

# 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.



## Rosary

We have been building our links with St Peter's church and have welcomed Judy Burton into school to lead a prayer group. During the month of October we remember Mary the mother of our Lord and so she has been teaching children how to pray the rosary.



## Mass Dates for Autumn 2

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



### 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.



### Geography Field Trips

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their geography field trips this week as they explored the difference between physical and human geography in Gorleston.



### Judaism Day

We were delighted to welcome in Marsha and Tom Parker as part of Judaism Day in RE where the children were engaged in learning activities around Shabbat and how it is celebrated.



### **Parental Support**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to support us on the numerous trips and visits this half term. Whether walking with us to mass, supporting geography field trips or volunteering with reading and classroom support.

### **Staffing**

After half term we bid a fond farewell to Miss Ellcome and wish her all the best as she begins her maternity leave. She will be working alongside Miss Grant during the first week after half term to ensure a smooth transition of information to the new class teacher.

### **Swimming**

Year 5 will be swimming on Friday afternoons in the new half term. An information letter has been sent out to all Year 5 parents.

### **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>

### **Children In Need**

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

### **Remembrance Day**

To mark Remembrance Day, we will be holding our annual poppy sales. After half term, children will be able to purchase a range of remembrance items including poppies, bands and wrist bands. These will be on sale throughout break time

### **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 8:40am. The car park and pedestrian gates close at 8:50am to ensure the safety and integrity of the school site.

### **Disco**

Please remember that the school disco takes place on Wednesday 1st November. KS1 begins at 1:30pm and KS2 at the end of the day, finishing at 4:30pm. Children can bring a set of disco clothes to change into during the afternoon. Tickets for the KS2 disco are £3.50 and can be purchased via WisePay. We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents of children in KS1 which should also be made via Wisepay.

### **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

### **Coats**

The weather has changed quickly in October and we are due a wetter, windier October in contrast to the balmy days of September. Can we ask parents to make sure that children bring a coat to school - particularly those who come to school in a car. We endeavour to get the children outside as much as possible at break and lunchtime to enable them to let off steam and get some fresh air - including in light drizzle.

### **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.

<p>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><b>‘Set Sail for Success’</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Free hot drinks are also available during staffed hours, please check with your local library for times.</p> <p>All items are free, with no questions asked - simply pop into your local library and tell a staff member what you need.</p> <p><b>Key Dates:</b></p> <p><b>Autumn Disco 1st November - KS1 1:30-3pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>- KS2 3pm - 4:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Sounds 4 Christmas (open to years one and two) 5th Dec</b></p> <p><b>Carols by Candlelight 13th December</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Performances Nursery Dates to be confirmed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reception</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS1/2</b></p>
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