St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

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



The Bible tells us that Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (*Rom* 5:1-2.5).



Prayer

God of light, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to bring hope to others by making a change in our world, so that all people may live free from poverty and hunger. Help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to. Amen

The Year of the Jubilee



CAFOD commissioned an icon from artist Mulugeta in Ethiopia.
The icon interprets Jesus' teaching of healing and liberation in the Synagogue (Luke 4:18-19). This passage is particularly relevant to the Jubilee given its emphasis on bringing good news to those who are poor, and liberty to those who are captive or oppressed.

Mini Vinnies - Stations of the Cross

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.

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



CAFOD
A reminder that we will be participating in the Big Lent Walk very soon. Any donations you can make are vital in supporting the amazing work of CAFOD, whose members will be leading assemblies in school and working with children in classes to explain how the money raised will have a positive impact on the lives of others.

IGNITE
On Thursday, the IGNITE team came in to work with each class on the meaning of Lent. They sang songs and prayed together before coming together for a whole school assembly and singing the Jubilee Song.

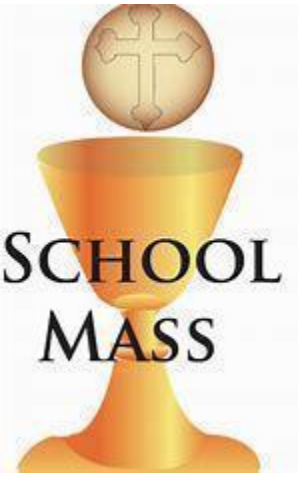


Lent
Lent is a time where we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter by looking at our lives and trying to see how we can follow God more closely. The Cafod family prayer resources offer some activities or prayer to share as a family at home. These encourage us to look to God, but also to take notice of the world around us.



Lent family prayer ideas

'Set Sail for Success'



The next whole school Mass will be Easter Mass 25th April St Peter's Church

PC Isabel Carroll visits EYFS

PC Carol visited our Early Years children this morning to talk about her role as a Police Officer in aid of our topic 'People Who Help Us'. The children learnt about PC Carol's job, her uniform, and the vehicle she drives. The children bravely asked questions and listened carefully to PC Carol. They particularly enjoyed trying on the police uniform and sitting in the police car.







Fab Science comes to SMSP

As part of Science Week, we were able to secure a day with Fab Science who came in and performed presentations to the children across the whole school. KS1 and KS2 also participated in workshops, learning more about forces and motion. We would like to say a big thank you to the FRIENDS whose contribution towards the event made it possible for the event to run.





Kata and Kumite Success for Isabella, Kayah and Willow



Isabella competed this month at the East of England Martial Arts Competitions in Norwich. She got Silver in Triple Kata under 10s and amazingly got Gold in the double Kata under 10s. Well done, Isabella!



On Sunday the 9th March, Kayah participated in the English United Karate Federation (EUKF) competition in Clacton.

After an outstanding performance, she came home with the following:

KATA

🥇 Gold Dan Grade under 4’10’

🥈 Silver Champion Cup

🥉 Bronze Dan Grade over 4’10’

KUMITE

🥉 Bronze Individual

🥈 Silver Girls Team

🥉 Bronze Mixed Team



Willow took part in a massive competition for the east of England martial arts. She won gold and silver medals for her kumite (karate fighting) and kata she will now be part of Great Britain team GB and will now be flying to Germany next year for her next competition. This is a massive achievement. Willow trains 6 days a week and absolutely loves it!

If your child would like to share their achievements in activities outside school, please email office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk so that we can celebrate their hard work and talents.

Year 4 Norwich Castle Visit

In year 4 we visited Norwich Castle Museum on Monday, where we got to travel back in time and learn all about Ancient Egypt. We got to learn all about the mummification process, as well as seeing a real mummified person! Next, we learnt all about how colours were used to represent different things. Such as, blue symbolising the river Nile and the children got to put this to good use and design their own neck collars. Then, we got to look for clues in real artefacts and see what evidence we could find of different things. Finally, we got to dress up in aprons and tunics that would have been worn, learn all about the food and partake in an Egyptian parade. We had a brilliant time debating whether or not we should leave artefacts alone or if we should take them to museums to learn about them.





