

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 22nd October 2021

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Headteacher's News

Half Term

Half term is here already and what a term it has been. A huge thank you to all our families for your support throughout. We have had a few COVID cases, like most schools but I am grateful to our families who regularly test and help to keep our school community safe. Please can I encourage all families to carry out a lateral flow test before we return on Monday 1st November.



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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We were pleased that so many of our parents were able to join us for our Curriculum Evenings this week. For those parents that couldn't join us, we will ensure that all the presentations are made available on our website. Please refer to your child's class page for a link to the presentations. In February we will be holding our traditional Parents Evening to discuss your child's progress across all subjects. Further details will follow in the spring term.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming back on 1st November.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed half term break.

Children in Need - Pyjama Day 19th November

St Mary and St Peter will be participating in Children in Need Day on **Friday 19th November**.

having a **PJ Day**. On this day children can come to school wearing their Pyjamas or loungewear.



The weather will be changeable so please ensure children bring sensible outdoor shoes, along with their slippers for indoors 😊

Our Junior Leadership Team have requested that we participate by

We will be selling Children in Need goodies and giving away prizes on the day.

Keeping Children Safe Online

The virtual world of gaming and phone apps can offer our children a lot of creativity and downtime. However, it can also leave our children vulnerable to cyber bullying and cybercrime. Having a digital family agreement is one way in which parents can strike up conversations with their children and agree online boundaries, such as time, and discuss the importance of being safe online. This sets clear rules for the child and when broken, they will understand that there can be consequences.

The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has a Parent Safe website offering support and help for parents on how to keep children safe online and beyond. Please use the link to [LGfL](#) for more information.



Nursery Spaces

The term after your child turns 3 years old, your child is entitled to up to 30 hours a week free early education and this free funding can be used to access a place in our Nursery Class. We are also placing children's names on our waiting list for September 2022, so please do contact the school office if you are interested in a nursery place for your child.



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.

Please let the office know of any pupil absences

Please inform the school office directly of any pupil absences even if you have informed the class team, as this will ensure the correct information is coded within our school registers. Thank you in advance for your support.

A gentle reminder for parents to inform the school before 2.45pm where practically possible, if there are alternative arrangements for collecting your child.

Attendance

We are incredibly pleased that most of our pupils attend school very well and that is thanks to our parents. We authorise absences when a child is unwell but unauthorised absences happen when a child is late, takes a holiday or another circumstance. Some classes still need to improve their attendance. This term's attendance:

Nursery	96.4%	Unauthorised absence 0.14%
Reception	90.7%	Unauthorised absence 3.6%
Year 1	93.28%	Unauthorised absence 1.2%
Year 2	97%	Unauthorised absence 0.9%
Year 3	93.3%	Unauthorised absence 0.38%
Year 4	95.8%	Unauthorised absence 0.13%
Year 5	94.8	Unauthorised absence 0.69%
Year 6	97.9%	Unauthorised absence 0.05%

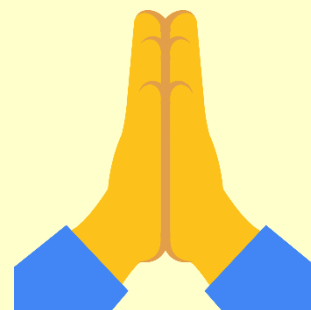
A huge well done to Year 6 – they won the attendance breakfast – super stars!

This Week's Prayer

A prayer to watch over us during the October half term:

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Amen



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

25th to 29th October HALF TERM School Closed		
15 th November	Odd Socks Day – please wear odd socks	Info to follow
15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities in class
19th November	Children in Need Day	Pyjama Day
2 nd December	Y1&2 Norwich Advent Cathedral Trip	
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes non-uniform day
10th December	Christmas Dinner	Book on Wisepay
16 th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto	Gorleston
17th December	School finishes at 3pm for Christmas	
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	
7th February	Parents Evening Day 1	Info to follow
9th February	Parents Evening Day 2	Info to follow
14th February to 18th February HALF TERM		
3rd March	World Book Day	Dress up as a Character
18th March	Red Nose Day	Info to follow
1st April	School finishes at 3pm for Easter	
4th April to 18th April Easter Holidays		
19th April	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
20th April	Pupils return for the summer term	
30th May to 3rd June May HALF TERM		
22nd July	School finishes at 1.30pm for the end of term	

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

