



Felix

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer 2 Newsletter 2025

Headteacher's Message:

Dear all,

We have come to the end of the summer term and it is a time of sadness, excitement and new change around the corner!

Firstly, I would like to wish our Year 6 leavers good luck for the next part of their education journey. We have watched you grow from reception through to now and you have grown in ability, confidence and become amazing individuals. Thank you for being part of our school and remember to come back and say hello!

I wanted to share some exciting news that Miss McArdle got married this term and is now Mrs. Gladding! Congratulations to you and your family! Next, I would like to personally thank and celebrate the staff who are leaving us this at the end of this academic year. We wish you all the best in the

Jack Entwistle- he has been part of the school/s for 18 years, has led P.E through attendance at events and competitions and run four after school clubs each week.

Jade Morton- she has been part of the school since joining Maidstone in February 2023. Jade has supported in specialist units and mainstream classes as a teacher.

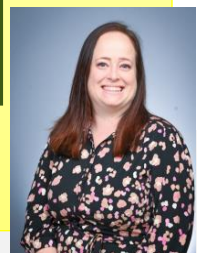
Katy Baker- she has been a part of the school for 21 years and has had a variety of roles in this time including TA, MDSA, admin, SEND admin, Office Manager and more recently as School Support Manager.

Sam Carr- Sam has been in the school since 2012. Sam was a class teacher, who moved to the lead art specialist teacher and has been in the office supporting since January.

Marcy Howieson- she started as an MDSA in 2017 and then moved into an office role in 2020.

As I come to the end of my role as Headteacher, I am so grateful for everyone who has been part of my career at Felix Primary. I started in 2012 and progressed from phase leader/class teacher, assistant head, deputy head and finally as headteacher since September 2023. I have worked alongside Suffolk County Council, Seckford Education Trust and currently Sapientia Education Trust. I would like to say a personal thank you and wish you all the best in the future. I shall fondly remember my time here and being a part of your children's education. Felix Primary are honored to have Leon Hall joining and I know he will continue moving Felix in the right direction and building on the success achieved.

So for the final time, goodbye and thank you! Mrs Jess. Hearn



Whole School News

Attendance

As of 1st July, this year's attendance to date is 92.1%.

We have had 9 children with 100% attendance since September. Congratulations to them.

House colour of the year, with 93%, is Blue –Tancred.

Class of the year with the highest attendance is Pine with 95%.

Please remember that if your Child is absent, please report this before 9am via, Email or a phone call to 01394 283374 option 2. No contact will result in an unauthorised absence mark and as you are aware the government has introduced compulsory measures in order to improve national attendance this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parent/ Carers for their continued support and working with me in the last couple of years through attendance, it has been a pleasure working with you and your children and as I sign off at the end of the academic year I'd like to say bye bye.

Mrs. Howieson

Hop To It!



The 'Hop To It' Art Trail has been extended this year and there are smaller satellite trails in Felixstowe, Woodbridge, Lowestoft and Beccles as well as the main trail in Ipswich.

Our beautiful hare is located in The East of England Co-op Travel shop in Felixstowe. If you haven't seen her please pop along and take a photo with her. We'd love to see any photos on ClassDojo. You can find all the information about the Art Trail and how to download the app and map at the St. Elizabeth Hospice website. Just search for Hop To It 2025.

Sunny Buttercup Meadow

Trail Number: 44

Created By: Felix Primary School

Sponsored By: Astral Global Logistics Ltd

Location: Felixstowe

Size: Small



Pastoral



Wow where has that year gone!

We have had a lot of fun, emotions and strategies for children to have this year, and they have all done amazingly well. Thank you to the children in my groups throughout the year, I hope they had as much fun as I did doing them.

Remember lots of children, and adults alike, struggle with everyday things and we all cope in many different ways, but I have seen the children grow more confident throughout the school year.

Please remember that there is help out there during the holidays.

- Food banks
- Customer Support Line
- Samaritans
- Compass charity
- Level Two

They are there to help you get through the tricky times.

Year 6s - I have been with most of you throughout your while primary school life, starting at Maidstone and then coming up to Felix School (Causton back then). I have seen you all grow into fine young children with a few adolescent grumbles thrown in.

Year 6s I hope you have great memories of Primary school but remember to make many more throughout the rest of your school journey.

Don't forget to come and say hi to me on the gate, as you may be gone from here, but you won't be forgotten.

To all the other children I look forward to seeing you little people again in September and I am sure you will thrive yet again.

Mrs. C



Enrichment

We are enjoying Enrichment Week where the children have had the opportunity to complete different activities which have included Mini Monsters, archery and Little City.

