

# 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.



## First Holy Communion

Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) are due to begin. The forms for this year's programme are out and available at St Mary's Church and St Peter's Church.

## Dates for Mass this Half term

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Mass 10 am at St Peter's Church for Year 1 to Year 6. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for the occasion. Any donations of food that can be brought into school would be gratefully received. Items that have a long shelf life, such as tinned goods, dried pastas and sauces, UHT milk, tea and coffee are all good staples which can be stored and distributed over time to ensure no food is wasted. Thank you for your support.



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Mass for Year 4/5/6 and families at 10am in school.

## School Values

Believe, Love,  
Respect and Trust.

With Christ at the centre of  
all we do we Believe and

## Road Dahl Day!

A huge well done to all those who helped us celebrate Roald Dahl day.

Trust in Him to help us to  
show Love and Respect to  
all.



### Welcome to Year 4

We are pleased to welcome Miss Grant to the school who will be starting after Autumn half term. Miss Grant will be covering Miss Ellcome's maternity and has previously worked with both SMSP and St Mary's in Lowestoft. She will be team teaching with Miss Ellcome for the first week after half term to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

### Year 6 Residential

Can I ask parents who wish their child to take part in the Year 6 residential trip to make sure they have completed the relevant permission slip and made their first payment. At the moment we do not have enough interest to make this viable but have had a lot of verbal expressions of interest. If you need any further information, please contact the school office.

### 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](mailto:office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk) or the FRIENDS [friendsofsmsp@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsmsp@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

### COVID

We have been receiving a number of phone calls regarding COVID and I would like to clarify our attendance procedures. The Norfolk attendance team have said that if a child tests positive for COVID they can still attend school as long as they feel well enough to do so.

### Chicken Pox

It is the time of year again for chicken pox to do the rounds. If your child develops chicken pox, you should keep them off school or

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  
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nursery until all their spots have crusted over. This will help stop chickenpox being spread. Chickenpox is infectious from 1 to 2 days before the rash starts.

**Uniform Reminder**

A reminder that children should come to school wearing the correct uniform. Uniform requirements can be found on the school website. Thank you for your support with this.

**Absence Reminder**

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please ensure the office is contacted by 8:30am. Please can you clearly detail the reason for the absence, e.g. headache, vomiting, etc. If leaving a message on the answer phone, clearly state the child's name and year group. Alternatively you can email the office on [office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk).

**Key Dates:**

**European Languages Day 26th September**

**National Poetry Day 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Judaism Day 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Autumn Disco 1st November**