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 with Bishop Peter

We were delighted to have Bishop Peter in school today to celebrate Mass. The theme of the Mass was Kindness. We thought and prayed – being kind, thoughtful and helpful everywhere – at home and in school. We also asked God to give us a share in his goodness and kindness. Bishop Peter inspired us to try and show kindness to everyone. The children loved it, when he dressed up Colby as the Bishop with his Mitre and crozier.

After Mass he visited all the children in their classrooms. A special thank you to the parents, governors and friends of the school who joined us for the celebration.





Mini Vinnies

During our Mini Vinnie's session this week, we prayed the rosary for peace. By saying the rosary, we joined the ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) prayer campaign alongside people from all over the world. We learnt that the rosary is special because when we pray it we meditate on the life of Jesus and we asked Mary to pray with us during this special time.

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.

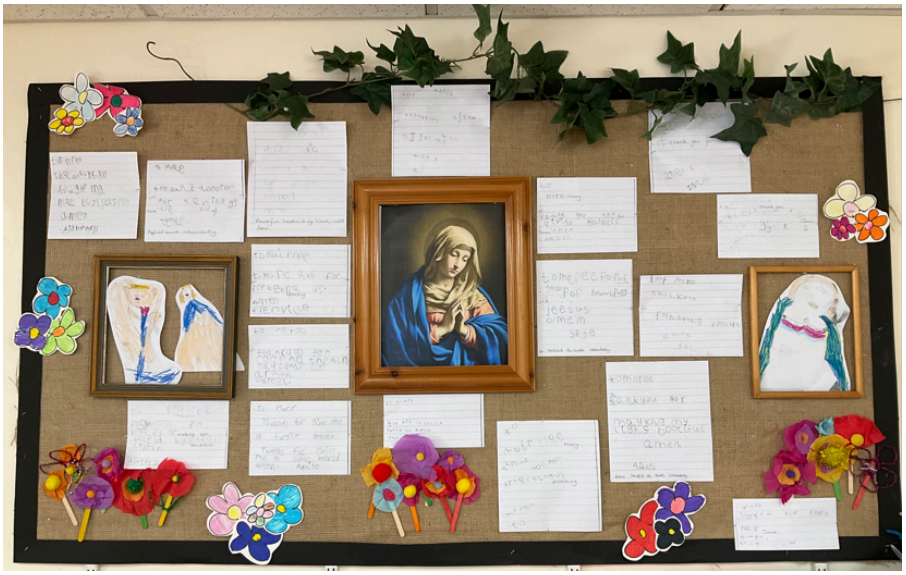
School Vision

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'**



Celebrating Mary in the the Month of May

Reception class has written prayers to Mary.



'Dear Mary,

Thankyou for making my life beautiful. Amen.'

(Aiden)

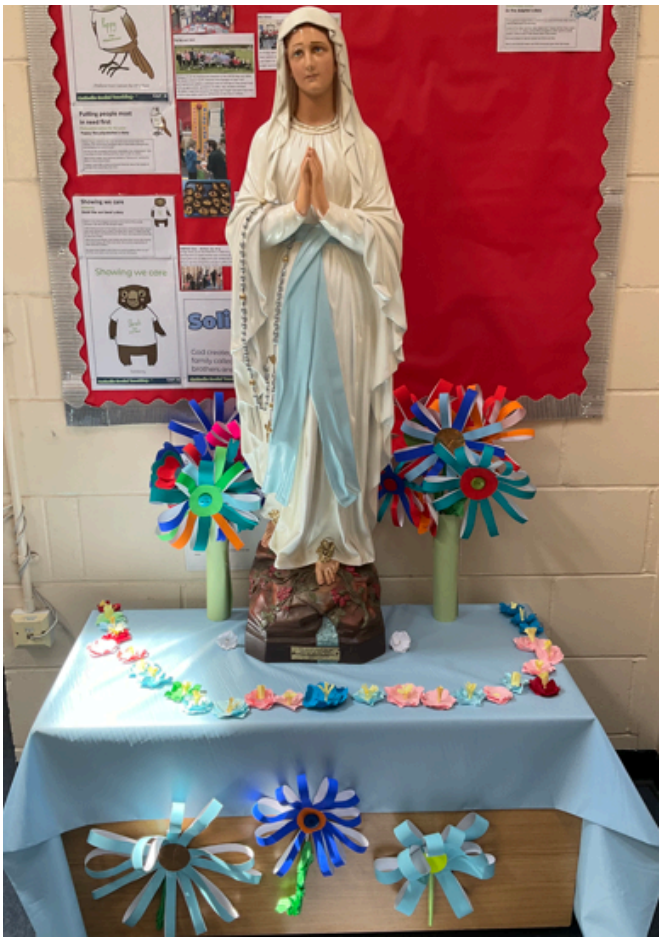
'To Mary,

Thanks for giving me a family. Thanks for giving me a safe world. Amen.'