A group of Y5 students represented our school in the local Youth Speaks event performing the poem A Trillion Tropical Leaves which holds a powerful message about our environment.

They performed beautifully and represented our school with pride!



Forest Schools

We have had a great half term, with beautiful weather. This term because it has been so warm, a few of the children have been enjoying relaxing in the hammocks, and some year 6's have made shelters from the sun. On the really hot day we managed to put up a parade hut for extra shade, which we really needed! We have been making elder bracelets, clay goblins, happy zone printing and catapults and butterflies made from lollipop sticks. All the groups this year have been amazing, full of ideas and happy to try anything.

I am looking forward to another exciting year next year.

Hope everyone has a great summer and gets to enjoy being outside.



Whole School News

Clubs



Gardening Club

WOW. We have been busy. Our gardeners did well with our 'Secret Garden,' project. It was a whole school project, with classes and staff helping with artwork and plants. The children who came with us, spoke well on Radio Suffolk and answered lots of questions asked by the Judges. We were the only school in Felixstowe that entered and we were so proud to get 'Commended' Suffolk Show.

Last week, we were awarded The Royal Horticultural Level 3 Award for the work that the children have been doing. Please see our certificates in School Reception. We are now working towards Level 4.

40 years of Felixstowe Flower in Bloom has started and sunflower seeds have been provided to children in Elm and Acorn class, to name a few. The children have to grow their sunflower as tall as they can for the competition.

Felix have entered the gro bag competition and the school project. We have also asked all teachers if they will get their children to draw, paint, colour or collage a flower picture for the art competition. All pictures need to be in school for 18.7.25.

Gardening is such a great activity for all to get involved with. It helps with physical, social, emotional development to name a few.

I would love to see some pictures of you and your children gardening over the summer holidays.

Wishing you all a fun and enjoyable summer holidays and we shall see you in September.

Miss. Fish, Mrs. Schrier and Mrs. Myers



School Council

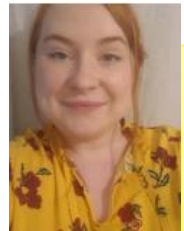
As we wrap up the school year, we want to say a huge thank you to every member of the School Council for everything you've achieved this year.

Your dedication, thoughtful ideas, and commitment to making our school the best it can be, have been truly inspiring. Well done for volunteering your time and showing such fantastic leadership across the school – you've made a real difference.

I've really enjoyed hearing all your lovely views and seeing your passion for positive change, not just in school, but in the wider community as well. You have shown maturity, creativity, and great teamwork in everything you've done.

Good luck to all of you, and a special shout-out to our brilliant Year 6 councillors – we wish you all the best as you begin your next adventure at secondary school.

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer,
Miss Morton.



Youth Forum

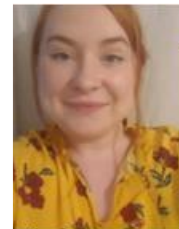
This year, three wonderful Year 6 girls from our school have volunteered their time after school to take part in the Youth Forum, joining with other Year 6 students from across local schools to debate important changes in our community.

Together, they have been pivotal in discussing new building projects in Felixstowe, sharing thoughtful ideas and representing the voices of young people in the area. Their passion and commitment have truly made a difference.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend the final meeting, but I want to say a huge thank you and wish these amazing girls all the best in everything they go on to achieve

Keep leading, keep speaking up, and never stop caring about the world around you!

Miss Morton



Specialist Support Units: Pine

What a fantastic year we have had in Pine, we have seen so many changes (for the better), and the children are safe, settled and succeeding!

We do say goodbye to our Year 6s, Buddy and India, who will be incredible, wherever they go! We will certainly miss India's need to clean and Buddy's time keeping. We wish them both all the best in the future.

Pine would like to welcome our new additions to the class, who will start in September- we are thoroughly excited to see their kind-hearted positive outlook and hoping that they settle well into their new learning environment.

Pine have had so many fantastic opportunities to experience the real-life world this term, attending Piper's Vale (we are hoping to book this again next year as it was such a success), trips to the local shop and some of us even went swimming. At the time of writing, we are currently planning activities for our Family Fun Afternoon at Felix, and we are very excited about this. More educational visits are planned in the new academic year as the children thrive in new environments.

By now, the end of year reports will have gone out. If you do have any questions regarding them, please speak to me or Miss Day, who will endeavour to answer any questions.

Personally, a quick message from me, thank you to all the parents/guardians and staff for all your support through the changes throughout the year. As a team, Pine Class have thrived and we could not do it without your support, so thank you.

