



Pope Leo XIV

"Yes, Jesus is God's song of love for humanity," he said. "Let us listen to this song! Let us learn it well, so that we too can sing it with our lives."



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Sportshall Athletics team, who came 16th in the competition last week. There were some fantastic individual performances!

Mass will start again next week and on Thursday, we will be sending Y4 and Y6. Parents are warmly invited to attend – please let class teachers know if you would like to walk down with us.

PTA AGM: The PTA AGM will take now place after Celebration Assembly on Friday 30th January at 09:30. We warmly invite all parents to attend and there will be coffee and biscuits. This is the perfect opportunity to hear about the year's activity, as well as potentially offer support! We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing everyone a lovely 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 Rolfe
Mrs Harvey
Mrs Nwafor

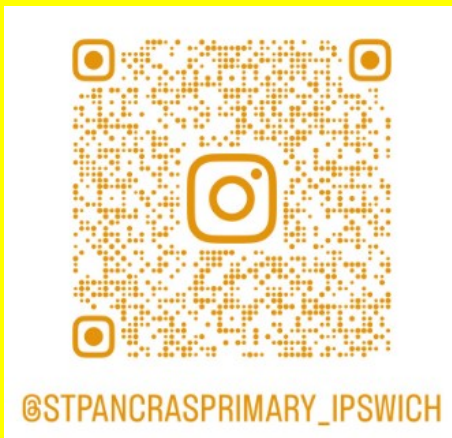
Class 4 Mrs Crowther
Mrs Katkuniene

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:

- St Pancras will save energy by.....
- Turning off lights
 - Turning off plugs and electrical appliances
 - Turning off taps
 - Closing doors and windows
- How can you save energy at home?



SPRING TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

29th January—Y4 and Y6 attending 10am Mass

30th January— PTA AGM—all parents warmly invited

6th February—NSPCC Number Day

10th February—Year 6 Enrichment activity at Woodbridge School

10th February—start of our OPAL journey

13th February—House point prize for winning house—extra break

17th February—Shrove Tuesday

18th February—Ash Wednesday—start of Lent

3rd March—Class photos

5th March—World Book Day and Westend Workshop

12th March—Y3/Celestial attending 10am Mass

13th March—Mother Figure morning

13th March—Y4 Robotics workshop at Woodbridge School

19th March—Rainbows and Year 6 attending 10am Mass

24th and 26th March—Parent Consultation Evenings

26th March—Year 4 and Year 3 attending 10am Mass / Passion performance to parents -14:00

27th March—House point prize for winning house—film afternoon

ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS

Volunteers Sought to Support School Admission Appeals

The Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school.

Panel members play a vital role in considering cases where parents wish to challenge a refusal of admission. Each hearing typically lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, although some may take longer depending on their complexity. During the busy summer term, multiple appeals may be scheduled on the same day, and volunteers may occasionally be asked to sit for two or even three consecutive days. Importantly, panel members are always able to decide their own availability, making this a flexible opportunity suited to those available during school hours.

Appeals may be heard in person or via video conferencing, and volunteers can express a preference for the type of hearings they are comfortable with. All panel members will receive training from the Diocese.

To ensure a balanced and fair process, each panel is made up of both lay members, people without professional involvement in education, and education members, people with experience working in or understanding schools. Individuals cannot sit on panels for schools with which they have a personal connection, for example being a parent, governor or staff member.

Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more is invited to contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director (Schools' Service), at the Diocese of East Anglia, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, by email at ssc@rcdea.org.uk or by telephone on **01508 495509**.

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 3

It has been truly delightful getting to know the Year 3 children at the start of this new term. They have settled in well, have shown enthusiasm and a real readiness to learn.

In Religious Education, we have been exploring the question “How can we take an active role in the Kingdom of God?” The children have learnt that the Kingdom of God represents the world as God intends it to be - a place filled with love, justice, peace and kindness - and have enjoyed discussing practical ways they can help make this vision a reality in their everyday lives.