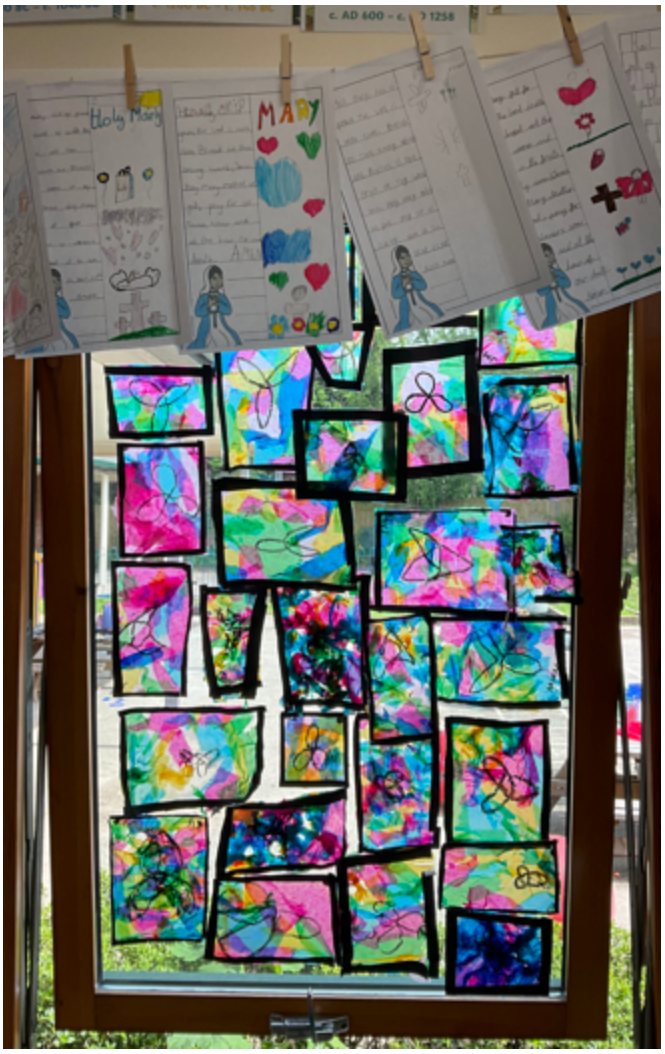
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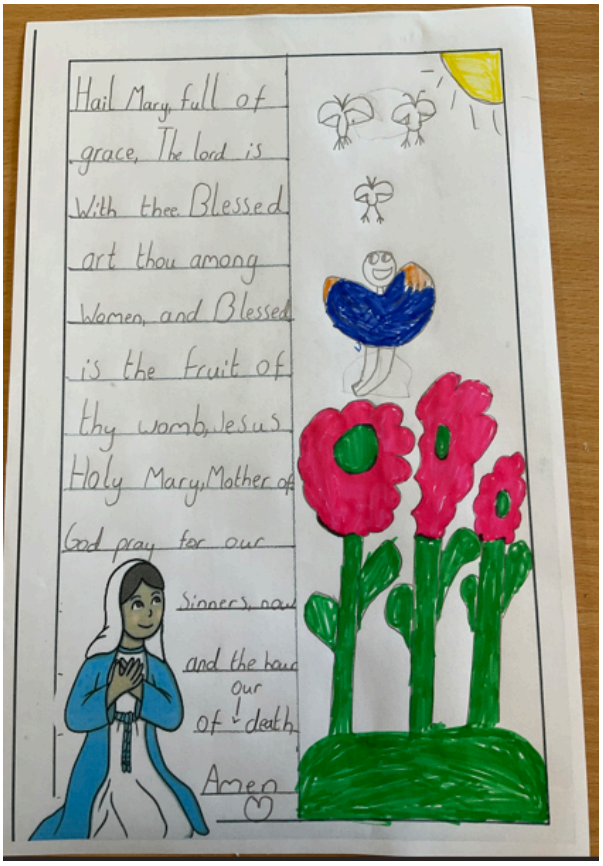
Nursery children worked together to crown Mary with flowers.



Year 5 and 6 have been writing prayers and making flowers.



Year 3 created stained glass window panels for their flowers and have been learning the meaning of the ‘Hail Mary’ prayer.



Knowing that God made me and God loves me



Nursery began their journey by learning that we are all made in God's image. They created self portraits to show how God makes everyone special and unique.

Understanding Jesus's Ascension Into Heaven





When I visited Year 1 this week, the children explained how they used story maps to learn about Pentecost. They demonstrated Jesus's ascension into Heaven using models they had made of Jesus and Heaven.

Litter picking to make the world safe for all God's creatures - Stewardship



Staffing Update

We are very sad to be saying farewell to Mr Burrell at the end of this academic year. He is leaving us to go to teach in Beijing. We wish him every success in the future and would like to thank him whole-heartedly for all he has done for the children, families and staff in the school. He is a very valued member of staff and will be greatly missed.

This week we held interviews for a new Year 6 teacher, and had a very strong field of candidates. As well as a formal interview, they endured a grilling from the Junior Leadership Team, taught a lesson each to Year 5 and spent time with the children and staff at break and lunch. We have appointed an extremely experienced candidate who will be joining us for transition activities after half term.

In addition, we are also pleased to announce that we have appointed a sports apprentice to the staff. Miss Kelf is a former pupil of SMSP and we are delighted that she will be joining us in September to support sports and clubs.

Football Against Hillside

On Thursday night, Year 6 took part in a friendly football match versus Hillside. It was an unfortunate 5-1 defeat however we showed great grit and determination from an inexperienced year 6 team, many of whom are new to football. They showed great team spirit and supported each other well.



More Congratulations For Maddie!

Following last week's success, Maddie's team have gone on to win the Treble: League, County Cup and League Cup. They become the first ever women's team in Norfolk to achieve this.



Recording Daily Reads

A reminder to all parents to please sign or initial their child's reads in their Home-School diary please. This helps us to know when children are being supported at home. Thank you for your support with this.