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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



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

'Set Sail for Success'

Reconciliation Workshops with Ignite

Last week, we were delighted to welcome the Ignite Youth Team from the Diocese into school. They led a series of engaging workshops for the children, focusing on the importance of Reconciliation.

The sessions were fun, creative and interactive, and included singing, discussion and activities to help the children understand God's love, forgiveness and the importance of making good choices.

In the afternoon, children who have already made their First Holy Communion were given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), with Father Padraig. This was a special and reflective time for them to pause, pray and experience God's mercy.



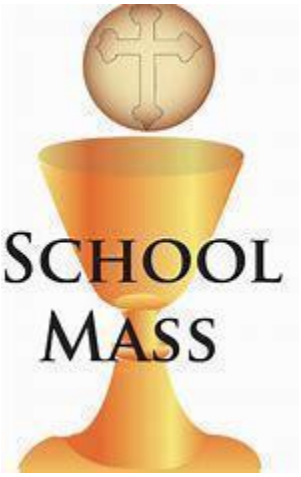




Cafod - Year 1,2 and 6

Thank you to Year 1 who wrote their own piece for the newsletter:

"In Year 1 we have been celebrating by doing a different act of kindness each day. So far we have invited others to play at break time, made cards for people, picked up litter around the school, tidied away all of our toys after Golden Time and said hello to people in the corridors. We are looking forward to making new friends, giving compliments to each other, leaving happy notes in library book and the Big Lent Walk on Friday."





Year 6

During Year 6's CAFOD workshop, we were 'project managers' where we evaluated and chose projects to help people in poorer countries. We learned about the different climates in other countries and how this might present challenges, specifically we learned about El Salvador (which is in central America). Furthermore, we learned more about the Saint Oscar Romero





Big Lent Walk 2026

Today, our school has been taking part in the Big Lent Walk, raising money to support families in Bangladesh.

Through our efforts, we are helping to make a real difference. The money raised will go towards:

- Training farmers to grow seedlings
- Supporting a floating garden farmer
- Providing enough floating gardens to help feed a family for a whole year
- Helping to set up and care for floating gardens

These floating gardens are vital in areas affected by flooding, allowing families to grow food and support themselves even in difficult conditions.

We are so proud of the children for their enthusiasm and commitment. By taking part in the Big Lent Walk, they are living out our faith by caring for others and showing compassion to those in need.





Thank you to all our families for your generous support.

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



Thank you to the FRIENDS

A huge thank you to our brilliant FRIENDS of SMSP for their amazing efforts in the Mothers' Day Wrap. We really do appreciate them giving up their time to purchase, wrap and sell the gifts and hope there were a lot of happy faces out there last Sunday. Keep your eyes peeled for the Fathers' Day wrap in June.



Big Walk and Wheel Week - 16th- 27th March

This week we have been encouraging everyone to travel to school in a fun, active and environmentally friendly way.It has been wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school each day. A special mention goes to Nya, who arrived in style on her roller skates—what a fantastic and fun way to travel!

Thank you to all our families for supporting this important initiative. By choosing active travel, we are helping to keep our children healthy and doing our part to care for God's world.

It continues next week so let's see if we can have more and more pupils walking, scooting or cycling!



JLT Updates

Last week, our Junior Leadership Team hosted a fantastic assembly to launch our in class 'Eco Teams'. They introduced job roles within our school to promote stewardship and reminded us the importance of caring for God's creation. Alongside this they also launched a schoolwide competition to really kick start the campaign.



Science Week has been full of excitement

This week in Year 1, we've been growing our very own cress heads. We discovered that because cress seeds are so small, they can grow on cotton wool without needing nutrients from soil.



We also made predictions about what would happen if cress was kept in the dark. We were amazed to see that it grew taller, but turned yellow due to the lack of light!



To top it all off, we had a fantastic session with Fab Science. We explored what happens when different solutions are mixed and were thrilled to see a lemonade bottle explode when Mentos were dropped in!



Year 2 has been experimenting for British Science week. Activities have included: colour changing flowers, seed dispersal helicopters, floating and sinking and exploding lemon volcanoes. We have been recording our findings, making predictions, observing, discussing, asking questions and developing our natural curiosity of the world.







Science workshops

The fun science workshops were a highlight for all the children, sparking curiosity and excitement from start to finish. Each activity was hands-on, allowing them to explore, experiment, and discover new ideas in an engaging way. From creating bubbling chemical reactions to building simple machines, every task encouraged teamwork and creative thinking. Laughter filled the room as experiments didn't always go as planned, turning mistakes into valuable learning moments. By the end of the workshops, the children not only had a deeper understanding of science but also a growing sense of confidence and enthusiasm for exploring the world around them.







Upcoming Events



Dates for the Summer Term

Friday 17th April - Mass 10-11am in the main Hall with Father Alvan

Wednesday 22nd April - Earth Day

Friday 1st May - Eco Assembly with Anglian Water

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

11th - 14th May - Y6 SATS week

25th - 29th May - Half Term

Friday 19th June - Trust Schools' Mass

Friday 26th June - Mass for St Peter and St Paul in the school Hall

Monday 6th July - Reception and KS1 disco (FRIENDS)

Friday 10th July - Leavers' Mass 10-11am

Wednesday 15th July - KS2 disco followed by Y6 leavers' event (FRIENDS)

Friday 17th July - end of year Mass

Term dates 25-26