We wish you all a wonderful summer.
Please stay safe and we will see you back in September.
Miss Hart



Specialist Support Units: Poplar

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and wonderful experiences we've shared in Poplar Class. This year has been full of learning, growth, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of the children. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience have truly stood out, and it's been a joy to see them flourish both academically and personally.

Maths

We've tackled a wide range of exciting topics this year, including geometry, fractions, number bonds, angles, and more. The children have shown fantastic progress and confidence in their mathematical thinking. There have also been some impressive individual achievements on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), well done, everyone!

Humanities

In our history and geography lessons, we've travelled back in time to explore Ancient Egypt and learned all about the seaside in Beside the Seaside. These topics have sparked great curiosity and led to some brilliant discussions and creative work.

Science

Our science focus this year was on the life cycles of plants, and we didn't just stop at theory, we got our hands dirty! The children worked hard in our garden area, and we've grown some amazing plants together, watching science come to life right before our eyes.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Throughout the year, we've also enjoyed a variety of engaging activities that supported our learning and helped build teamwork, confidence, and creativity. Whether it was in the classroom, the playground, or the garden, Poplar Class always gave their best.

A Note of Appreciation

We want to say a huge well done to all the children. They have worked incredibly hard, supported one another, and shown great resilience and determination throughout the year. It's been a privilege to be part of their learning journey.

We would like to say a huge goodbye and good luck to our year 6's. We wish you all the very best for your future, keep shining.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement makes a world of difference.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we hope everyone enjoys a restful, happy summer break. Take time to relax, recharge, and have fun, you've all earned it!

Poplar team



Specialist Support Units: Elm

In Elm class, we have been reading new stories, including Tip Tap went the Crab and Shark in the Park.

The children worked together to make a picture of a rock pool and the deep blue ocean. In PE, they were crabs, walking sideways, dozing sealions and noisy birds. We counted the various sea creatures and wrote about them in our English books.

For Shark in the Park we made telescopes which we used in our garden to find images from the story. We talked about what we liked to do at the park and wrote sentences about it.

We have been very good at joining in with the repeated refrain of these stories and have learnt new songs about crabs and sharks.

In the role play area, we have been considering healthy foods, the children have made sandwiches with salad and serving smoothies. We also tasted some fruits; watermelon, strawberries, raspberries and plums, considering which we liked the most.

Elm are saying goodbye to 4 children at the end of this term. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best in their new classes.



K.S 1

Acorn

We've had another exciting and adventurous half-term in Acorns with our fascinating topic: Long, Long Ago. We began by diving into the world of castles. The children explored why castles were built, who might have lived in them, and how they compare to the homes we live in today. From towers and turrets to moats and drawbridges, the class loved imagining life in medieval times! Next, we travelled even further back in time to learn all about dinosaurs. We investigated what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur, discovered when and where they lived, and learned about the different things they liked to eat. The children were full of curiosity and wonder as we uncovered the secrets of these incredible prehistoric creatures.

In maths this half-term, we've been busy developing our counting skills beyond 20 and exploring number patterns. The children have worked hard to secure their understanding of number bonds to 10, as well as practising doubles and identifying odd and even numbers. We've also had lots of hands-on fun using different manipulatives to create and extend repeating patterns—from colours and shapes to objects and actions! To support our understanding of prepositional language, we went on an exciting bear hunt, using words like *over*, *under*, *through*, and *around* to describe our journey. It's been a great way to bring maths and language learning together in a fun and memorable way!

This half-term in Phonics and Writing, the children have been working really hard on writing in full sentences and using a range of red words (common exception words). Our first Write Stuff book was *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers. The children thoroughly enjoyed this magical story and made fantastic attempts at retelling and rewriting it in their own words—showing great imagination and growing confidence in their writing. Next, we read *I Wanna Iguana* and used it as a fun introduction to persuasive writing. Inspired by the story, the children wrote their own persuasive letters—each one hoping to convince someone to let them have a pet dog!

We have had a truly fantastic year in Acorns, and it has been a joy to watch the children begin their school journey—growing from tiny Acorns into mighty Oaks. Throughout the year, they have shown a wonderful attitude towards their learning and have consistently demonstrated our school values of pride, achievement, resilience, and kindness. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and are excited to see their continued growth as they move on to Year 1. They are more than ready for this next step, and we know they will continue to shine!

Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Tricker



Cedar

In Cedar class, the children have been working extremely hard to develop their skills and talents in a range of subjects and areas.

