St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

East Anglian Way, Gorleston, Norfolk, NR31 6QY Tel: 01493445117
office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk www.smspprimary.co.uk
https://www.facebook.com/SMSPGorleston

Our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love as we set sail for success.



Harvest Liturgy





On Wednesday we celebrated our Harvest liturgy. Thank you to all the parents that came to celebrate with us. We commissioned our new Mini Vinnies for 2024-2025. We cannot wait to see what great work they will do.

A big thank you to you all for the donations of food. The Mini Vinnies invited the foodbank to come in and talk to us about what happens to our food donations and why they are so important.



Diocesan Schools Mass

Last Friday the Mini Vinnie's represented our school at the Diocesan Schools Mass which was led by the Bishop. The Mini Vinnies have written their own report which is attached with the newsletter.

Gospel Values

Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of love, hope and forgiveness. We respect and support each other to live in peace. We embrace challenge and develop the courage to create a better world for us 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







Mini Vinnies

The first job for the Mini Vinnies was to organise for the foodbank to come and to ask our families for donations of food. They did an excellent job with their advertising.





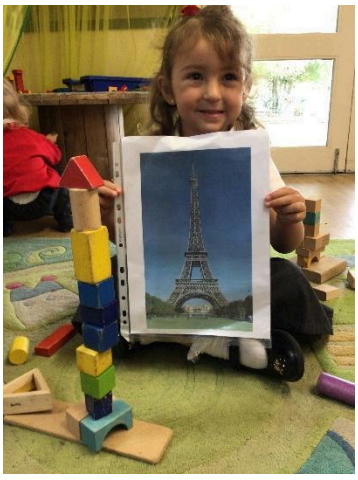
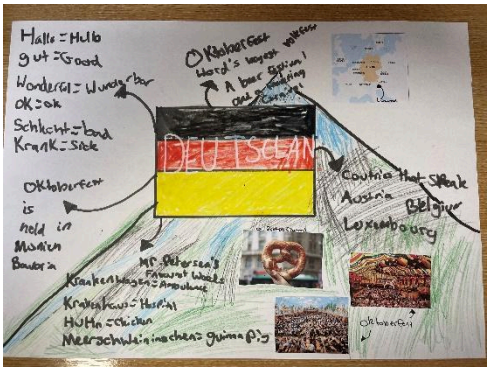
International Languages Day

Last week all the children across the school enjoyed taking part in 'European Languages Day'.

The children in EYFS loved learning about France and even enjoyed some tasty croissants for their snack!

KS1 learnt how to say 'Hello' in as many languages as possible. We are still using our new learning to answer the register in class. Mrs Moore even joined in the fun by teaching us how to sing 'Frère Jacques' in our Music lesson.

Year 3 took part in some map work locating different European countries and did their own research to greet each other.

'Set Sail for Success'	Year 4 and Year 5 learnt about Poland. Year 4 designed their own lunchboxes featuring Polish food and Year 5 learnt how to greet each other using different levels of formality. Some of the children even brought in foreign language books from home to read with their friends during DEAR time. Year 6 studied the country of Germany and did some research on the computers about German culture and language.     

Football

Our Year 5/6 Football Team played their first game against Wroughton last week. They all played really well and we narrowly lost 4-3.



Year 5 Trip - West Runton

We looked at the erosion along the coastline and went rock pooling to explore the creatures that live there. We also enjoyed making sea defences and testing them out by flooding them.



Operation Christmas Child



Over the next 2 weeks we are aiming to fill 2 boxes per class to support this worthy cause. If each class from Nursery to year 6 bring in things to go in a girl or a boy box then we should be able to donate at least 16 boxes.

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is …

FUN—includes a special item and other quality toys

FULL—packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items

PERSONALISED—prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favourite items!

Trips

We try to enrich the curriculum by providing opportunities for the children to go on trips. We always do our own fundraising to raise money to subsidise the trips. However, we do rely on your donations as well. Unfortunately, the donations are becoming less and less and we are at risk of having to reduce the number of trips we can offer in future. Please try to support the trips with your donations.



Attendance

As you are all aware the government has introduced the National Framework for penalty notices. In line with this the Trust has updated the attendance policy. Please find a copy here [Trust Attendance policy (stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk)]

Please note that at St Mary and St Peter the children can arrive between 8.30 and 8.50am when the doors will be shut. The registers are taken at 8.55am if your child arrives before 9.10am they will receive a late before the close of register if it is after the registers close at 9.20am they will receive an unauthorised absence. This will count towards the issuing of a fixed penalty notice. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time for school.



Uniform

Our school policy can be found on our school's website. I have mentioned this regularly however I wanted to bring some clarity in regards to PE. [School Uniform – St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School (smspprimary.co.uk)]

Please can I remind you that **NO JEWELLERY should be worn in school only plain stud earrings.**
Also there appear to be a lot of children wearing the wrong coloured T-shirt for PE. A **plain white t-shirt** should be worn with **no logos**.
Also **plain black** shorts or jogging bottoms and tops, again **no logos.**

Friends of SMSP Meeting

Come along and support the Friends of SMSP at the first meeting of the year on **Monday 7th October, 8.50am in the Library.**



Asda Rewards

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to support our school on the Asda rewards our pot is growing. If you haven't signed up yet please consider doing so there are 58 days to grow our pot of money.



Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. It is very important that you do not send your child into school with nuts as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy.



Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed, you might be able to receive **Free School Meals.** We strongly advise you to apply through our website as you might be entitled to some benefits that would support you and your family in these difficult times. Please see more on our website under: Pupil Premium – St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School (smspprimary.co.uk)

Volunteers

Volunteers needed to support with daily reading at the school and regular school trips. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.
If you have some spare time which you could support the school with, in the form of regular visits to listen to various children read in our school or join us for school trips, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Coe, Mrs Bird or Mrs Green from our administration team to discuss the details and to complete DBS checks.

.