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).

A Prayer for Our Parish Family

Loving and Gracious God,

We thank You for the gift of our community. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide our parish, that we may be a beacon of Your love, hope, and charity. Open our hearts to serve one another with joy, and unite us in faith as we journey together toward You.

Amen

Trust Mass at St Mary's

Thank you to Year 6 for representing the school at the Trust Mass at St Mary's in Lowestoft. It was a very hot day, but the children sang brilliantly and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

The Mass was led by Fr Padraig and Fr Stephen and provided a wonderful opportunity for our school communities to come together in prayer, reflection and celebration. Throughout the service, we were reminded of the example set by St John the Baptist and the importance of living out our faith through service, kindness and witness to others.

It was a joyous occasion, bringing together children and adults from across the Trust to celebrate our shared Catholic identity and values. We would like to thank Fr Padraig and Fr Stephen for leading such a meaningful celebration and all those who helped make the day such a success.

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'



Year 6 IGNITE retreat

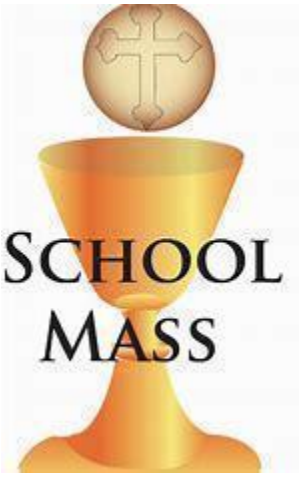
The Ignite team joined us to discuss our worries and hopes before transition to High School. We learned that God will be there with us to guide us to be successful moving forwards.



Ten Ten Parent Newsletter

July 2026





26th June
9 am
School Hall

Mini Vinnies Welcome Special Visitors 15th June



Our Mini Vinnies group enjoyed a very special visit from members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).

During the visit, the children proudly shared the many wonderful activities and projects they have been involved in throughout the year. From supporting charitable causes and helping those in need to promoting kindness and service within our school community, the Mini Vinnies spoke enthusiastically about the positive difference they have made.

The SVP members were delighted to hear about the children's efforts and praised them for their commitment, compassion, and dedication to helping others. They spoke about the important work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and encouraged the children to continue living out the values of faith, service, and kindness.

The visitors also shared information about the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, explaining its significance as a celebration of God's love, mercy, and compassion for all people.

As a special surprise, the SVP members presented the Mini Vinnies with a beautiful gift from their pilgrimage to Walsingham earlier this year. The children were thrilled to receive this thoughtful keepsake, which will serve as a reminder of their faith and their connection to the wider Catholic community.

We would like to thank the SVP members for taking the time to visit us and for inspiring our Mini Vinnies to continue their wonderful work in serving others.



Non-Uniform Day to Support Our Local Food Bank

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your amazing and generous donations to the Food Bank. It is wonderful to see so much support for a very worthy cause.



Eco Committee Water Butt & GY Lions recycling certificate

The Eco Committee have been awarded a water butt to help us save on water that we can use to manage our wildlife areas – particularly during this hot weather!

Also, the Great Yarmouth Lions dropped into school this week to present a certificate for taking part in the spectacles recycling scheme! Thank you to all who were able to contribute.



Animal Day in Year 1

Our Year 1 Animal Day was a great success, and the children thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities. The day began with a circle time session where the children shared interesting facts about the animals they had dressed up as. It was wonderful to hear about the different animals and learn whether they were herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores.



Broads Authority Visit

We were delighted to welcome Nick from the Broads Authority, who taught the children about the important role the organisation plays and how fortunate we are to live in such a special part of the county. The children took part in a hands-on pond dipping session, where they discovered a variety of pond creatures and learned more about their habitats.







The children also enjoyed taking part in animal-themed PE activities, using different animal movements to develop their coordination and balance. To finish the day, they created beautiful woven fish using strips of coloured paper, producing some fantastic artwork.

Fathers' Day Wrap

We would like to say a huge thank you to the FRIENDS for organising the Fathers' Day Wrap. They do such fantastic work in supporting the school, families and children. We hope all the Dads out there enjoyed their presents on Sunday.

Year 6 Bread Making Workshop

On Thursday 25th June 2026, Kathryn from Aspens joined us in Year 6 to teach us to make bread. We learned about different types of bread across the world which included an opportunity to taste-test them. After that, we made our own bread creations with special ingredients including: pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and garlic. As you can see, we have some future bakers among us!







Celebrating Achievement



Kayah competed at the Welsh Open Championship in Merthyr Tydfil last weekend.

With incredible determination, discipline, and heart, once again, she made us immensely proud. Her hard work, consistency in training, and commitment to improving every day truly showed on the tatami, earning her the following results:

🥇 Gold – KATA Other Styles 10-11 3rd Kyu & Above

🥇 Gold – KATA Open 10-11 3rd Kyu & Above

🥈 Silver – KATA Open 12-13 3rd Kyu & Above

🥈 Silver – Jukuren 10-11

She proudly added the titles of Welsh Champion to her growing collection. One more national title and she will complete a full set of the four nations — an incredible milestone to aim for.

	We are proud of Kayah, not only for the medals she brought home, but for the work ethic, resilience, and character she continues to show on and off the tatami. **Parish Feast Day** **Parish Feast Day Art Exhibition** We are delighted that every child in the school has contributed to a special Art Exhibition, which will be displayed at St Peter's Church as part of the Parish Feast Day celebrations on Sunday 28th June. The exhibition has been created to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of East Anglia, with each class producing beautiful artwork. The project has given our children the opportunity to work creatively together while reflecting on their faith and our wider Catholic community. We are incredibly proud of the children's efforts and the wonderful artwork they have produced. We would love to see as many families as possible supporting this special event and celebrating the talents of our pupils. Please do visit St Peter's Church on Sunday 28th June to view the exhibition and support our children.


St Peter's Church
Gorleston NR31 6SQ
Come with family and friends
Sunday 28th June
Bar Open
Parish Feast Day
Donations to the church will be welcome
9.30am Mass
Bouncy Castle
followed by...
Garden Party
Cooking demo
Art exhibition
St Mary & St Peter Primary School
Barbeques
in partnership with Great Yarmouth Borough Council's Cultural Connections



Friends of St Mary and St Peter




St Mary and St Peter
Catholic Primary School
ICE LOLLY
Fridays
ARE BACK!
50p
A LOLLY!
EVERY FRIDAY
AT THE FRONT
OF SCHOOL
STARTING
FRIDAY 5TH JUNE
AT ST MARY AND ST PETER
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dates for the Summer Term

Tuesday 30th June - Whole school transition day

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

Tuesday 7th July - Sports Day Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 (am)

Tuesday 7th July - Sports day- Key Stage 2 - pm

Friday 3rd July 1.30 pm Year six leaver's Mass in school

Wednesday 15th July - KS2 disco followed by Y6 leavers' event (FRIENDS) Year 6 parents - if you wish your child to attend disco before leavers event you must book on Wisepay

Tuesday 14th July - Reserve Sports Day Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 (am)

Tuesday 14th July - Reserve Sports day- Key Stage 2 - pm

Friday 17th July - end of year Mass

Term dates 25-26

