



### 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,

I'm sure you will agree that this has been a very quick half-term! The children are well and truly settled into their new classes and fantastic progress has been made all across the school. We have welcomed several new children into St Pancras since September and we are delighted with how well they have settled in, alongside our new Rainbows cohort.

Next half-term already looks to be a busy one, with several trips planned, as well as the lead up to Christmas. The nativity performances and KS2 carol concert dates have been planned in, so it would be lovely to see you there.

Mrs Ransom will be sending an updated permissions Office form imminently and we would greatly appreciate a speedy return on this.

We wish all families a safe and relaxing half-term break.

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

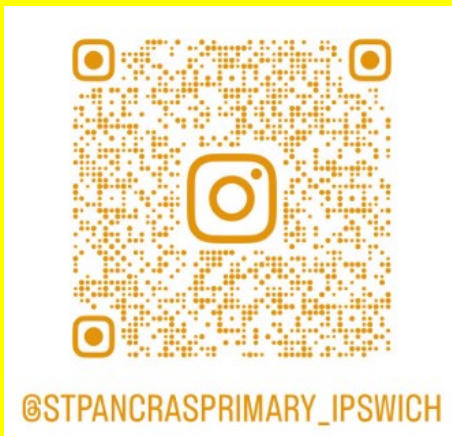
Class 4 Mrs Crowther  
 Mrs Katkuniene

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

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

19th December—KS2 Carol Concert

# YEAR 6 WALSINGHAM

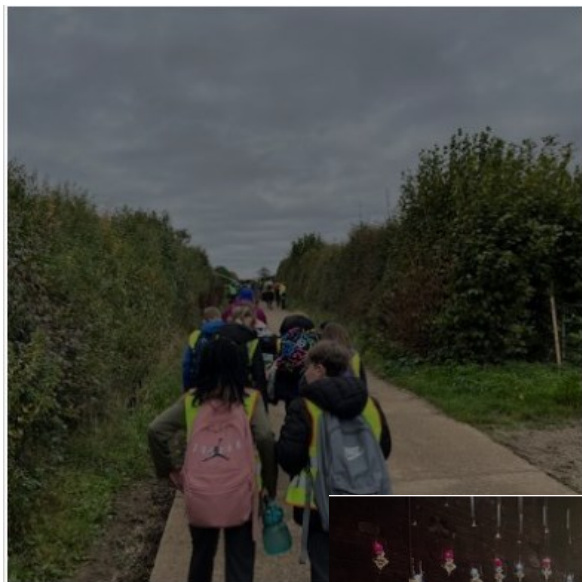
## PILGRIMAGE

### Year 6 Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Last week, Year 6 visited the Catholic and Anglican Shrines in Walsingham. This was a joint pilgrimage with St Mary's Catholic Primary School. We began by looking at the 14 Stations of the Cross crosses, carried from up to 236 miles away in 1948. We spent time in the Slipper and Holy Ghost chapels before walking the Holy Mile.

After arriving at the Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine, we spent time in the Holy Shrine, listening to Father Graham and Father Ben. We undertook a 'Sprinkling' at the Holy Well, built of 11th century stonework and discovered in 1931. We were offered Holy Water to drink, received the sign of the cross with Holy Water and received Holy Water in our hands.

We then went into the Holy House, which represents the Holy House in Nazareth, in which the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation. We lit candles and had a period of reflection.



# SPORT UPDATES

## Upcoming competitions

Autumn 2 competitions and events:

U9 Badminton Festival—6th November

U11 Mixed Ten Pin Bowling—19th November

U9 Mixed Dodgeball Festival—1st November

U11 Mixed Christmas Cracker—11th December

**Well done to our Year 6 Boys 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

**Discipline** means showing up, doing the work, and keeping going—even when it's tough, or when no one else is watching. It's not just following the rules; it's choosing to stay committed, to practise the fundamentals, and to improve, day by day.

**As Lou Holtz once said: "Without self-discipline, success is impossible, period."**

Let's challenge ourselves to live this value in our practices, matches and school life.

Building habits now that will carry us far ahead.

[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** – **Lincoln** – for working so hard forming letters to write his name. We are proud of you!

**Celestial class** – **Ella** for her lovely setting description of a wintery playground.

**Flora class** – **Evan** – for settling into St Pancras brilliantly this term and growing in confidence everyday.

## Stars of the Week



**Fauna class** – **Maja** for consistently following both our school rules and our learning behaviours, well done!

**Ocean class** – **Mikolaj** – for enthusiasm and fantastic contribution during our GIFT collective worship – as shining example!

