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



Diocesan Mass

On Friday 26th September, Year 5 joined all the schools in the Diocese for a Mass to begin the school year. The theme was the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope and was hosted by Bishop Peter, who welcomed every school personally. He told the children of the recent sanctification of Carlos Acutis, which resonated with all present as the first millennial saint.

The children formed part of the official choir having rehearsed for 2 weeks in school with the Diocese Music Director David Grealy.

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



Commissioning of the Mini Vinnies

We were extremely proud to commission our new team of mini Vinnies for this year. They have made their pledge to commit their time to God and the school, helping and supporting others. They will meet weekly with Miss Hardman and we look forward to the regular updates on their good work.

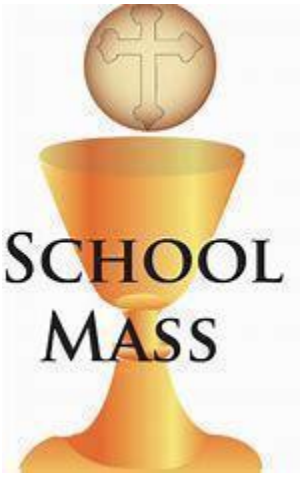


Operation Shoebox

This week, the Mini Vinnies had a special visit from Operation Shoebox. We learned all about how important the shoeboxes are in bringing joy this Christmas to children who may have never received a gift before. It was truly inspiring to hear how a simple shoebox filled with gifts can make such a huge difference in a child's life.

We also discovered the incredible journey these shoeboxes take, traveling all around the world to reach children in need. It's amazing to know that our small acts of kindness can create such a big impact, spreading happiness far and wide. Later in the year, we will be letting you know how you can support this important work.

‘Set Sail for Success’



Mass is on Friday 12th September in school at 10am.





Harvest

An enormous thank you to everyone who was able to donate items for our harvest liturgy. The children have a special assembly this afternoon with representatives from the food bank who will collect and distribute the items to those in need in our community.





Road Safety Magic Show

Year 3 and Year 4 were delighted by the magic and messages around road safety delivered by Olly Day. Olly is a magician who partners with Norfolk County Council to deliver his road safety magic show, which uses magic tricks and humor to teach children vital road safety lessons such as using cycle helmets, wearing reflective clothing, and understanding how to "Stop, Look, and Listen".





Car Park

Please can I remind all parents that drive into the car park that they should follow the one-way system. We have had some dangerous situations this week with people pulling up in front of the entrance and then reversing back to leave. The main entrance should be clear of cars at all times as this is a crossing point for those walking to school. If you need to use our car park for drop-off, please drive round to Mr Lawrence who will guide your children to the path and into school.

Dogs

A reminder, please, that no dogs are allowed on to the school site.



European Languages Day

Last week we were proud to celebrate European Languages Day in our classes.
The children in Key Stage 1 were excited to learn how to greet each other in the variety of different languages and have been busy practising their new skills during registration.
In Key Stage 2 many of the children were surprised to learn how many loanwords from other countries there are in the English language. The children in Year 6 particularly enjoyed taste testing some traditional German foods.



Bringing home the medals

Kayah competed at the British Academy of Shotokan Karate (BASK) Open in Uxbridge on Sunday, September 28th. She was entered into 7 categories, and she came home with the following 7 medals:

🥇 **Gold Weapons Mixed**
🥇 **Gold KATA 9-10**
🥇 **Gold KATA 11-12**
🥇 **Gold Team KATA 9-12**
🥇 **Gold Girls Team Kumite 10-12**
🥈 **Silver Girls Rotation Team 10-12**
🥈 **Silver Individual Kumite 9-10**

Kayah demonstrated determination, passion, commitment, and courage, and we are incredibly proud of her - outstanding!





Secondary School Applications



Early Years Funding

From September 2025, eligible working parents in England can access up to 30 hours of free childcare per week for children from nine months old up to school age. You need to check your eligibility online via GOV.UK and apply for a unique childcare code, which can be done from the term before your child turns nine months old. The funded hours are available for 38 weeks of the year during term time, and you can potentially use fewer hours across more weeks with "stretched funding" provided by your chosen childcare provider.

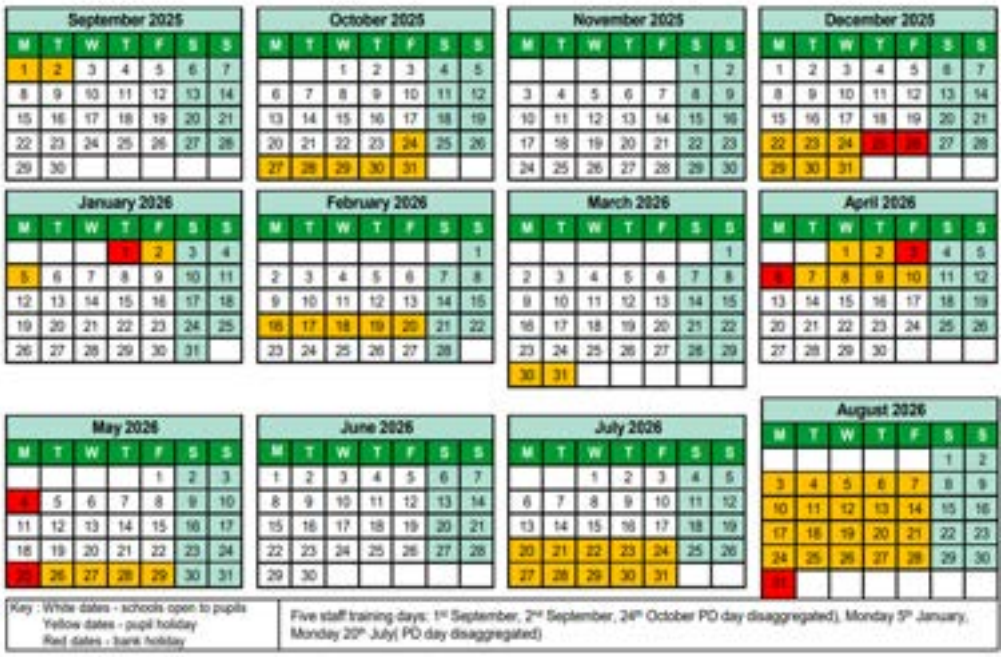
How to Apply

1. Check Eligibility: Visit the GOV.UK website to see if you meet the criteria for working parents in England.
2. Apply Online: Apply for your funding code on the GOV.UK website. You may find out if you're eligible immediately.

	3. Get Your Code: You will receive a unique 11-digit code. 4. Contact a Provider: Get in touch with your chosen childcare provider to arrange your funded hours. Who is Eligible? ● The scheme is available to eligible working parents in England. ● Your child is eligible from the term after their ninth birthday until they start school. ● You must have a National Insurance number and meet certain immigration status requirements to be eligible. When to Apply ● You can apply for the code from the term before your child turns nine months old. ● Your funding will start from the beginning of the term after you receive your code. **Dates for this half term** Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th October Year 6 residential at Horstead

St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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)