In Reading, Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying SAM WU is NOT Afraid of the DARK. Through this text, the children have been developing their retrieval and inference skills, as well as learning how to summarise key events and consider the author’s intent. In Writing, the children have just finished their own third-person narratives based on an animal of their choice. Their focus and creativity have been exceptional, resulting in some truly impressive stories.

The children have also shown a natural enthusiasm for our History topic on the Anglo-Saxons, learning about where they came from, the origins of their settlements, and what life might have been like during that time.

Year 3 have made an excellent start to the term, and I am very much looking forward to working with them as they continue to grow and flourish.

ONLINE SAFETY

Below are some infographics that may be useful for parents to see. All come from the following (very lengthy) document: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/research-and-data/online-research/online-nation/2025/online-nations-report-2025.pdf?v=409837>

Figure 75: Average time spent online on smartphones, tablets and computers, per UK visitor per day: by age (hours: minutes)

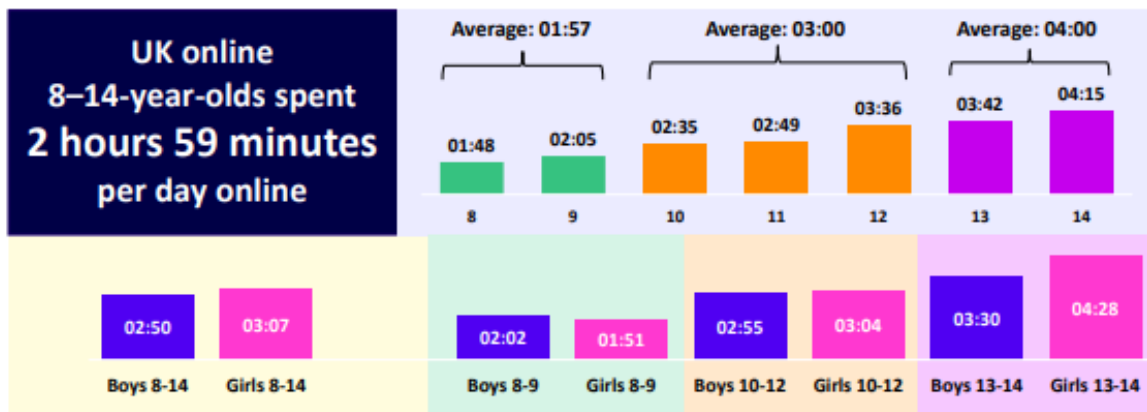
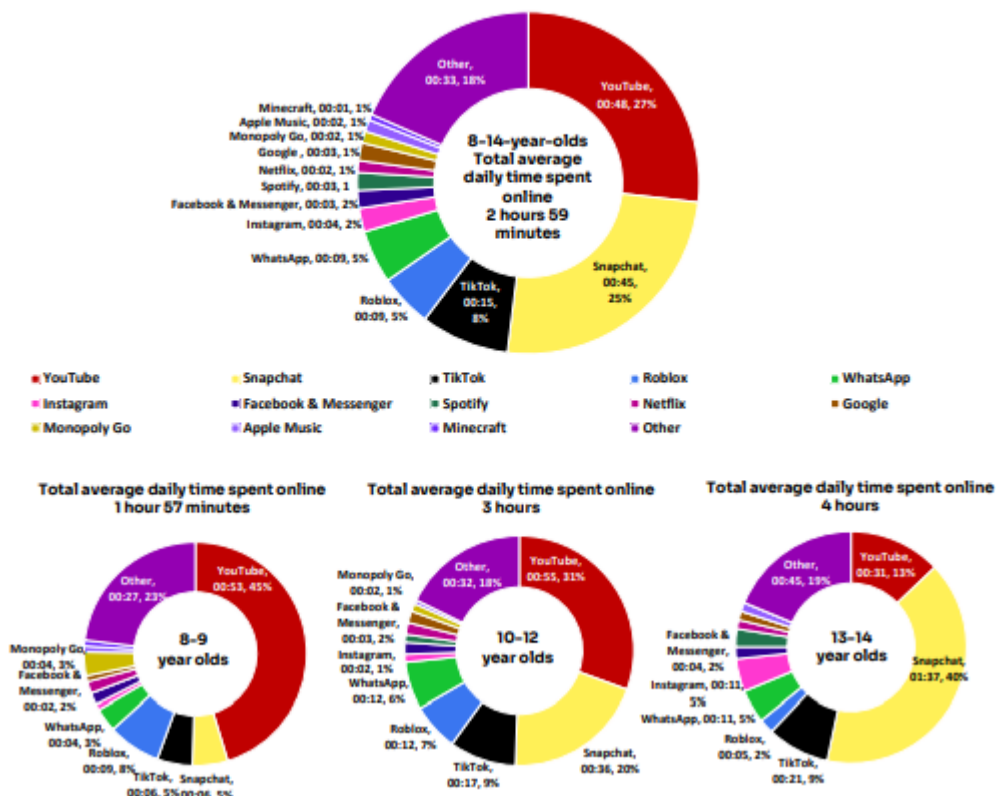


