



Pope Leo XIV

"May the familiar voice of Jesus reach us, and reach everyone, because it is the only one that comes from the future. May he call us by name, prepare a place for us, free us from that sense of helplessness that tempts us to give up on life."



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week, which has unfortunately ended with a torrential downpour. Behaviour was fantastic today and the children coped very well with no fresh air – apologies if they let off steam when they arrive home!

Year 6 attended a wonderful Remembrance Day service at Whitton Church – they completed several activities focusing on the theme and as always, were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Please take the time to fill in the permission office form from Mrs Ransom – this enables all staff to quickly identify who can be in photos/included in newsletter extracts and is very useful when all replies have been collated. Thank you in advance, if you have not yet filled this in.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, if wet weekend and we look forward to plenty of walking and biking to school over Road Safety week next week!

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

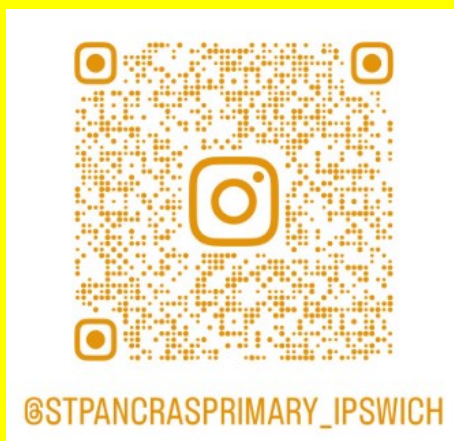
SENCO _____ Mr

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!



Sustainability focus of the week:

To walk, bike, scoot or park and ride to and from school, as part of Road Safety Week.



AUTUMN TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

24th November—Lunchtime Company parent tasting session

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

5th January—INSET day

6th January—start of Spring term

3rd March—Class photos

5th March—World Book Day and Westend Workshop

13th March—Mother Figure morning

SPORTS CLUBS



EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Basketball	R-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50
Tuesday	Gymnastics	R-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50
Thursday	Archery	1-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50



BOOK TODAY!



TTROCKSTARS COMPETITION

ENGLAND ROCKS

18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY



PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**



SCHOOL LUNCH TASTER

All parents are warmly invited to taste our wonderful school dinners!



SCHOOL LUNCH TASTER

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER
2:45pm – 3:15pm

Please come along and enjoy our delicious food. This will give you an opportunity to taste the food that we prepare everyday for your child. Check out our fresh ingredients, home-made pizza and desserts to make your mouth water.

Meet the team from Lunchtime Company and ask any questions you may have.

We really hope to see you there!

LUNCHTIME CO



SPORT UPDATES

Upcoming competitions

Autumn 2 competitions and events:

U11 Mixed Ten Pin Bowling—19th November

U9 Mixed Dodgeball Festival—1st November

U11 Mixed Christmas Cracker—11th December

Junior Parkrun: Check out your local Junior Parkrun at 9am on Sunday morning.

Local options include Christchurch Park, Kesgrave and Ravenswood Primary School.

We've heard lots of fantastic Parkrun stories and are looking forward to hearing more!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Rainbows – **Clay** – for showing lots of confidence using the balance bikes in his first lesson!

Celestial class – **All of Year 2** for trying hard in their assessments this week. They showed amazing perseverance and maturity.

Flora class – **Naomi** – for some amazingly expressive dance in PE.

Stars of the Week



Fauna class – **Louie** for consistently following instructions, listening carefully and joining in to class discussions.

Ocean class – **Zina** – for showing fantastic effort and determination in Maths this week.

Mountain class – **Jacob** – for writing a fantastic first person narrative using a range of adjectives and adverbs.

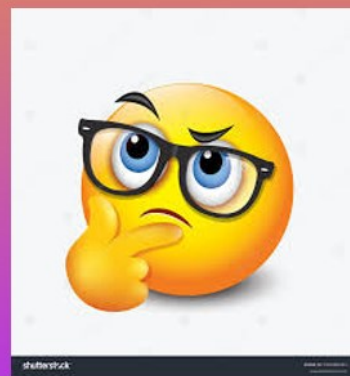
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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:

- If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?



ONLINE SAFETY

At the end of anti-bullying week, here is your regular reminder that children are often now bullied online and have no safe spaces to escape to.

Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. Internet Matters have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers which I have listed below:

Talking to children and conversation tips for ages 6-10, 11-13, 14-17 and vulnerable children - [HERE](#)

What is cyberbullying and what are the signs - [HERE](#)

Helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying - [HERE](#)

How to deal with cyberbullying - [HERE](#)

Parents experiences of cyberbullying - [HERE](#)

Useful resource - [HERE](#)

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 3rd 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 20th July

Ipswich Family Bank

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We are looking for people to support those less fortunate this Christmas by making up shoe boxes or donating a toy or game which can be distributed to those who need a little helping hand to be able to enjoy Christmas this year.

