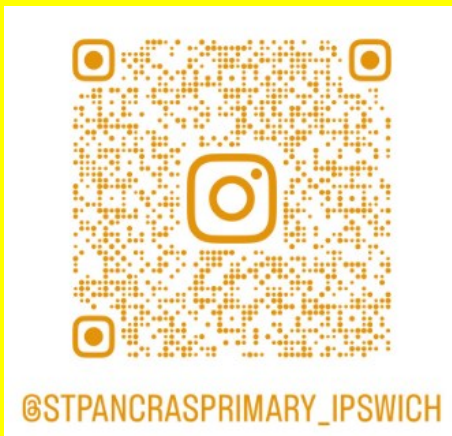
Class 4 Mrs Crowther  
 Mrs Katkuniene

C 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

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)

16th December—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

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

# WHAT HAVE RAINBOWS BEEN UP TO?

Rainbows have all made a fantastic start to School with a busy half term, making friends, learning the school rules and daily routines. They have been exploring their Early Years environment both inside and out, taking part in lots of engaging activities.

In phonics, we have started to learn the phase 2 phonemes and began oral blending activities to read words. The children are also starting to use their phoneme skills to sound and write CVC words independently.



Rainbows have really enjoyed their reading sessions with the teachers as they begin to learn the important elements of reading.

Our Power of reading text this half term is 'the brave bear'-where the children have been using their imagination to create their own bear habitats, work together to make an obstacle course for the bears journey and also think and share about times when they have showed bravery.

In our Maths Mastery lessons, the children have been learning to subitise to 5 and explore the composition of numbers to through lots of practical activities.

The children have also focused on forming and ordering numerals to 10.



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In PSHE lessons, the children have been using the 'colour monster' story to explore their feelings and emotions, learning the importance of not bottling emotions up and making sure they talk and share their worries to trusted adults. The children can use our class 'worry box' throughout the day if they wish.



Our understanding of the world work has focused on 'All about me' this half term, where the class have been learning about their bodies, senses, the human life cycle and families.



In Communication and Language, the children have been listening to lots of stories and working in pairs to develop their confidence and language skills. The children do daily hand gym to help with their fine motor skills and pencil grip as well as name writing and formation of letters.



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In maths, the year 1's have been focusing on place value, representing objects, counting forwards and backwards and solving one more and one less than sums and using objects to practically solve part-whole models. The children have been working hard in their phonics lessons, working on phase 4 and reviewing the tricky words taught in Reception.

In reading lessons, the children have enjoyed reading 'Beegu'-a story of a little alien crash landing on Earth, wondering why she cannot speak to anyone and 'Where the wild things are', discussing in pairs what mischievous things Max got up to in the text! They have also learnt about settings and adjectives to describe.

In Science, the Year One children have been learning about the human body and using their senses through a range of activities. They have enjoyed using their sense of hearing to go on a listening walk within the school grounds and had lots of fun using their sense of smell, touch and taste to guess what were in the pots!

In our DT lessons, the children have been working hard to design and create their own pencil pots. They had to think about how stable their structures need to be.

In Computing, the children used Purple Mash to create pictures using 2 paint. They learnt about the work of William Morris and styles of

In RE, Rain-made our They have care and We are so half term bows!



Piet Mondrian and recreated their painting.

bows have been exploring that God beautiful world and everything in it. been thinking of ways that we can look after our families.

proud of you all for a wonderful first of learning in school. Well done Rain-

# SPORT UPDATES

## Upcoming competitions

Football competitions are coming up for:

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

U9 Badminton Festival Thursday 6th November

Details and team selection to follow!

**Well done to our Year 6 girls football team for representing the school!**



**Don't forget to log any activity you do this month for a chance to win a football!**

## Sporting value of the week

**Humility** is about recognising both our strengths and our limits, understanding that success is never down to one person alone. It's the ability to stay grounded, to appreciate others' efforts, and to learn from every experience. As Kobe Bryant once said, *"Sports are such a great teacher. I think of everything they've taught me: camaraderie, **humility**, how to resolve differences."* Let's celebrate humility in our school community — in how we play, how we win, how we lose, and how we support each other.

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** – **Samuel** – for a beautiful piece of writing in RE on Baptisms.

**Celestial class** – **Summer** for fantastic progress in our Phonics lessons and in her reading. Her confidence is really growing.

**Flora class** – **Noah B** – for pushing himself in Maths and showing good knowledge of exchanging.

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**Fauna class** – **Tobias** for working super hard in his assessments this week; it is clear he has tried his very best - well done!

**Ocean class** – **All of Year 5** – for fantastic effort during assessment week!

**Mountain class** – **Hanz** – for writing a fantastic autobiography, including impressive vocabulary choices, similes and humour to engage his reader. Well done **Hanz!**

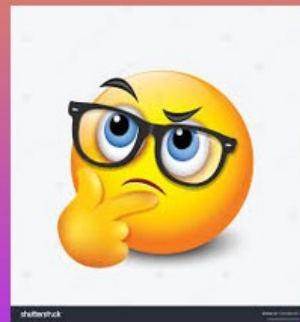
# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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 :

- Does every problem have a solution?



