

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.



Mass Dates for Autumn 2

Father Alvan is going away in November so our next school Mass will be an Advent Mass on the 8th December in the school hall at 10am. All parents are welcome to join us.



Remembrance Day Liturgy

Remembering is at the heart of Christian life; we learn who we are and where we come from by hearing the story of creation, the history of God's people, and the witnesses to Christ's life, death and risen life. Today, we remembered the sacrifice of the millions who gave their life that others might live. We remember, and in remembering, honour them; in honouring them, we treasure the freedom they fought to preserve.



The Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies welcomed an exciting member of the Great Yarmouth SVP into school on Friday 3rd November. It was a very cute cavapoo called Bertie!



We loved meeting Bertie and his owner, Mrs. Williams. We found out how Bertie was trained and the important role he plays in schools and hospitals supporting children and adults.

The SVP members also kindly gave us all a rosary and spoke to us about its importance and origins. They taught us how to pray using the rosary and answered all our questions. We loved their visit!

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.



Christmas Updates

- We are delighted to announce that this year's **Christmas Fair** will be held on Tuesday 5th December from 3pm - 4pm. Each class has been given an enterprise project to create and sell Christmas crafts as well as the usual games and raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.
- Also on Tuesday 5th December, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing in **Sounds 4 Christmas** at the Drill Hall at 6pm.
- Tuesday December 12th sees the first of **2 Christmas Performances**. We have listened to feedback from parents and put this performance after school from 3:15pm - 4:30pm and involves all children from Reception to Year 6. The second performance takes place during the day on Thursday 14th December from 1:30pm - 2:45pm. Further information on tickets will be sent to parents later this month.
- The ever-popular **Carols by Candlelight** returns for another year on Wednesday 13th December.
- The week is rounded off with **Christmas jumper day** and **Christmas dinner** on Friday 15th December.

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'

Parking

We have sent out reminders about safe driving and parking in the weeks before and after half term. Please can I urge parents to walk children to school where possible and that those who need to drive use the pull-in parking in the school car park, supervised by Mr Lawrence. We currently have parents parking in front of residents driveways. This both restricts their access and blocks passing places leading to potentially dangerous driving by some individuals. I have asked Beat Officer Isabel Carroll to assist us with this in order to help keep the community safe. Please be respectful of our neighbours.

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>

Odd Sock Day

On Monday 13th November we will be having an 'Odd Sock' day as part of National Anti-Bullying Week. PSHE lessons will explore celebrating individuality and what makes us all unique.



Children In Need

Children in Need takes place on 17th November 2023 and the school will be having a non-uniform day to show our support. Voluntary donations can be made on Wisepay.



Lateness

We have had an increasing number of children arrive late in the mornings which has delayed the start of learning time. Please note that doors open at 8:30am and registration is taken at 8:50am. The car park and pedestrian gates close at 8:50am to ensure the safety and integrity of the school site.

Warm and Well at Norfolk Libraries

If you are finding it difficult to make ends meet, from October 16, visit [your local Norfolk library](#) to pick up free Winter essentials. You will be able to collect items such as blankets and hot water bottles, as well as toiletries like deodorant, shampoo, body wash and toothpaste, should you or your family need them.

Our Tricky Period initiative is also running in our libraries, where you can get free sanitary products. Sustainable items are also available whilst stocks last, including menstrual cups, washable pads, and period pants.

Free hot drinks are also available during staffed hours, please check with your local library for times.

All items are free, with no questions asked – simply pop into your local library and tell a staff member what you need.

Key Dates:

Sounds 4 Christmas (open to years one and two) 5th Dec - bookings now closed.

Carols by Candlelight 13th December

Christmas Performances Nursery Dates to be confirmed