In English, the children have focused on the beautiful story of 'Grandad's Island'. The story of Syd and his grandad as they travel and explore a vibrant island full of colour and fun! The children have been developing their use of language, focusing on adjectives, similes, alliteration, positional language and action verbs. They have written some superb sentences, with most remembering the different punctuation they have been learning.

In maths, the children have been exploring activities linked to multiplication, fractions, place value, money and units of time, including days of the week and months of the year. They have shown determination and resilience particularly when facing new areas of maths.

The wonderful topic of 'Beside the Seaside' has allowed the children to share their own experiences and compare places they have visited alongside discovering more about geographic features. This has been complemented by the music unit that focused on dynamics and rhythm. The children loved exploring the instruments and learning how to handle them in different ways to make a range of different sounds.

The children should be very proud of the resilience and kindness they have shown to each other over the busy year. We look forward to hearing about all their achievements and successes in Year 2.



Elder

As we come to the end of a fantastic school year, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful things we've achieved together in Elder Class.

This term in English, the children have written lots of lovely narratives, showing great imagination and creativity. We've also been working hard on our spelling and letter formation, and we're so proud of how far the children have come!

In maths, we've been mastering the core skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The children have shown fantastic resilience and growing confidence with each new challenge.

Our history topic has taken us back in time to learn about some truly powerful kings and queens, and in science, we've been exploring habitats and the amazing ways animals and plants adapt to where they live. This was brought to life during our brilliant trip to the zoo, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

We're all looking forward to ending the term with a fun and well-deserved class treat at the beach – a lovely way to celebrate all of our hard work.

It's been an absolute pleasure to teach each and every child in Elder Class this year. We will miss them dearly, but we are so excited to see them grow as they move into Year 3. We hope they carry their confidence forward and continue to flourish in all they do.

We can't wait to see what they all go on to achieve!

Wishing you a happy and restful summer.



K.S 2

Cherry

As we come to the end of the school year, it is lovely to be able to look back at all of the progress the children in Cherry Class have made. What super stars they have been! Miss Patterson and I can't wait to see where their learning will take them next, and we know Mrs White will have great fun next year!

This term, we have especially enjoyed writing stories based on The Magic Paintbrush, by Julia Donaldson. We loved our experience days, travelling back in time and across the seas to explore Ancient China, journeying along the Great Wall, dragon dancing and fishing for shrimp!

We've been gripped, by the adventures of the intrepid Lila as she sets out to become a firework maker in The Firework Maker's Daughter. Philip Pullman has written the most wonderful stories. And speaking of stories, just a reminder that the lovely ladies at Felixstowe Library are always on hand to help your child to find the perfect book, whether they have a passion for astronomy or zoology, or anything in-between!

In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and moving towards more formal written methods to support our calculations. We've loved dipping our toes into Times Table Rock Stars – this is a fantastic resource, and one which will really help your child to have rapid recall of times tables facts.

Music has seen us explore Viking songs and using our voices more. We have been focusing on staying in time with the beat and staying in time with each other. We have had a wonderful time designing and making our nightlights and learning about electrical circuits. Science has given us the opportunities to explore plants further and magnets. We had lots of fun testing the strength of magnets and what was magnetic in the classroom.

In geography we have had fun looking at Europe, the different countries that make up Europe and the human and physical features of some of these countries. We also had the opportunity to revisit some of our learning about the Stone Age with a fantastic visitor who taught us lots more about what life was like during The Stone Age.

We had a fantastic sports day. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, thank you for all of your support on this day.

Well done for all your hard work this year Cherries. We are very proud of the progress you have made and the wonderful individuals you all are.

Have an exciting and restful summer ready for your new adventure in year 4!



Whole School News

Rowan

I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of the year already!

It has been an absolute privilege to be Rowan class teacher and to be a part of your child's learning journey.

We have continued to work hard this half term and have particularly enjoyed our work in computing, using Scratch to programme our Sprites! It has been wonderful to see teamwork and resilience as we have solved problems together.

In maths – well WOW! The year 4 children blew us all away with their multiplication scores. We have also worked incredibly hard on each of the operations, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We are continuing to practice using those skills to solve reasoning problems. We really see that practice makes progress!

We have continued to develop our imagination, creativity and technical skills in our writing and it's been lovely to see children enjoying reading too.

It was wonderful to see lots of you at the Reading Cafe and Sports Day. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a brilliant summer, enjoy the sun when it shines and a well-earned break from the school runs!