# ONLINE SAFETY

## Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

You may have seen in the press today or heard from your county library service that the children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert about books by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

The books include a link to additional content, but the link is no longer owned by Mr Cope. The new owner publishes pornographic content. This means that children visiting the link are seeing highly inappropriate webpages.

As a result, libraries, bookshops, retailers and schools have removed the books from their shelves until such time as there is a resolution.

The story of course is fine to read, it is only the additional online content that is affected.

There is no suggestion that either Mr Cope or Puffin are responsible for the third-party site.

As a school, we have checked our school library and do not have any copies of these books.

# 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

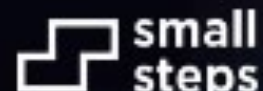


**MON 6 October** at 12.30 PM  
**THUR 16 October** at 12.30 PM  
**WED 22 October** at 5.30 PM  
**TUE 4 November** at 12.30 PM

**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.

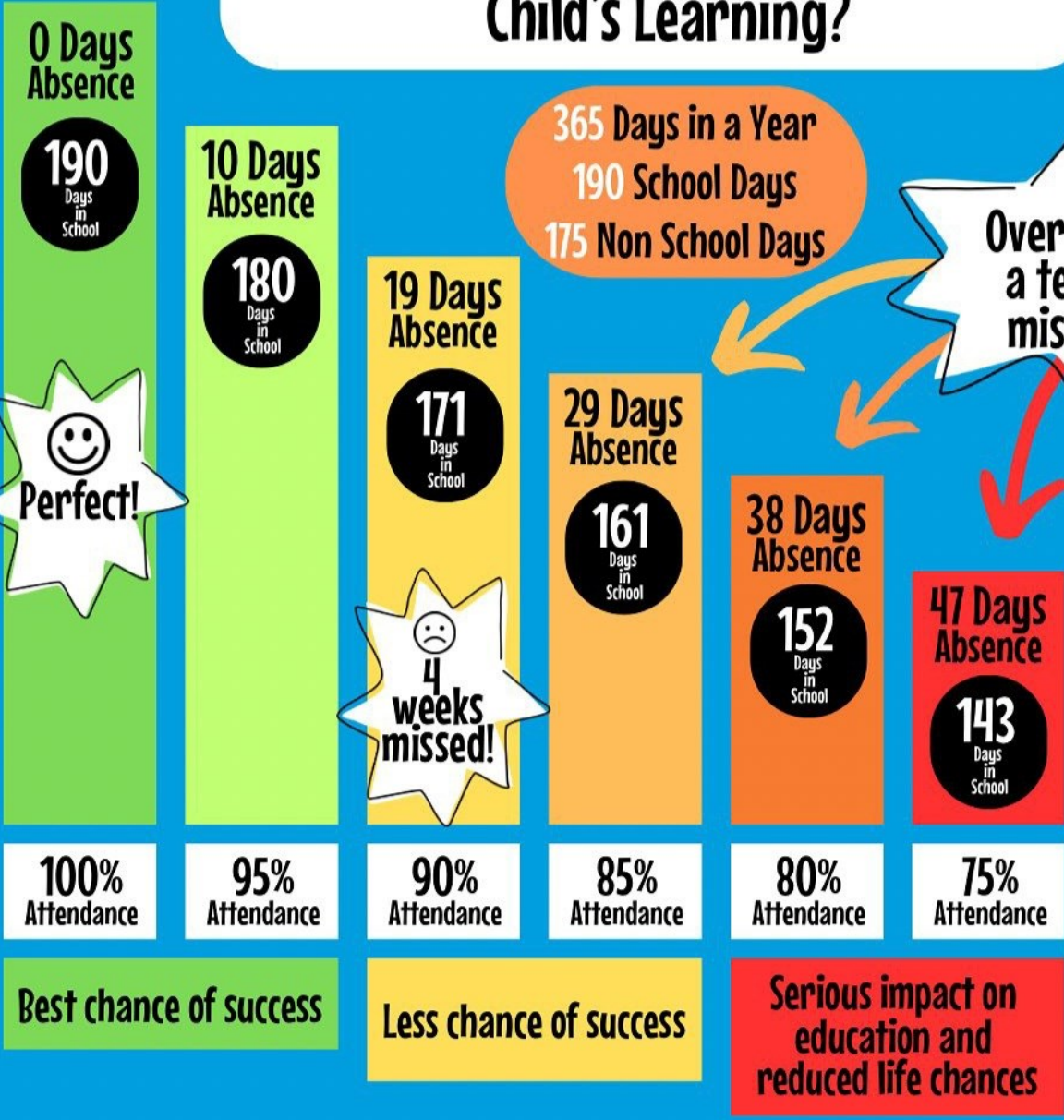


# How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

365 Days in a Year  
190 School Days  
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!



Perfect!

4 weeks missed!

100% Attendance

95% Attendance

90% Attendance

85% Attendance

80% Attendance

75% Attendance

Best chance of success

Less chance of success

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances