

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.



Epiphany Whole School Mass

We were delighted to welcome Father Alvin into school last Friday to lead us in our Epiphany Mass. Epiphany is where we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the Son of God. For the first time, 2000 years ago, people from different lands recognized Jesus as God's Son. We gave thanks for the gifts that the Wise Men brought, and reflected on the gifts that we give and receive.



Class Masses for this half term

We would love to see more parents attending mass in school and would strongly encourage you to attend. You do not have to be Catholic to attend and it is a great way to see how the children participate and share the gospel values.

Mass for Year 5/6 - 10am 20th January

Mass for Year 3 /4 - 9.30am 3rd February

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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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.



Foodbank

We were blown away with the generosity of families donating items for the food bank on the last day of term in December. If anyone has any items, especially left over from Christmas, that they are able to donate, we will happily add them to the food bank box in the main Reception. Our next food bank collection will be picked up next week. Please bring any donations to the school office or alternatively children can hand them to their class teacher. Many thanks again for your support with the local community.

Nursery and Reception Places

SMSP still has spaces for Nursery and Reception for September 2023. Please contact Norfolk Admissions <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>. Supplementary information forms can be picked up from the school office. We have amazing facilities and an amazing staff team in EYFS. Please come and visit us if you are interested and find out more.





School Vision

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

'Set Sail for Success'

Absence Reminder

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please ensure the office is contacted by 8:30am. Alternatively you can leave a voice mail or email the office on office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk. Please give clear reasons for absence rather than just unwell.

Staffing

Last Friday we said a sad farewell to Miss Adamski who has been working with Year 6. Miss Adamski has been at the school for over ten years and she leaves us to begin a new role at the James Paget Hospital. We wish her every success in her new career and thank her for the commitment and energy she has put into her time with us.

Mrs Steele, who works with Mrs Rampersaud in Year 5, will be off work until February half term. Mrs Goodall, who has already been a regular teacher in our school providing cover for staff, will be working with Year 5 3 days a week alongside Mrs Rampersaud until Mrs Steele returns.

School Gates and Parking

A polite reminder please, to keep the school gateways clear to ensure vehicles can access the site at all times. This has been a particular problem at lunchtimes.

Swimming

Please can parents ensure children's names are written in all pieces of clothing. We had some issues reuniting children with the correct trousers, t-shirts and jumpers last week and being able to see names on clothing helps us to solve these problems quickly!