Football vs Peterhouse

Well done to the Year 5 / 6 team for a brilliant performance in last Friday's match. Thank you to all the parents and staff who came to support the children and watch them progress to the Finals.

Mothers Day Wrap

A reminder that the Friends will be selling mothers day presents in the Hall on Monday. This special event gives children the chance to purchase and wrap gifts for their loved ones at our pop-up shop, bringing home something thoughtful in time for Mother's Day.

Cost: Children may bring up to £15, depending on how many gifts they wish to buy (Prices range from £1.75–£10 each).

How to participate: Please send the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it, labeled "Mother's Day Wrap."

• Nursery children will visit the shop in the morning.

• The rest of the school will have their turn in the afternoon.

Reception and KS1 Disco

A reminder that this year, we're changing things up! We'll be hosting Two After-School Discos:

• Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Monday, 24th March, 3:00–4:15 PM

• Years 3,4, 5 & 6 – Monday, 31st March, 3:00–4:15 PM

As always, there will be Music and Snacks, but this time we're making it even more fun with Party Games for everyone to enjoy!

Lost Property

The lost property container in the front Reception area is overflowing with un-named t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers, hats, gloves and water bottles. If your child has lost something, please do come and have a look through before next Tuesday evening when we carry out our termly recycling.

Important Dates for this half term:

Wednesday 26th March Y4/5 Futsal event

1st April Big Lent Walk

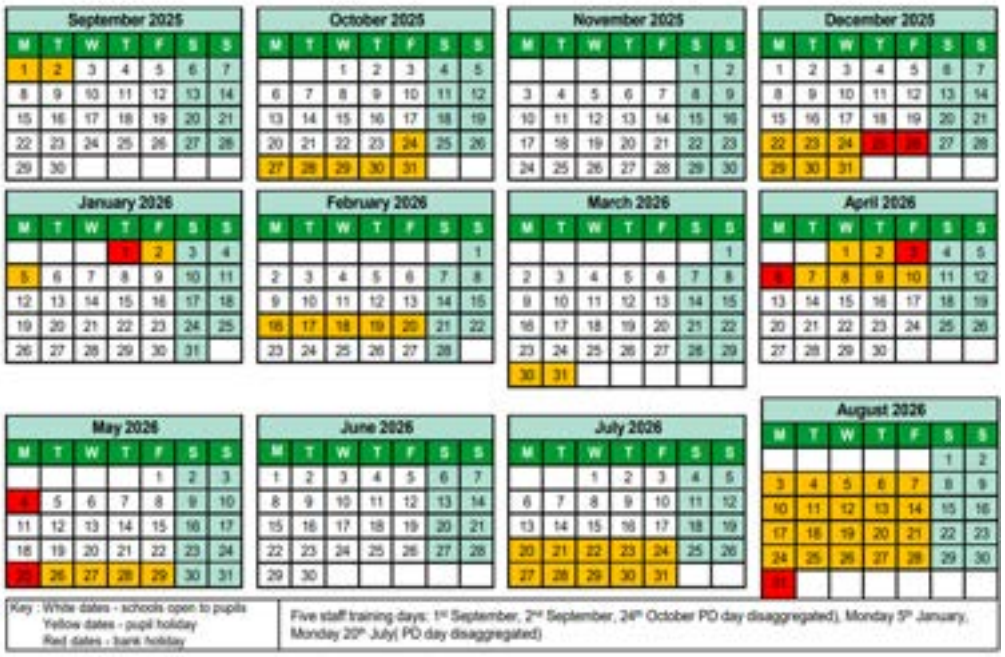
Friday 4th April End of Term - **School closes to pupils at 1pm**

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday

	Tuesday 22nd April - Children return for the start of the Summer Term Fridays - Year 5 swimming **Friends events** 24th March 3 - 4:15pm Reception, Y1 and 2 games and disco 24th March Mother's Day Wrap 31st March 3pm - 4:15pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6 games and disco 1st April - Big Lent Walk - PLEASE CLICK ON ABOVE LINK TO DONATE ## How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/ **Dates for the next academic year**

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2025-2026



Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday	Five staff training days: 1st September, 2nd September, 24th October PD day disaggregated), Monday 5th January, Monday 20th July(PD day disaggregated)