**Mountain class** – **Finley** – for fantastic learning and effort in our maths sessions.

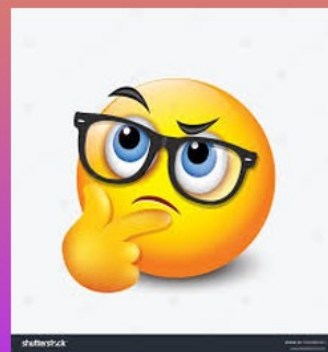
# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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:

- What makes someone a leader?



## ONLINE SAFETY

This week's online safety update is a bit of suggested reading. We face a dilemma in schools and as parents with preparing children to use technology, as there are increased use of devices and a plethora of new challenges to face.

This article is a look at the future and what technology the next generation (your children) may be using, which I'm sure may interest some parents:

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/why-we-predict-ai-may-replace-traditional-social-media-for-the-next-generation>

# 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

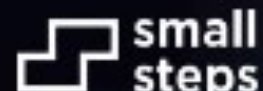


**MON 6 October** at 12.30 PM  
**THUR 16 October** at 12.30 PM  
**WED 22 October** at 5.30 PM  
**TUE 4 November** at 12.30 PM

**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.

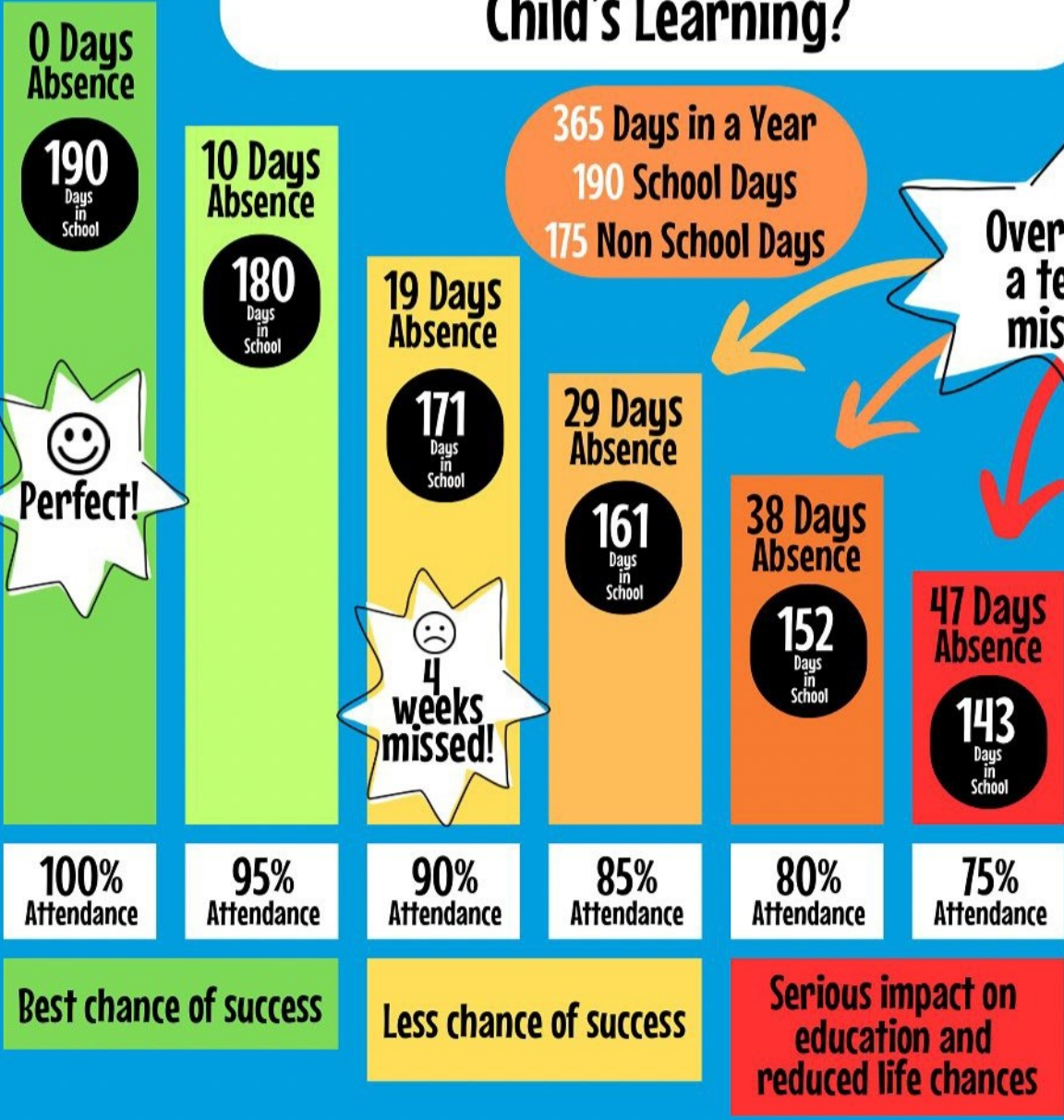


# How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

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!



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