

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



Every Thursday during Lent, the Mini-Vinnies are holding a special prayer session at lunchtime.

They have been pleased with the children's thoughtful responses so far and are looking forward to sharing more about the 'Stations of the Cross' in their next meeting.

Mass of Forgiveness

Friday's whole-school mass was led by Father Alvan.

During Lent, let us take the opportunity to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives. Today we focus on forgiving those who have hurt us. We turn our hearts and minds back towards God.

Today we remember that God our Father loves and forgives us for the times we say 'No' to him. We remember too that we grow more like Jesus when we love and forgive one another. And we must forgive one another if we want God to forgive us too.

School Values

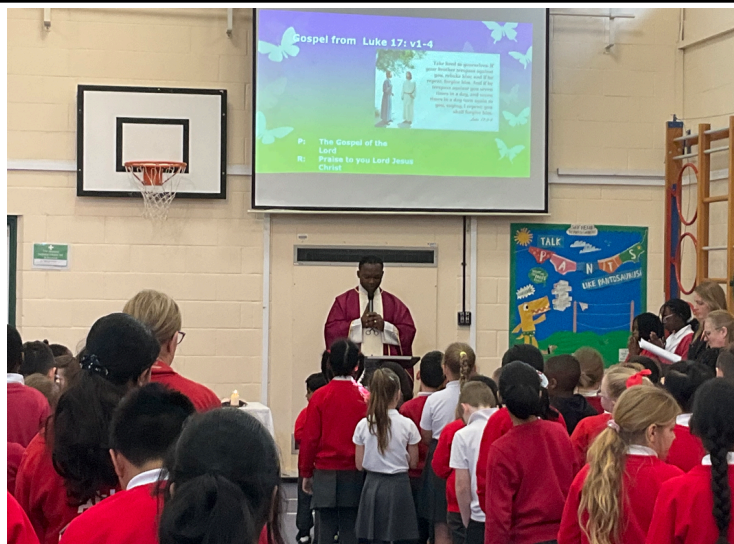
**Believe, Love,
Respect and Trust.**

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'**



Visit to Reception from the Fire Brigade

Continuing on from last week's police visit, Reception met our local fire brigade as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic. They learned about what the team does and how they help to keep us safe, as well as spraying the hoses!



World Book Day

The children had a fantastic day filled with opportunities to read for pleasure. One of the highlights was when Years 5 and 6 read with children in Year 1 and 2, selecting and sharing stories.



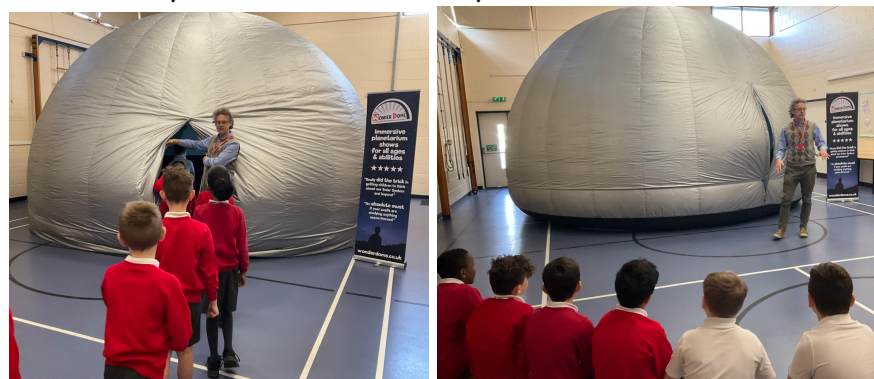
FRIENDS News - Mothers' Day Wrap

A huge thank you to the FRIENDS of SMSP for giving up their time and working hard to create another super mothers day wrap event. I am sure there were a lot of happy mum's last Sunday who enjoyed opening their gifts. If you are interested in joining or supporting the FRIENDS, please contact the school office for further information.



Planetarium - Science Week

We ended science week with a brilliant educational experience inside the Planetarium. Children were able to travel across through space and learn about the mysteries of the solar system.



Virtual Athletics Tournament

Children from Reception to Year 6 competed in a virtual athletics competition on Thursday which comprised of 4 events: standing long jump, javelin, hurdles and sprint. Well done to everyone who took part and we eagerly await the results.



Championship Success

Beaming with pride and achievement, we have to say huge congratulations to Kayah for her remarkable achievements at the British Open Karate Championships in London. Hard work, dedication and amazing talent saw Kayah win 2 gold medals, 2 silver and 1 bronze! Congratulations!



Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who made it in to Parents' Evening this week. If you missed the information stall on Monday evening run by the Early Help Community Partnerships Stand, please contact Mrs McGregor our Pastoral Lead. We also had a stall from Aspens displaying food samples. If you would like further information regarding school dinners, please contact the school office.



The Big Lent Walk



Thankyou to all the families who donated to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. We raised a total of £270. Children from Nursery to Year 6 all participated and walked a combined total of 615 laps of the school field. With an approximate perimeter of 324m, they worked a brilliant 199,260m! Hopefully everyone will sleep well tonight and know that their efforts have made a positive difference to the lives of others.



Easter Egg Raffle

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds to support with the cost of coaches and visits for this academic year. If children can donate eggs, chocolate, Easter bunnies, etc the school would be very grateful.

Tickets are on sale at the cost of £1 per strip in the school hall at break times until Monday 25th March 2024. Please bring donations to the school office by <Monday 25th March. Thank you for supporting this event.

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.

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>



Cycling to School

If your child cycles or scoots to school, please can you remind them to dismount at the school gates. I have had to remind a number of children this week to dismount as they are riding on the footpaths. We also have a large volume of cars through the car park at the start and end of the day so children should be walking their bikes along the path and not riding past the cars on site. Thank you for your support with this.



Key Dates:

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.