



Dear Lord, thank You for my mother's love, strength, and guidance. Bless her with joy and peace on this special day and always.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the attendees at our Mother Figure assembly – we hope you all had a lovely time in class with your children. Wishing all mothers and mother figures an enjoyable Sunday!

Please continue to send us cardboard boxes – we have been able to collect plenty this week, but will always need more! We are also on the look out for anything kitchen related for our mud kitchen area – utensils and pots and pans that are no longer kitchen-worthy would be greatly appreciated. Miss Aldous has led her first assembly with the school and has set our start date!

Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Thackeray, who have organised Science Day and World Book Day across the last week. The WestEnd workshop was a great hit and the children performed incredibly well! On Science day, all classes conducted variations on the same biscuit-dunking experiment and I managed to get into all classes to see this in action. There were definitely some interesting discoveries made!

Well done to our Year 5 Girl's football team, who had a competition on Monday – it sounds like they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Please note that bookings are available on Arbor for Parent Consultation meetings – we no longer use SchoolCloud, but it would appear Arbor is an easier system to use – please contact the office if you require support.

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

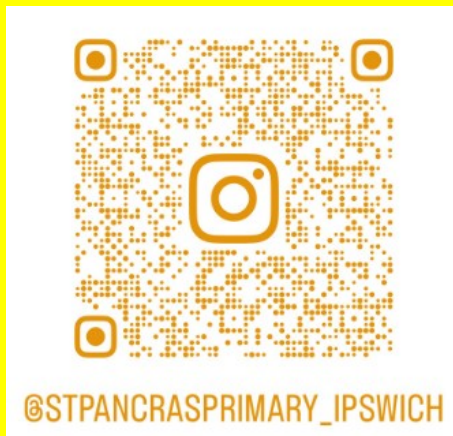
Class 4 Mrs Crowther
Mrs Katkuniene

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:

To reduce food waste, during Food waste week.



SPRING TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

19th March—Y4 attending 10am Mass

23rd-27th March—London mini Marathon within PE lessons

24th and 26th March—Parent Consultation Evenings

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

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

16th April—Sponsored athletics event (information to follow!)

11th-14th May—Y6 SATs week

18th May—Y5 at St Albans for Creativity Day/Y6 Duxford trip

21st May—Outdoor Classroom day

3rd-5th June—Y6 residential

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**.

HYGIENE BANK

Thank you for all of your donations that we sent to the Hygiene Bank this morning. They joined us in assembly to collect over 64kg worth of donations!

We will continue to keep the donation box in our front foyer and will let them know every time it is full, so please continue to support this worthy cause.

Our Catholic Social teaching values ***Preferential Option for the poor*** and ***Solidarity*** have definitely been demonstrated by the school community in the last month and we thank you for your support!



ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

The government are consulting on *Growing up in the online world*. We would encourage parents taking time to fill in the survey (link below) to register your views!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

YouTube Kids

A relevant criticism of YouTube Kids is that it is 'too babyish' and restricts far too much. If you find this is the case, the guide below may help, which allows parents to moderate YouTube videos and add them to approved YouTube Kids playlists.

<https://esafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cbd59b76f0e1ad9db768db345&id=5cee000927&e=60e8903beb>

OPAL UPDATES



Miss Aldous has led her first OPAL assembly to introduce our 'quick wins' to the children and has set our starting date! We can tell that the children are very excited and we have started 'zoning' our grounds. The tractor tyres have already become great social spaces at lunchtime!

Additionally, we will be introducing a mud-kitchen area soon as well, so are on the lookout for unwanted kitchen utensils, pallets and pots and pans that are no longer of use!

ANNA ABLITT FUNDRAISING

https://stelizabethhospice.enthuse.com/pf/colin-ablitt?fbclid=IwDGRjcAQMxT5leHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeCCbxd_9bn3epM0g1PptfLwhj80d_n0eHPnv3aB0LOqaLcOTQqpB18ZLAQ7k_aem_Zi2X38XFS1zl_QPUOxL10w

Please find a link above to a memorial skydive planned by our former chef Anna's husband Colin. Anna sadly lost her battle with cancer last year.

The screenshot shows a fundraising page titled "Anna's memorial skydive" on the enthuse platform. The page features a grid of six images: a woman being cared for, a woman with a dog, a woman at a table, a man playing a guitar, a woman with a man, and a woman in a chair. A circular progress indicator shows 38% funded towards a £1,000 target, with £379 raised from 16 donors. A "Donate" button is visible, along with a "Share this page:" section.

Anna's memorial skydive

Search for a friend or appeal

38%
Funded

£1,000 Target
£379 Raised so far by 16 Donors

Share this page:

Colin Ablitt
My Story

As most will know, my wonderful wife Anna sadly lost her battle with cancer in August of 2025. She had battled the illness for over 12 years. The treatment that she received at St Elizabeth hospice was truly amazing. I have decided to take

LUNCHTIME COMPANY

LUNCHTIME CO [®]		WEEK 2 MENU				
		WEEKS: 10/11, 01/12, 05/01, 24/01, 23/02, 14/03				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN MEAL	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	
MEAT FREE	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	
PASTA & JACKETS	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	
DESSERTS	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Strawberry Mousse with Mixed Berry Compote Fruity Jelly Fresh Fruit Pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Jam Boly Paly 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	

Please see above for next week's menu.

Meal of the week:

Bacon-topped macaroni cheese is worth a try! It's one of Mr McGill and Mrs Berry's favourites!

Remember that a jacket potato is available everyday.

