

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.



Mini Vinnies' Visit to Care Home

The Mini Vinnies had a wonderful trip to St. Augustine's Place care home on Friday 3rd February. The pupils played bingo with the elderly residents and won many prizes! The welcoming staff and residents commented on the pupils' impeccable behaviour and have invited them for a return visit later in year.



Ash Wednesday Mass

Whole school Mass will be at 10am on Wednesday 22nd February in the HALL. Parents are welcome to attend and should come into school via the school office at from 9:50am.

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.



Phonics Café

Thanks to all the parents from Nursery to Year 2 who were able to attend the phonics café in the Hall. Hopefully this has given you a better understanding of the teaching of reading at SMSP and will allow you to support your child with their sounds at home.

Safer Internet Day February 7th

On the 7th February, teachers led sessions related to staying safe online. I have shared some of the links with you so can discuss staying safe online at home with your child and may wish to complete some of the activities together.

[Safer Internet Day 2023 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents-and-carers/parents-and-carers-resources)

The theme this year was:

‘Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’.

Swimming

After half term, Year 6 will be swimming every Friday after lunch. Please ensure your child has a swimming hat and appropriate swimming costumes.

Parents Evenings

The parents' evenings for the Spring term are Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday 22nd March from 3:15-6pm. Bookings can be made after half term through Wisepay.

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'

Medication

If your child requires school to administer any medication, please can parents complete a medicine administration form at the school office. Medicine must contain information including the child's name and class, amount prescribed and the time it needs to be taken.

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.

Uniform reminder

The only jewellery that children should be wearing to school is a single set of stud ear-rings. Bracelets and necklaces are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back and there should be no make-up. We have had to speak to a number of Year 6 children about applying lip gloss and mascara in the cloakroom. We appreciate your support with this.

Financial Support

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) helps people who are in financial hardship and cannot pay their living costs. There are many reasons why this might happen to you:

- Redundancy
- Work hours have been cut
- On a low income or benefits
- Waiting for Universal Credit payments
- A home emergency such a fire or flood
- Have a special educational need or disability
- Have mental health issues or in ill health
- Have left an abusive relationship
- Have dependent children
- In a resettlement scheme

If you are eligible we can:

- Provide emergency financial help
- Supply essential household goods and furniture
- Give support, guidance and advice

To find out more, please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>.

Free School Meals

Find out if your child is eligible for free school meals by visiting <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>. If you are eligible for free school meals you will now receive a monthly 'cost of living' voucher.

	<p>The vouchers will be £15 per month, per child. There is an additional payment of £30 for December, to coincide with the Christmas holidays. That's £120 per child in total.</p>
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