Figure 76: Share of average time spent online per day by UK online children aged 8-14, by service (hours: minutes): by age



SPRING 1 SPORTS CLUBS



The poster features a group of five children in school uniforms standing on a grassy field. One child in the center is holding a colorful ball. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with 'XC' and a smiley face, surrounded by the text 'EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS'. The main title 'EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, white letters on a purple background. Below the title is a table with five columns: Day, Activity, Year(s), Time, and Price. The table lists three clubs: Dodgeball on Monday, Gymnastics on Tuesday, and Fencing on Thursday, all for years R-6 and 15.20-16.20, with a price of £55. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text 'BOOK TODAY!'. At the bottom right, there are icons for a target, a t-shirt with the number '1', and the text 'I ♥ PE'.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Dodgeball	R-6	15.20-16.20	£55
Tuesday	Gymnastics	R-6	15.20-16.20	£55
Thursday	Fencing	3-6	15.20-16.20	£55

BOOK TODAY!

I ♥ PE

SPORT UPDATES

Upcoming competitions

Year 4 Basketball—4th Feb

Year 3 Girl's football—6th March

Y5 Girl's football—9th March

Swimming gala—20th March

Y5/6 Cross Country—25th March

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 – [Albie F](#) – for good focus in his Maths lessons and solving doubles sums with confidence. Keep up the great work!

Celestial class – [Aleksander](#) for working hard, improved listening skills and perseverance.

Flora class – [Harrison](#) – for writing an amazing third person narrative, with detail description and atmosphere.

Stars of the Week



Fauna class – [Amelie](#) for showing perseverance and determination in our gymnastics lesson this week.

Ocean class – [Chimmy](#)– for renewed focus in lessons.

Mountain class – [Bethany](#) – for focussing in lessons, increased contributions in class discussion and an overall excellent attitude to learning.

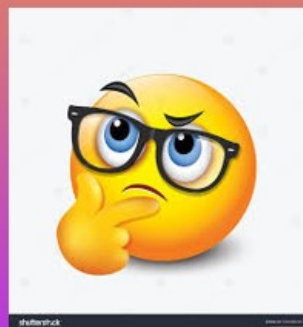
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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:

- Is it better to do something difficult and succeed, or easy and succeed? Why?



