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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).

Lent

Next week brings us to an exciting time in our Church calendar: Shrove Tuesday on the 17th February, followed by Ash Wednesday on the 18th February 18, marking the start of Lent. This is our 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare for Easter.Our lenten journey at school will begin when we return after half term when we will embrace this season with joy, helping our children grow closer to Jesus through simple, meaningful practices.

Attached with the newsletter is a Family Lent Prayer Intentions sheet which you may wish to use at home.

A special Lenten fast
Give up harsh words: use generous ones.
Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
Give up complaining: value what you have.
Give up stress: take up prayer.
Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.
Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.
Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.



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

Class Worship

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended Year 1's Candlemas Liturgy. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share worship with family and loved ones.





Big Lent Walk 2026

We are once again taking part in the Big Lent Walk, in a quest to help fight global poverty. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help to bring life-saving water to communities in places like Ethiopia and Peru. Communities like Mortikana's.

Mortikana, 70, lives in a rural community in southern Ethiopia. Her village did not have access to a water source and Mortikana and other women from her community were forced to walk for six hours every day to collect clean water.

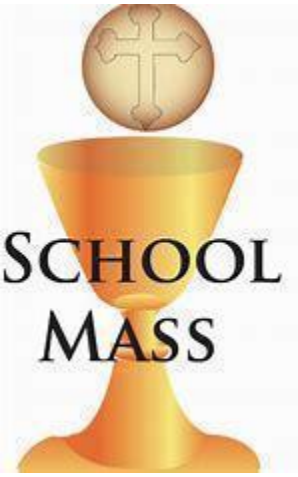
Thankfully, CAFOD and a local expert organisation focusing on women's empowerment, built a cement water cistern with enough capacity for the whole of Mortikana's village. The cement structure ensures that the water doesn't evaporate. It's located close to the village meaning Mortikana and other women no longer have to walk for hours for water.

Please sponsor your child by visiting the just giving site below. Unfortunately we have had no donations so far.





‘Set Sail for Success’



https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-and-st-peter-primary-school-fundraising-page/donation-amount

Year One Enjoy Tasty Healthy Eating Session

There was plenty of excitement, colour and delicious treats as our Year One pupils took part in a fun healthy eating session as part of their Design and Technology topic, “Designing Fruit Salad.”



The session was led by Michael from Aspens, the company that creates and provides our school dinner menu. He spoke to the children about the importance of eating a balanced diet and getting their “five a day.” Pupils explored a bright “taste the rainbow” activity, where they named different fruits from each colour group and discovered the vitamins and health benefits they provide.



One of the highlights of the session was “brownie time.” Pupils were surprised to learn that the delicious brownies they enjoyed contained hidden vegetables such as sweet potato, beetroot and carrots. It was a great reminder that healthy ingredients can be used in fun and tasty ways.

It was a fun, tasty and educational experience, and the children left the session feeling inspired to try new foods and make healthy choices for their own fruit salad designs.

Year 6



Year 6 had another visit from PC Carroll, who discussed the dangers of accepting gifts from strangers in return for doing a task. We were also fortunate to have been invited to Lynn Grove's dress rehearsal of Oliver! It was a fantastic show with some brilliant performances and gave children an insight into some of the opportunities that will be available to them once they transition to high school.

Special Achievements

Elodie was recently part of a winning team in her 1st Gorleston Cubs group that won a competition called the Wiltshere Trophy - contested by various Cubs groups.Great work, Elodie!



Kayah competed in the EKCC (English Karate Club Championship) in Clacton on Sunday. She received the 🏆 EKCC Cup for Girl Competitor of 2025 and finished the year as the 2nd overall Champion of 2025. This is a prestigious award Kayah has always dreamed of winning. It was

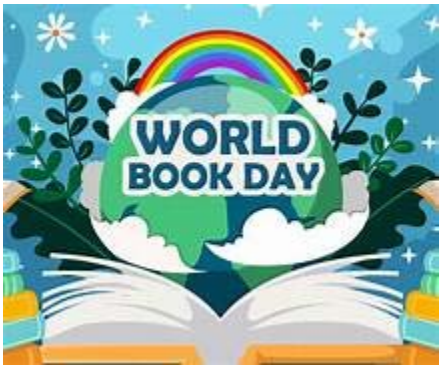
presented in front of all the officials, athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators, making it a very special and emotional moment.
Kayah had an amazing start to the new season and returned home with these medals:

🥇Gold Kata under 4'10" Mixed Dan Grade
🥈Silver Kata Presentation Cup under 15
🥉Bronze Kata over 4'10" Mixed
🥉Bronze Pairs Kata
🥈Silver Girls Team Kumite
🥈Silver Team Kumite under 10 Mixed




Upcoming Events

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, or come to school in non-uniform. There will be themed lessons for each class and a special assembly.



Science Week - on the 19th March we are pleased to welcome Fab Science back into school. They will be providing performances and workshops for the whole school.. In addition to this, each year group has planned specific

science activities within their classes throughout the week. Further information to follow soon.



Making Sense of SEND Information Fair - Sheringham

[Making Sense of SEND Information Fair - Sheringham - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council]

Do you have SEND children and families needing extra support? Would they benefit from speaking in person to over 20 SEND services? If so, you can encourage them to attend this event.

Audience : Parent/Carers

Term dates 25-26



Term dates 26-27

Norfolk County Council 2026-2027 Norfolk Model Calendar