What to do :

Find an old shoe box

Pack it with essentials / something exciting

Pop a note in for the person receiving the box

Wrap the shoe box if you wish

Label you box with the child's age and gender

Pass the shoe box on to reception for it to be collected

All shoe boxes should be returned by Friday 12th
December, please leave them in the foyer

Thank you for taking the time to spread the love this



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

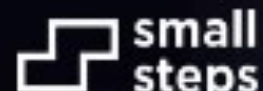


MON 6 October at 12.30 PM
THUR 16 October at 12.30 PM
WED 22 October at 5.30 PM
TUE 4 November at 12.30 PM

**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.

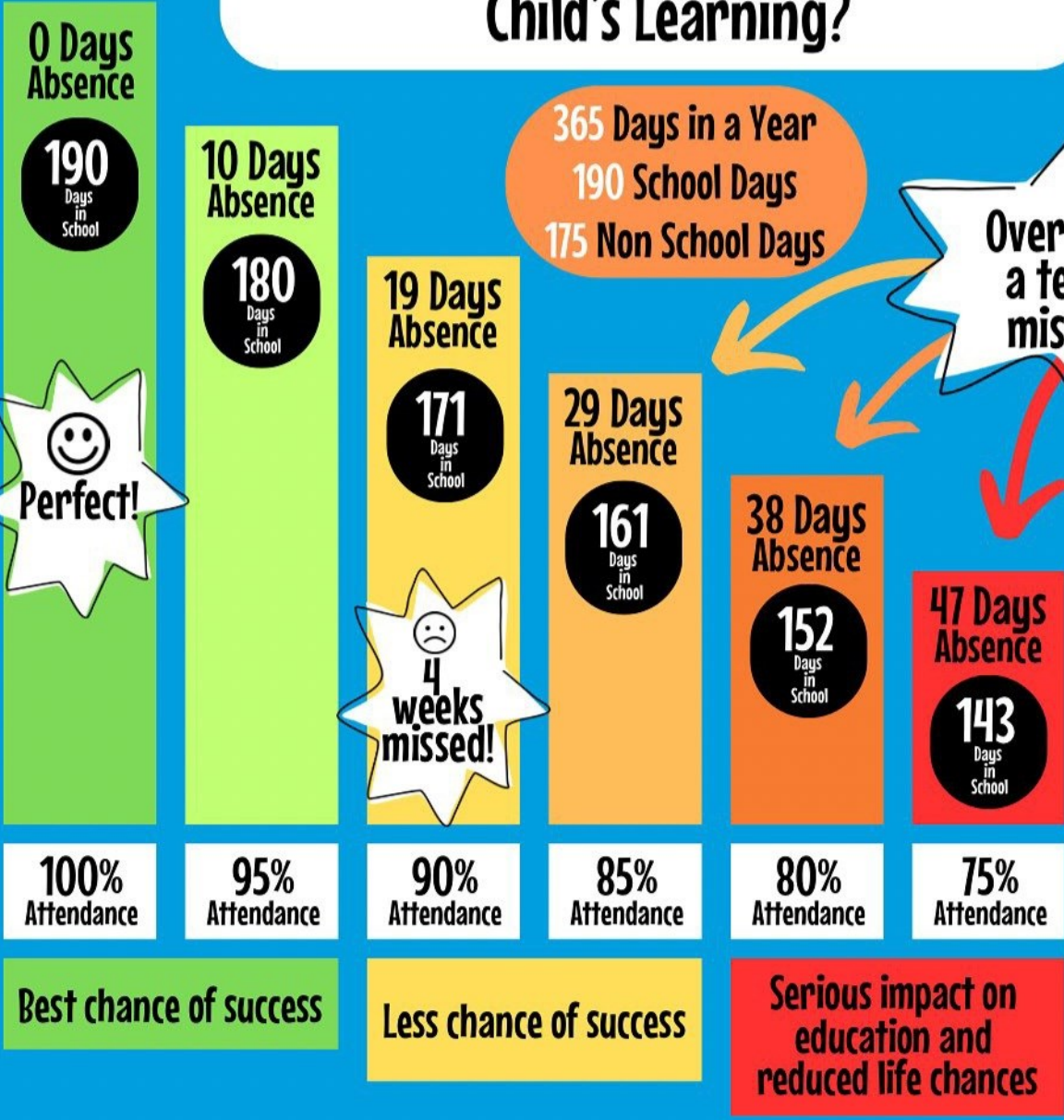


How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

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