SPRING SPORTS CLUBS



The poster features a group of five children in school uniforms on a grassy field. A circular logo in the top left corner contains the text 'EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS' around a smiley face with 'XC' inside. 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 activities: Dodgeball on Monday, Gymnastics on Tuesday, and Fencing on Thursday, all for years R-6 and 15.20-16.20, each priced at £55. At the bottom left is a QR code with the text 'BOOK TODAY!' below it. At the bottom right are icons for a target, a t-shirt with the number '1', and the text 'I ❤️ PE'.

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

Swimming gala—20th March

Y5/6 Cross Country—25th March

Y2 cricket—6th May

Y4 cricket-7th May

Y6 netball—19th May

Y4 netball—21st May

9th June—Y6 cricket

12th June—Y6 cricket

7th July—Y5/6 Quadkids

8th July—Y5/6 Quadkids

We will be running 2 miles within our PE lessons during the final week of this half-term to celebrate the London Mini Marathon!

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

Due to Mother Figure Morning, we did not award SOW or other awards and this will resume next week.

However, we have been very impressed with the general Y6 attitude towards their mock assessment week!



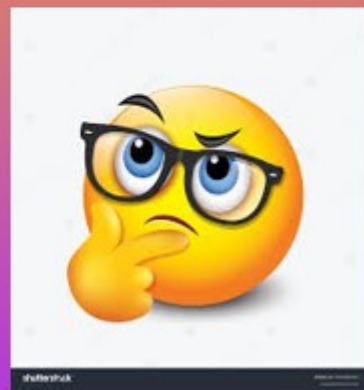
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

- Would the world be better without unpleasant feelings?



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

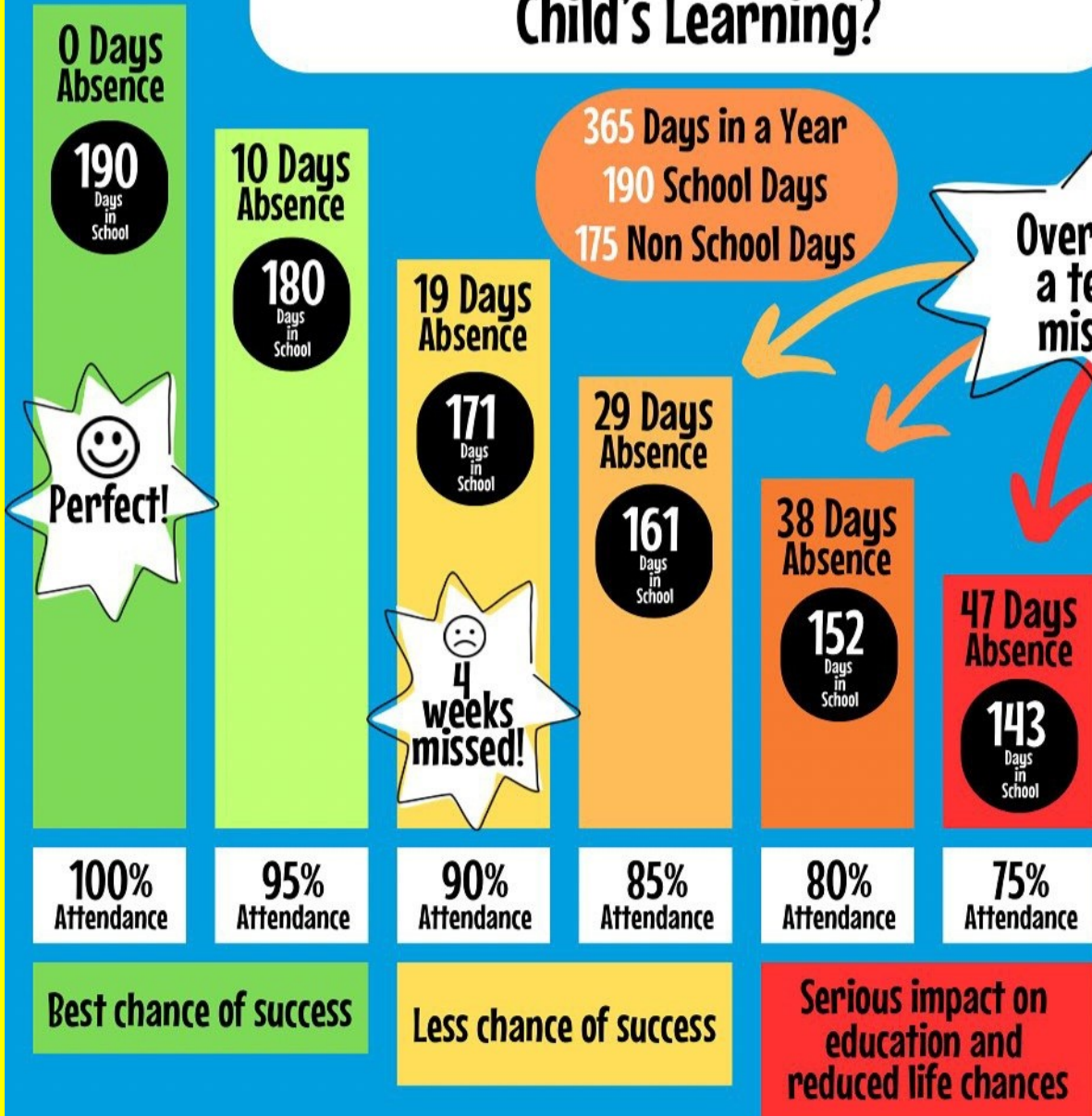
Staff Professional Day – Monday 20th July

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

Perfect!

10 Days Absence

180 Days in School

19 Days Absence

171 Days in School

4 weeks missed!

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