

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School



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



Advent

The season of Advent has begun and this week we lit the first candle on the Advent wreath. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle which symbolises 'HOPE'. The Advent wreath is a good way of seeing the weeks passing – a circle of evergreen branches, with three purple and one pink candle. One candle is lit each week of Advent, with the pink candle lit on the third Sunday. We know that Jesus came to share love, forgiveness and peace with the world. If we share these gifts of his love each day by small acts of kindness then we will be ready to enjoy the celebrations of Christmas.



ADVENT MASS IN CHURCH

On Friday the 9th December we will be walking to church for Mass at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend. Please speak to the class teacher if you are available to walk down with your child's class.

School Values

Believe, Love, Respect and Trust.

With Christ at the centre of all we do we Believe and Trust in Him to help us to show Love and Respect to all.



Christmas Performances

The first Christmas Performance takes place on Monday 12th December in the school Hall. This will involve children from Y1 to Y6. The performance begins at 2:00pm and we ask that parents arrive no earlier than 1:45pm. The second performance takes place on Thursday 15th December at 9:30am and involves children from EYFS to Y6.

Bookings for performances are available on WisePay. There will be a limit of 2 seats per family which can be booked up until Friday 9th December, at which point remaining seats will be opened up for further booking. This is the fairest way that we can ensure access to the event for as many people as possible.

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 13th December we have Christmas Dinner in the Hall. If you haven't booked your child a dinner for this day, please do so asap. Remember, all bookings are through SELECT and not Wisepay. If you need a password reminder, please contact the school office.

	<p>Christmas Fair Also on Tuesday 13th, we will be running a Christmas Fair from 3pm-4pm. Some stalls will be in classrooms and others will be in the school hall. Please bring plenty of change and enjoy the games the children have helped to devise! Games include: Guess the name of the teddy, tin can bowling, snow ball toss, pin the antlers on the reindeer, a chocolate truffle stall, how many sweets in the jar, pick the snowman's nose, nail painting, strongest Santa and find Rudolph's nose. There will also be additional adult-run stalls including Scentsy and Christmas Cards and crafts.</p> <p>End of term arrangements On the last day of term, Friday 16th December, school ends at 1pm after lunch. Children can wear Christmas jumpers or non-uniform and we invite any families that can to make a donation to the food bank. We will arrange for any donations to be collected in the afternoon so that we can help support local families in need over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Absence Reminder Please remember to call the office if your child is unwell and not in school.</p>
<p>School Vision</p> <p>We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we</p> <p>'Set Sail for Success'</p>	<p>Early Years- Stay and Play</p> <p>We are excited to let you know that we will be hosting a 'Christmas' Stay and Play for our nursery and reception Children. The Stay and Play will take place on Friday 9th December from 9am-10am and is an opportunity for children to bring their family member (1 adult per child) in school to share their learning.</p> <p>If your child is in nursery and they do not normally attend this day, then you are welcome to accompany them to the event. When bringing your child to school in the morning we will quickly register the children before inviting parents into the classroom. Therefore, you may wish to bring you child to school closer to 8:50am when the doors close.</p> <p>There will be a variety of Christmas themed activities spread across the nursery, reception and outdoor area, that you will be able to take part in with your child. One of the activities involves making a Snowman weight using a sock. If your child would like to take part in this activity, you will need to provide a sock from home.</p> <p>We hope you can join us on this festive occasion.</p> <p>Year 1 Maternity Cover</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that Mrs Webber-Walton will be joining us in the New Year to cover Miss Nobes whilst she is on maternity leave. Mrs W-W, as the children refer to her, has previously taught the class whilst they were in Reception and remembers them all well. The children were very happy to see her familiar face when she came to visit them today.</p> <p>Dates for the diary in December (more details to follow):</p> <p>6th December Sounds 4 Christmas (For those children participating in the Y1 and Y2 choir)</p>

7th December Year 6 to Lynn Grove for robot workshop

8th December Year 4 Egyptian Day at Norwich Castle

9th December Whole School Mass - Open to parents

12th December First Christmas Performance (all years) 2pm

13th December Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Fair 3pm-4pm

14th December Carols by Candlelight 6:30pm

15th December Second Christmas Performance 9.30

16th December Christmas Jumper Day (Last day of term). **Please note: term ends at 1pm on Friday 16th December 2022.**