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 - Monday 13th April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term Ends - Friday 17th July

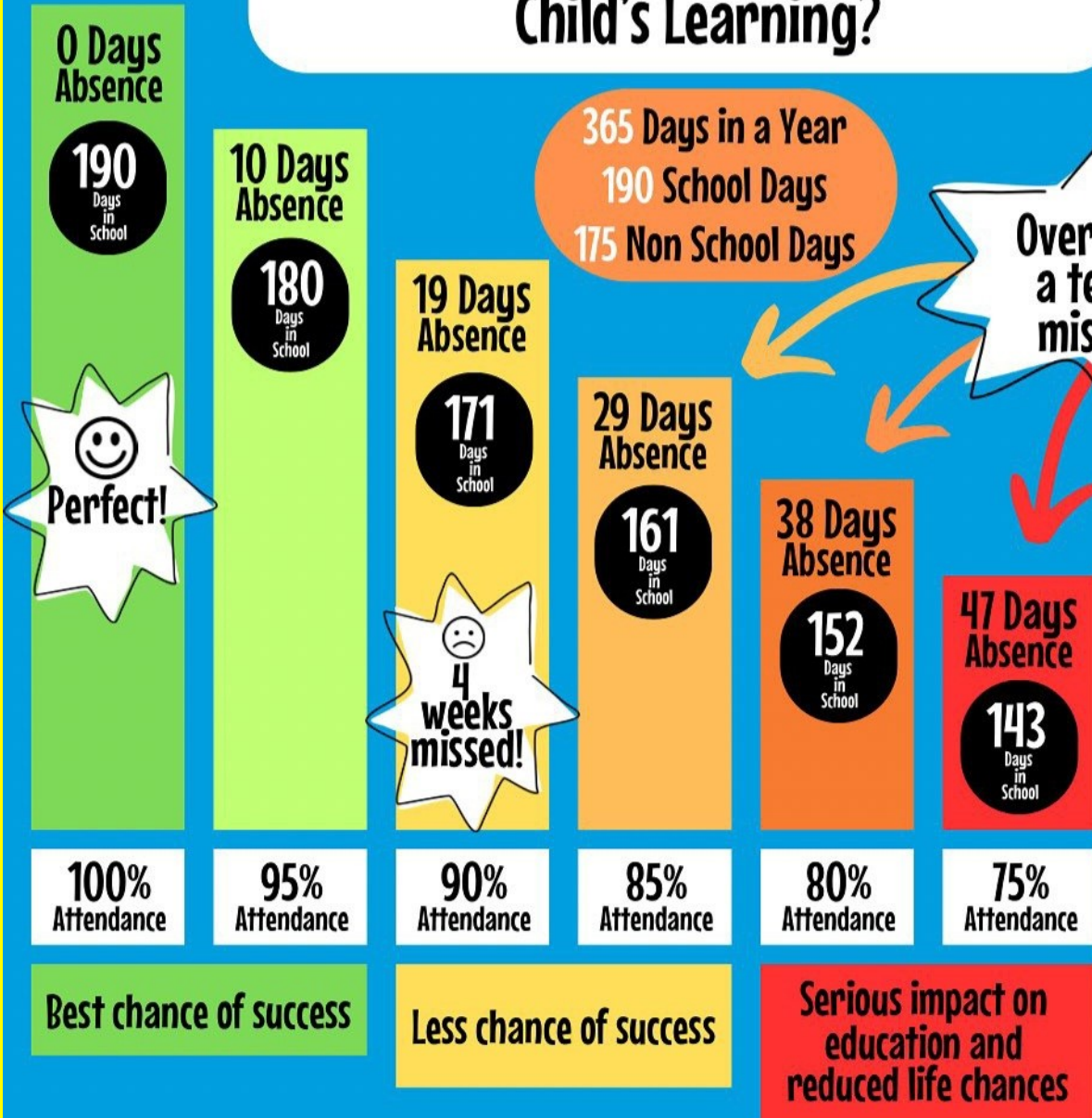
Staff Professional Day – Monday 20th July

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!



0 Days Absence

190 Days in School



10 Days Absence

180 Days in School

19 Days Absence

171 Days in School



29 Days Absence

161 Days in School

38 Days Absence

152 Days in School

47 Days Absence

143 Days in School

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