

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.



Invitation from the Bishop to the Chrism Mass

The Bishop is inviting all children and their families to the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is celebrated in Holy Week and in our Diocese this year takes place at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, **Norwich on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 11.30am**

All of the priests of the diocese gather together for this Mass, and during it Bishop Peter will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass.

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful celebration of unity and is meant to strengthen ties with a diocese, uniting all parishes under the guidance of its local shepherd. The Bishop welcomes you all to attend.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Mass

Today's mass was centred around St Patrick's Day. In the offertory, the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 brought forward baskets containing shamrocks on which were written messages of how they will show love.

Mini Vinnies

It was lovely to see so many children today at our Stations of the Cross session. Mrs Hardman was really proud of the Mini-Vinnies' ability to run these sessions independently and in such a mature and sensitive manner.



Ignite Day on Reconciliation

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming the 'Ignite Team' to school. 'Ignite' are the youth mission team of the diocese, they will be doing 'workshops' with all year groups on the theme of 'reconciliation'. The day will conclude with a reconciliation service which will be attended by the children in Key Stage 2 as well as Father Alex and Father Alvan. We look forward to sharing photos with you after the event.

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.



Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all the parents who have generously donated Easter Eggs and gifts for our Easter raffle. The tickets are selling quickly. A reminder that these can still be purchased at breaktimes for £1 a strip up until Friday 24th March. The prizes will be handed out in the final week of term to the lucky winners.

FRIENDS Mother's Day Gift Wrap

A huge thank you to the Friends of SMSP for organizing a brilliant Mother's Day event. The children were all very excited to be able to purchase presents for Mum's Grandma's, Aunts and even Dads! Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make this such a success.

Early Years Easter Café

We are egg-cited to let you know that we will be hosting an Easter themed Stay and Play for our nursery and reception Children. The Stay and Play will take place on Tuesday 28th March from 9am-10am and is an opportunity for children to bring their family member (maximum of 2 each) into school to share their learning.

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 your child to school closer to 8:50am when the doors close.

There will be a variety of Easter 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 rolling a hard-boiled egg down a slope to see how far it can travel before breaking. If your child would like to take part in this activity, you

	<p>will need to provide a hard-boiled egg from home, personalised with your own design. We hope you can join us.</p> <p>Early Years- King's Coronation To mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King, we would like to invite nursery and reception children, along with their parents to the 'King's Party'. The celebration will take place on Thursday 4th May from 9am-10:30am.</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 your child to school closer to 8:50am when the doors close.</p> <p>There will be a variety of craft activities, outdoor garden games and food stalls for the children to get involved with.</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>Easter Holidays and Bank Holidays Reminder The last day of the Spring Term is on Friday 31st March 2023. School closes for children at 1pm. The Summer Term begins on Monday 17th April 2023. Monday 1st May is a bank holiday Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation</p> <p>SATS week The Year 6 SATS week takes place on Tuesday 9th May through to Friday 12th May.</p> <p>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. Please note only medicines prescribed by a doctor or hospital can be administered by school staff.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. Please ensure that long hair (boys and girls) is tied back.</p>



Help us fight global poverty by supporting 'Our Big Lent Walk'



On Thursday the 30th March, all staff and children at St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary will be taking part in our 'Big Lent Walk'.

All children can come to school in their 'own clothes' with suitable walking shoes.

All year groups will walk around the perimeter of the field in our aim to walk 200km collectively.

Please can we ask that you donate to our just giving page

[The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/)

We aim to walk 200km and raise £400!

