

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School



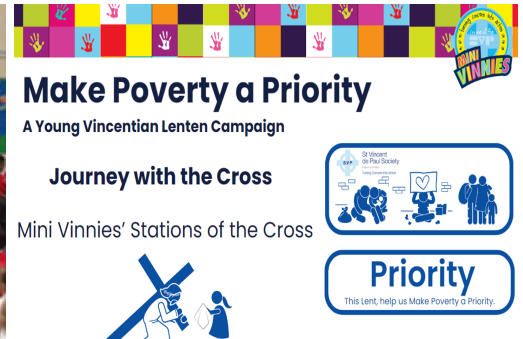
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Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.



Mini Vinnies



On Friday 16th February, the Mini Vinnies held an assembly to introduce their Lenten campaign: Make Poverty a Priority. They discussed 'The Big Lent Walk' for poverty taking place in March and introduced special prayer sessions during Lent that they will be leading.

IGNITE

Today we were joined by the IGNITE team who taught the children about reconciliation. They learnt songs and stories and reflected on different ways to say sorry. Later in the afternoon, we were joined by Father Alvan for a special KS2 reconciliation service and those children who had received their first Holy Communion were able to attend Confession. There was also time to listen to a few children who hadn't received their first Communion but wanted to share their feelings after self-reflection.



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.



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'**



Upcoming Liturgy and Mass

Whole school Lent Mass - Friday 8th March - 10am - in school

Basketball Success

On Tuesday 27th February, the Year 5 / 6 basketball team competed in a tournament at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. The team showed excellent skill and sportsmanship and were approached by members of Great Yarmouth Basketball about joining the club. They won 3 matches and lost 1, achieving third place in the tournament.



Football Match against Woodlands

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 played a very wet and muddy match against Woodlands. The team played really well together against tough opponents and demonstrated excellent skills on the pitch. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents who braved the elements to support them.

Visit to Reception from Community Officer PC Isabel Carroll

Reception had a visit from PC Isabel Carroll this week who told them all about her role in keeping the community safe. They were disappointed she didn't have her own helicopter but really enjoyed questioning her about her job.



Read Your Way this World Book Day 2024

The charity World Book Day® is holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. Read Your Way calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice - and a chance - to enjoy reading.

As a school we will be running additional reading for pleasure sessions and activities for children throughout the day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character or simply enjoy reading in the comfort of wearing non-school uniform on the day.

The Big Lent Walk



Help us fight global poverty by supporting 'Our Big Lent Walk'



On Wednesday 13th March, all staff and children at St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary will be taking part in our 'Big Lent Walk'.

All children can come to school in their 'own clothes' with suitable walking shoes.

All year groups will walk around the perimeter of the field in our aim to walk 200km collectively.

Please can we ask that you donate to our just giving page

[The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/The-Catholic-Agency-for-Overseas-Development)

We aim to walk 200km and raise £400!



Please use the following link to donate to this vitally important cause:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/smsp-walks-for-lent>

I am pleased to say we are well on our way to our target and have raised £80 so far from 10 donations! This is brilliant news, thank you. I am sure with the help of a few more families we will be able to exceed our target.

Nursery- Open Event

We are excited to let you know that we will be holding a Nursery open event on Thursday 21st March at 15:15-16:15. This event is aimed at new families who would like to come and see what St Mary and St Peter's school can offer your child.

If you are looking at securing your child a place in our school Nursery in September 2024, please bring your child along to our event where you will be able to meet our team, explore the environment and ask any questions you may have prior to enrolling your child. You will have the opportunity to see our Reception Class and can find out how we support pupils in their transition from Nursery to Reception.

Please raise your interest in the event with the school office on 01493 445117. If you are keen to attend but are unable to make the date, please contact the office to schedule a personalised appointment.

We hope you can join us and we look forward to meeting you.

Early Years Easter Cafe

We are egg-cited to let you know that we will be hosting an Easter themed Stay and Play for our Nursery and Reception Children. The Stay and Play will take place on Monday 25th March from 9am-10am and is an opportunity for children to bring their family member (maximum of 2 each) in school to share their learning.

If your child is in Nursery and they do not normally attend this day, then you are welcome to accompany them to the event. We would advise bringing your child to school closer to 8:50am to avoid waiting around outside. We will quickly register the children before inviting parents into the classroom for safety reasons.

There will be a variety of Easter themed activities spread across the Nursery, Reception and outdoor area that you will be able to take part in with your child.

We hope you can join us.

Friends News - Mother's Day Wrap Event

Dear St. Marys and St. Peters School Community,

We are excited to announce that due to the success of Mother's Day Wrap 2023 we will be doing it again for this year's Mother's Day celebration! This event allows children to purchase special presents for their loved ones at our pop-up shop and bring them home in time for Mother's Day.

Details of the Mother's Day Wrap event:

- Date: Thursday, 7th March 2024

- Cost: Children can bring in £1.75 upwards, depending on the number of gifts they wish to purchase (Gifts range from £1.75-£7.50 each).

- How to participate: Please place the money in an envelope with your child's name on it, labelled "Mother's Day Wrap" and send in with your child on the morning.

Nursery children will have the opportunity to visit the pop-up shop in the morning, while the rest of the school will have their chance in the afternoon.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email us at friendsofsmisp@gmail.com. We will do our best to address all inquiries promptly.

We also want to extend an invitation to all parents to volunteer and support us at various events throughout the year. Your participation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. If you can spare any time to help, please email us at friendsofsmisp@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making our school community a wonderful place for our children.

Warm regards,

The Friends of St. Marys and St. Peters

Supporting Epilepsy

On Tuesday 26th March, St Mary and St Peter Primary are supporting Epilepsy awareness on Purple Day. What is Purple Day? Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th annually, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness.

One of our parents is raising money by running 2 marathons 2 weekends apart. In order to support his efforts and raise awareness, children can wear something purple to school on this day and we are posting a link to his JustGiving page so that people can make donations towards the charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kyle-2marathons2weekends1greatcharity>



Key Dates:

Thursday 7th March - Mother's Day Gift Sale

Monday 11th March Parents Evening - including an Early Help Community Partnerships Stand

Tuesday 12th March Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th March The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

Friday 15th March Planetarium in the school hall.

Thursday 21st March - M and M Theatre Production of The Hobbit

Thursday 21st March- Nursery Open Event 3:15-4:15

Friday 22nd March - Year 1 Story Cafe 9-10am

Monday 25th March- Easter Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception 9:00-10:00

Wednesday 27th March Last day of term. School closes at 1pm.