

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

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Our Mission Statement

Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.

Values

*Believe
Respect
Love
Trust*

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Headteacher's News

COVID Cases

This week was an interesting one. We saw a rise in COVID cases in Year 3 with a small number of cases in other year groups too. We made the decision to bubble Year 3 to prevent a further rise in numbers and we will continue to monitor and review over the next week.

Thank you to our parents who have been regularly testing their families at home with lateral flow tests, this has helped to catch the virus early.

If you develop symptoms at any time, **no matter how mild**, you must isolate and get a PCR test. You must stay in isolation until you have the result. Close contacts that are under 18 and fully vaccinated adults do not need to isolate **if they have no symptoms**, but it is recommended that family members and other close contacts get a PCR test. Please support us by doing this and thank you to those parents who have done this already.

For all children isolating, class teachers will provide work on Google Classroom or Tapestry for EYFS children. Our website is updated with our Remote Learning Strategy.

Parking Issues Around the School

For some parents I know you would have heard this message time and time again and a huge thank you to those parents who park sensibly. However, we still continue to have parents park inconsiderately of others and our local residents.

We have had to involve the police and at some point this term we will have a Police patrol vehicle and the Civil Enforcement Team to monitor parking and speak to parents, especially those parents **who park on the pavement and block driveways**.

Our Junior Leadership Team will also be creating safe parking posters to share with parents and encourage everyone to be kind and considerate of others when parking.

We encourage all our families to walk where possible. **Wilko has free parking and so does Gorleston High Street** but if spaces aren't available please park considerately around the school.

Thank you for your support.



If you have any questions about what your child is learning or how you can help your child at home, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher.

Online Safety and Mobile Phones

Please find a link to an online safety magazine for parents called [Ditto](#). It has lots of useful tips and advice for parents and how to keep your child safe online. Children are incredibly vulnerable when they use the internet and we want to do our best to ensure we teach our children how to be safe and the danger signs to look out for. If parents have any questions after reading it, you are welcome to talk to our pastoral team or your child's class teacher.

Mobile Phones. The majority of children are collected from school by a parent or carer and do not need to bring a mobile phone to school. However, if your child is in upper KS2 and they walk home on their own, please ensure the office is aware and all phones will be kept in the office until the end of the school day.

Outdoor Praise Assembly

We have had the pleasure of the glorious weather which means that we have been able to come together as a whole school for outdoor 'Praise Assembly' each Friday. Indoor assemblies are for KS1 and KS2 separately but it is a real joy to bring the whole school together on a Friday. Please see photo on the left.

Jigsaw School App

This is just to remind our new parents that we have a school app where all the school letters and information is posted to keep parents informed. If you haven't downloaded the school app, please search for Jigsaw School App on the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, please search for St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary and you will start to receive notifications straight to your phone.

Swimming Lessons

At the moment all of our Year 6 pupils are attending swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon. This is part of the National Curriculum. Specifically, the National Curriculum states that all schools must provide swimming instruction in either KS1 or KS2 and that they should be taught to swim competently and confidently over a distance of at least 25 metres. All KS2 classes will attend at some point this academic on a Friday afternoon and whilst we can support some parents with reasonable requests, it is not possible to exempt children for the National Curriculum. Should a child need to miss swimming for a medical reason, this should be put in writing to the school.

Information

1. Please can parents inform the school before 2.45pm if there are alternative arrangements for collecting your child.
2. We have spare capacity for piano, keyboard, singing and violin lessons. Please let the office know if you are interested.

This Week's Prayer

For the last 3 weeks the theme of my assemblies have been based on our school mission statement. How can we build trust with each other? How can we be good friends and continue to build strong relationships? How can we be resilient and have strong belief in ourselves to learn, even when we feel it is challenging? How can we show God how much we love Him and each other? Below is our school's mission statement and let us ask God to help us all to achieve this:

Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.

Amen



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

5 th October	National Libraries Week	More info to follow
8th October	Wear Yellow Day for Young Minds	Non-uniform day
8th October	KS2 Harvest Mass	Please supply Tins and Packets
22nd October	Individual School Photos	Dress Smart 😊

The following Curriculum Evenings will either be in person in school or held remotely, we will follow COVID guidance closer to the time.

18 th October	Curriculum Evening Y5 and Y6	More info to follow
19 th October	Curriculum Evening Y3 and Y4	More info to follow
20 th October	Curriculum Evening Y1 and Y2	More info to follow
21 st October	Curriculum Evening Early Years	More info to follow

25th to 29th October HALF TERM School Closed

12th November	Children in Need Day	Non-Uniform Day
15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities to follow
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes non-uniform day

20th December to 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4 th January	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
5 th January	Pupils Return for the spring term	

To access all school term dates for the academic year, please visit our [school website](#)

