

**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,

Thank you to all parents for supporting Road Safety week, which culminated in our *be Bright, Be Seen* dress-up day. Please continue to reinforce walking/biking/scooting to school as a healthy and sustainable approach where possible!

We are very pleased to announce that we have hired an Administration Assistant to work with Mrs Ransom in the office. Mrs Kate Bozkurt will be starting as soon as possible and will make a fantastic addition to the Office team.

However, unfortunately, Mr Grimwood will be leaving us at Christmas. He has been offered an exciting promotion in another school and leaves us to take up this new post in January. Mr Grimwood started at St Pancras with me back in 2019 and has been a tremendous asset to the school. He will be hugely missed by staff and children alike and we wish him the best of luck in his new school! We are happy to announce that Mr Gary Rolfe will be taking over the Year 3 class in January and that we will be preparing a smooth transition for the children.

Please remember that the Lunchtime Company are welcoming parents in on Monday to taste our school dinners at 14:45 – everyone is welcome!

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

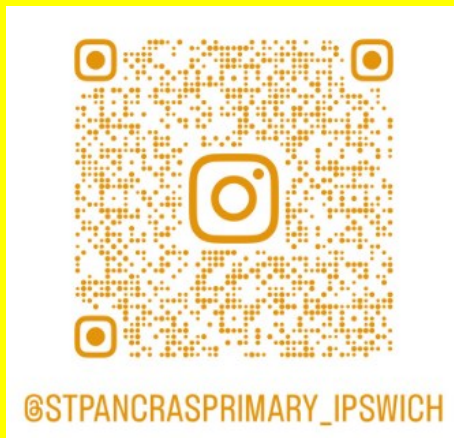
Class 4 Mrs Crowther
Mrs Katkuniene

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 reduce food waste.



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!



SPOTLIGHT ON REMEMBRANCE

Mountain Class Visit St Mary & St Botolph Church for “Experience Remembrance”

Last week, Mountain Class were fortunate to be invited to St Mary & St Botolph Church, part of Whitton Parish, to take part in a thoughtful and beautifully organised “Experience Remembrance” event. The children moved through six themed stations, each combining a Bible story with reflection, role-play, hands-on activities and powerful visual displays. These immersive stations encouraged our Year 6s to pause, think deeply and make meaningful connections with the themes of remembrance.

Sacrifice

At the first station, the children listened to the story of the young woman who poured her precious perfume over Jesus’ feet – a symbol of giving up something treasured. The class reflected on what soldiers had to sacrifice and considered what they themselves would find difficult to give up. They wrote their thoughts on luggage tags and tied them onto a display, leaving them behind as a symbolic act.

“I didn’t realise how much soldiers had to leave behind. It made me think about what I really value,” reflected Rayni.



SPOTLIGHT ON REMEMBRANCE

Courage

Inspired by the story of David and Goliath, the children wrote down one of their own fears and placed it inside a decorated box.

“Writing down my fear made it feel smaller somehow,” said Faustas.

This thoughtful activity helped pupils consider how courage can look different for everyone.



Freedom

At this station, the parting of the Red Sea helped children explore what freedom truly means. Linked together with paper chains, one pupil was dramatically “set free”, creating a powerful moment that captured the emotion of liberation. The children also tasted a small piece of bread—the amount prisoners during the war might have had for an entire day.

“I can’t believe that tiny bit of bread was all someone would get. It really shocked me,” said Tuscani.

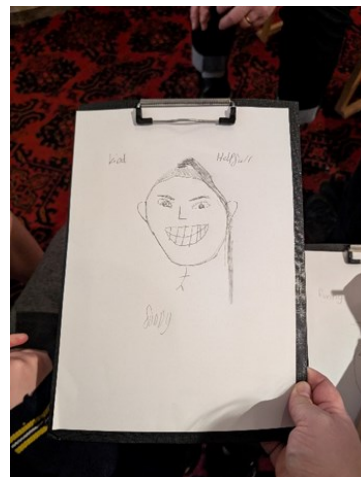
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Conflict

Through the story of Jacob and Esau, the pupils thought about relationships, forgiveness and the things that bind us together. They paired up to draw each other and write three positive things about their partner. The station buzzed with warm, encouraging comments.

“I didn’t know people thought those things about me—it made me feel really good,” shared Aurora-Mae.



SPOTLIGHT ON REMEMBRANCE

Peace

In the quiet vestry, transformed with soft lighting, fairy lights and a calming bubble tower, the children heard the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples. This was a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy week. They wrote about what brings them peace on dove-shaped cut-outs before taking a moment to simply breathe and reflect.

Mrs Jones admitted it was so peaceful she was almost drifting off to sleep!



Remembrance

The final station centred on the Last Supper and encouraged pupils to reflect on memory, gratitude and local history. The children were fascinated to learn about Henry Bragg, a real WWI soldier from Norwich Road, who served as a driver leading horses that pulled gun carriages.

“I didn’t know someone from our area took part in the war—it made it feel real,” commented Laurie.

They had the chance to handle wartime medals, read original VE Day newspapers and write the name of someone special to them on the back of a poppy.

SPOTLIGHT ON REMEMBRANCE



The afternoon concluded with a lively question-and-answer session. The children were full of curiosity, asking about everything from the church's history and architecture to deeper questions about faith and remembrance.

It was a truly enriching visit, and Mountain Class represented St Pancras with maturity, curiosity and kindness. A huge thank-you to St Mary & St Botolph Church for providing such a meaningful and memorable experience.

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!

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SPORT UPDATES

Upcoming competitions

Autumn 2 competitions and events:

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 – [Vakare](#)– for an imaginative stick design in her Literacy lesson, focusing on the story 'Stanley's Stick'.

Celestial class – [April](#) for her perseverance and always following the school rules.

Flora class – [Laura](#) – for always demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours.

Stars of the Week



Fauna class – [David](#) for an excellent descriptive paragraph focusing on the use of ambitious vocabulary.

Ocean class – [Riley-Ray](#) – for using brilliant vocabulary during writing lessons.

Mountain class – [Faustas](#) – for a superb improvement in his handwriting - beautiful presentation!

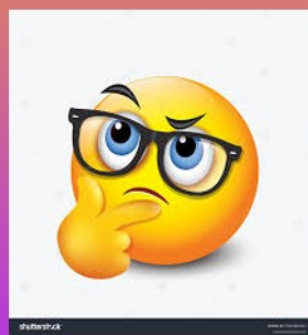
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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 matters more; what you think of yourself, or what others think of you?



ONLINE SAFETY

Radicalisation on Gaming platforms

Over the last week or so there has been increased reporting on terrorist organisations ramping up their recruitment, specifically using AI as a means to spread their messaging. At the same time Europol carried out a Referral Action Day on 13th Nov 2025 where, in the weeks prior, experts combed through a variety of online gaming and streaming platforms used by children and young people which resulted in thousands of illegal links being found related to extremist, terrorist and racist content.

This is concerning on multiple levels: not only are children and young people potentially being exposed to this content, but due to the fact this is on gaming platforms, many parents may not be aware.

You can read the Europol article here: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/europol-and-partner-countries-combat-online-radicalisation-gaming-platforms>

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

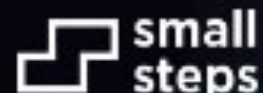


MON 6 October at 12.30 PM
THUR 16 October at 12.30 PM
WED 22 October at 5.30 PM
TUE 4 November at 12.30 PM

**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!

