

**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 who managed to attend the 'taster session' with The Lunchtime Company on Monday. There was valuable feedback from both our school council and parents—most of which we will endeavour to action. Please note that the menu is on the school website, but we will also include the menu for the following week on the newsletter every week.

Advent starts this weekend, so we shall be starting our advent stations in school. We will be sharing these tableaus on social media and celebrating them daily.

If children want to deliver Christmas cards within school, the post box will open on Tuesday—please remind your child to include the surname of the recipient, as well as their class—this makes it much easier for the Y6 children to deliver!

Please note that the Christmas Bazaar takes place on the 13th!

Wishing you a restful weekend.

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

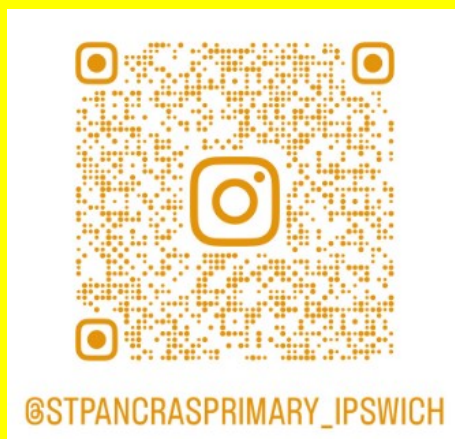
Class 4 Mrs Crowther  
Mrs Katkuniene

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 resource use, including paper in books, by not missing lines or pages and glue use by only using what is needed.



# AUTUMN TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

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!**



# SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR NEXT WEEK

LUNCHTIME CO <sup>®</sup>		WEEK 2 MENU				
		WEEKS: 10/11, 01/12, 05/01, 24/01, 23/02, 14/03				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Meat Pizza served with Cubed Potatoes & Spaghetti Hoops	Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread, & Mixed Vegetables	Bacon Topped Macaroni Cheese served with Peas & Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans & Ketchup	
<b>MEAT FREE</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Cubed Potatoes & Spaghetti Hoops	Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread, & Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese served with Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Lentil Roast served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Fishless Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans & Ketchup	
<b>PASTA &amp; JACKETS</b>	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad	
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Strawberry Mousse with Mixed Berry Compote Fruity Jelly Fresh Fruit Pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Jam Roly Poly Fruit Yoghurt & Coulis Fresh Fruit Pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Sticky Pineapple Cake Fruity Jelly Fresh Fruit Pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Lemon Tart Fruit Yoghurt & Coulis Fresh Fruit Pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Chocolate Brownie Fruity Jelly Fresh Fruit Pot	



## **SPORT UPDATES**

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** – [Reignne](#)– for exploring the composition of numbers with confidence in her Maths lessons this week-well done!

**Celestial class** – [Sarah](#) for growing in confidence and answering questions during the teaching.

**Flora class** – [Ryan](#) – for engaging in class discussion and sharing his ideas confidently.

Stars of the Week



**Fauna class** – [Ezra](#) for a detailed explanation of what happened to the Elgin Marbles in our History lesson this week!

**Ocean class** – [Amy](#) – for always showing kindness and compassion to other children in the classroom.

**Mountain class** – [Kacper](#) – for settling beautifully into this term, displaying excellent team work skills in our recent gymnastic sessions.

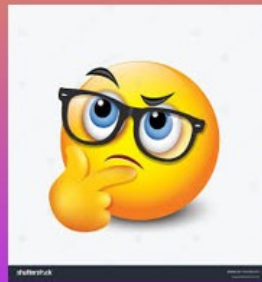
# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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 a person wise?



# ONLINE SAFETY

## For Parents - Protect Neurodivergent Children from Scams in Games

As we all know, neurodivergent children can be amongst those most vulnerable online, therefore more likely to become victims of things like scams. Those with ADHD, autism or other divergent ways of thinking might not recognise when someone intends to do harm.

Internet Matters have put together a brand new free guide for parents which explores how neurodivergent children's unique traits can leave them open to scams, particularly in games.

You can download the free guide here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/neurodivergent-children/neurodivergent-children-gaming/roblox-parents-guide-neurodivergent-children/video-game-scams/>

# 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*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>  
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

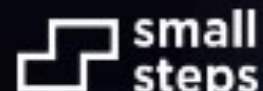


**MON 6 October** at 12.30 PM  
**THUR 16 October** at 12.30 PM  
**WED 22 October** at 5.30 PM  
**TUE 4 November** at 12.30 PM

**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?

