

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.



Welcome back to all of our St Mary and St Peter community; we hope you have all had an amazing and restful summer. The start of the Autumn term has certainly brought with it sunshine and very warm temperatures. It is wonderful to have the children back and to see them settled and engaged in their learning and we look forward to the year ahead.

Mass at the start of the School Year

You are all welcome to join our Mass on Friday 15th September in the school hall at 10am. Please make sure you sign-in at the front office.



Dates for Mass this Half term

Friday 6th October - Harvest Mass 10 am at St Peter's Church for Year 1 to Year 6. The children will be asked to bring in food to donate to the Food Bank.

Friday 13th October - Mass for Year 4/5/6 and families at 10am in school.

School Values

Believe, Love,
Respect and Trust.

Roald Dahl Day!

To support our commitment to develop the children's love of reading, we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day again this year. Children are

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.



invited to dress up as their favourite characters from the classic children's books, from Willy Wonka to Mrs Twit!

There's something for everyone in Roald Dahl stories. Whether you're a dreamer, an adventurer, a bookworm, a rebel, or a prankster, you'll likely find a character (or three) to relate to.

The event will take place on Wednesday 13th September and reading-related prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative costumes.

This day will also be a non-uniform day so that it is accessible to all for those who do not wish to dress up. To find out more visit:

www.roalddahl.com/story-day-2023/

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge in collaboration with Gorleston Library. We are very proud of the school's links with the local library in supporting our children to develop a lifelong love of reading. We will be celebrating the achievements of those that took part in our Praise Assembly next Friday.

Swimming

Year 6 are swimming this half term. Please make sure that children have swimming hats, an appropriate swimming costume (no bikinis or bermuda shorts) and a towel. Children are asked not to bring aerosols or talcum powder.

FRIENDS

We are very proud of our FRIENDS association who do brilliant work in organising a number of events for the school throughout the year, including discos, fetes, concerts and gift wraps. If you have any free time and could help at different events please email the school office office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk or the FRIENDS friendsofsmssp@gmail.com. You are not required to attend every meeting or even get involved with every event but anytime you can spare is a great help.

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'

Labelling

At the start of the new year, we have lots of children with new uniforms, book bags and bottles. Should your child mis-place something, it is much easier to reunite them if they are named. Lost property for unnamed items can be found in the front office.

PE Kit

A reminder to families that children are wearing plain black PE shorts or plain black jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt/polo shirt for PE. As usual, children should wear their PE kit to school on the day they have PE.

Lunches

All school lunches should be booked through Select. These must be ordered before 7.30am on a morning. We would suggest ordering for the week or more. If there are any problems logging-in, please contact the school office. **Please note that in future we will no longer be sending reminder emails on a Sunday to order lunches.** thank you

Water Bottles

A reminder that children should only be bringing water to school. We do not allow juice or flavoured water.

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.

Key Dates:

Roald Dahl Day 13th September

European Languages Day 26th September

National Poetry Day 5th October

Police visit 9th October 2:30pm to work with classes and 3pm outside school to meet parents and families

Parents Evening 9th and 10th October

	<p>Judaism Day 17th October</p> <p>Autumn Disco 1st November</p>
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