Mrs Beck, Miss Matthews & Miss Atashkar



Whole School News

Maple

We kicked off the start of our last half-term with a trip to Landguard Fort to tie in with our humanities topic on conflict and resolution. It was a very hot day and after our walk down there we were very grateful for the cool tunnels that led us around the fort. The children were extremely knowledgeable about the artifacts, and they loved reading the facts; some were pretty disgusting! We talked a lot in class about what life was like in World War 2 and the children were able to immerse themselves in WWII life whilst looking around. We found pictures, gas masks, an Anderson shelter and smelt some of the foul gases that were used to haunt people out of their hiding places.

We also had our reading cafe this half term and it was lovely to see so many parents enjoying our school library with the children.

In English, Maple class have been learning to write biographies, we looked at a female pharaoh, Hatshepsut and then applied it to our independent write on Tutankhamun.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning with the four operations and negative numbers. The children have blown Mrs. White, Mr. Humphrey and Mrs. Lawrence away with their knowledge and enthusiasm, this term.

Some of the children were asked to attend a Youth Speaks event where some of the schools in Felixstowe come together and read an extract. At the end, they get feedback on their oracy and public speaking skills. Our children did so well and we are all extremely proud of them as it's not easy speaking in front of strangers!

We are very proud of our Year 6's as at the end of last half term they attended residential and had a go at the challenges that were on offer as well as learning valuable life skills. The Year 6s of Maple have also completed their transition days at high school. We saw some of them in their new uniform and they looked super smart and made us feel very proud.

We have all had a fantastic year together and we wish the year 6s the best of luck for high school and the year 5s we can't wait to see you back in September for your final year.

Have a lovely summer!

Mrs. White and Mrs. Lawrence



Whole School News

Willow

Wow, what a final half term of primary school!

In English with Mrs Hockley the children have been writing a diary from the point of view of a stranger on an abandoned island. This has resulted in some of the best writing the children have ever produced, and we are so proud of all of them.

In maths, we have been looking at practical applications for real world Maths which focused on baking. We looked at ratios for recipes, calculating profit and loss and nets of 3D shapes for storing the cakes in.

As you know, we then made the cakes in school and sold every single one of them at our after school cake sale and the KS2 Disco. After taking out the cost of the ingredients, we raised an incredible £85.70 for the Friends of Felix to spend on new equipment for playtime including new footballs and basketballs!

We've also been spending a lot of time practising for the end of year performance, The Giant Slayer. It's based on the story of David and Goliath and includes a lot of songs and words to learn. The children have been amazing during our practises in the hall, and we can't wait to show the whole school and the parents next week!

And now comes the time to say goodbye. To all the Year 6s leaving us, we are exceptionally proud of you and all that you have achieved over the past 7 years at Maidstone, Causton, SET Felix and Felix Primary School. We have no doubt that you will be just as fantastic at your new schools and we will miss your humour, positive outlooks on life and presence across the school. Good luck!

Mr. Humphrey



Snape Maltings Celebration of Schools Music

On Tuesday 8th July, Rowan Class travelled to Snape Maltings to take part in Celebration of Schools Music.

Upon arrival, we headed straight into a rehearsal for the finale piece — a song called *Get Real*, composed by a local artist. There were lots of actions to learn alongside the lyrics, and the children embraced the challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

After this initial rehearsal, the children had their first glimpse of the impressive concert hall and the huge stage where they would be performing later that evening. During our on-stage technical rehearsal, the stage crew helped us find our places and polish our performance. We also experienced the lighting and heard our music through the professional sound system, adding to the excitement.

Following the technical rehearsal, we joined the other participating schools for a full rehearsal of the finale. It was a busy afternoon filled with music, coordination, and teamwork.

After all that hard work, the children enjoyed a well-earned break — running around on the grass and exploring the beautiful Snape Maltings grounds.

Then it was time for the big performance. Rowan Class confidently took to the stage to perform their own African drumming piece, followed by three songs: *Kye Kye Kule*, *Siyahamba*, and *Something Inside So Strong*. They also had the opportunity to enjoy the performances from the four other schools before everyone came together for the finale.

The children performed fantastically, singing with passion and vigour. Our guide for the day praised the children for their politeness and professionalism throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud of Rowan Class and how they represented our school, upholding our values of pride, achievement, resilience, and kindness.

Well done, Rowan!



Additional Information:

We would like to say a big thank you to our two local Co-op shops for supporting us in our recent Hop To It fundraising.

If you have any queries or problems over the summer holidays please email office@felixprimaryschool.org or senadmin@felixprimaryschool.org
Someone monitoring these will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school community this term. Have a happy, safe summer holiday. Can't wait to see you in September.



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