

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.



On Friday 29th September the Mini Vinnies had an incredible trip to Norwich Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael with Bishop Peter. We loved meeting other Mini Vinnies from different schools in our local area.

Paige and Rosie, the Mini Vinnies presidents, had the privilege of holding our school's banner at the beginning Mass and Flora had the honour of meeting Bishop Peter in person.



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.

Friday 6th October - Thankyou to all those who were able to donate items for the Harvest mass and to those who were able to join us for the service in the church. The church looked amazing and the children sang beautifully.



Friday 13th 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 Trust in Him to help us to show Love and Respect to all.



Nasal Flu Vaccines

Reminder of Nasal flu vaccines 15th November and 6th December. Permission must be given using the previous link emailed to parents. Please do not email the office that you give consent. This is only accepted on the link previously sent

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/glu/2023/norfolk>

Reception Admissions

Any parents wishing to enrol children in Reception for 2024 should complete the Supplementary Form which can be found on the Admissions section of our website. Links below:

[Admissions Policy 2023 - 2024](#)

[Supplementary Form 2023 - 2024](#)

Breakfast Club

Reminder that breakfast club must be booked by midday on the Friday for the following week. Large number of parents emailing office on a Saturday and Sunday asking us to book a place as they have forgotten. We cut off then so that we can be sure we have enough staff to cover due to correct ratios.

Parents evening appointments

Please make sure you have signed up for a curriculum parents evening appointment with your child's class teacher. If you need to cancel an appointment, please let the school office know by 4pm on the day.

Clubs

Clubs information will be released next week. Pupil Premium forms will be sent out first and must be returned to the school office before the deadline given. Unfortunately we are unable to accept forms not submitted by this date as clubs are then opened up to everyone and fill up so quickly.

Pick up Arrangements

Please can parents inform the school office of any change of arrangements in their child's contact book or before 2.30pm of any changes to the expected collection arrangements at the end of the day.

Toys

Please can we ask that children do not bring in toys from home. These can distract from learning and we have 'fiddle toys' in classes for those children that use them to support specific needs. Thank you for your support with this.

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 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'

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.

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.

Key Dates:

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 17th October

Autumn Disco 1st November - more information to follow

Sounds 4 Christmas (open to years one and two) 5th Dec

Carols by Candlelight 13th December - more information to follow