

# 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 Mass

Last Friday, Father Alex made a special trip back to Gorleston from Edinburgh to lead our Advent Mass. Due to the extremely icy conditions, Mass was held in school. The children wrote Christmas promises and it was lovely to welcome the parents who joined us for the occasion.

## Ordination of the Bishop

A selection of mini-Vinnies were lucky enough to get tickets to attend the ordination of Bishop Peter Collins who takes over from Bishop Alan Hopes becoming the fifth Bishop of East Anglia. The special service was conducted in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. The children had a lot of Latin to contend with and conducted themselves impeccably as ever.



## 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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas performances this week. The children entertained families with songs, poetry, nativity stories and even a rendition of 'A Christmas Carol'. A big thank you to music maestro, Mr Hardy, who provided us with rehearsals and accompaniments for the singers.



	<p><b>Christmas Fair</b> It was wonderful to see so many of you turn out to support SMSP's Christmas Fair. From nail painting to strongest Santa, we hope there was a little something for everyone.</p> <p><b>Donations for food bank</b> Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the food bank today. Your generosity will go a long way to supporting families in need in our community. Also, a big thank you goes to Mr Lee and family, who donated oil-fired radiators to support those in need of extra warmth this Winter.</p>
<p><b>School Vision</b></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><b>'Set Sail for Success'</b></p>	<p><b>Admissions Policy 2024-2025</b> As a school we have made some changes to our admissions policy for 2024-2025. We are formally consulting on these changes for the next 6 weeks. If you would like to read the proposed admissions policy you will find it on our website. <a href="https://www.smspprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Admissions-Policy-2024-2025.pdf">https://www.smspprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Admissions-Policy-2024-2025.pdf</a> If you would like to make a response to the school please send your response to the school office: <a href="mailto:office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk">office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk</a> before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.</p> <p><b>Water Bottles</b> A reminder please that children should be bringing water in their drink bottles and not juice or squash.</p> <p><b>Start of term 2023</b> Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January is a Bank Holiday Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is a Professional Development Day for staff Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Children start back at school</p> <p><b>Swimming</b> Year 3 will be swimming this half term every Friday after lunch. They will all need a swimming hat.</p> <p><b>Clubs</b> Please make sure you check the latest clubs list for January. We have rotated year groups in some areas to make sure all phases have had access to different activities on offer over the year.</p>