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 the heavens and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for the food that sustains us. May the fruitfulness of this season make us deeply thankful for your constant love and care. Help us to be good stewards of your creation and generous sharers of your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Harvest Mass

Today we gathered together to celebrate our Harvest Mass, led by Fr Alvan. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and parishioners who joined us in giving thanks for God's many blessings. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the food donations received, which will help support those in need within our local community. The children sang beautifully throughout the Mass, helping to create a joyful and prayerful celebration. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this special occasion.

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







Year 6 Trust Mass

On Friday 25th September 2026, Year 6 attended our Trust Mass at the Cathedral in Norwich. Michal and Eva were our flag bearers for the procession at the beginning and end of Mass. Following Mass, Bishop Peter kindly agreed to have a photo with us.



Nursery RE

Children in Nursery went on a walk around the school grounds looking at all the wonderful things God created. The children collected natural materials which they then used in their artwork on their return to the classroom.

'Set Sail for Success'







Year 3 Geography Field Trip

Year 3 carried out their field work study last week, investigating and mapping tourism in the local area.



Year 5/6 Football: SMSP 5-0 North Denes

The Year 5/6 football team played their first game on Tuesday 29th September, beating North Denes 5-0 in the cup. Goals from Tinashe (2), Yuvraj, Phillippe & Louie alongside a clean sheet for Michal were the standouts for a group playing their first game together. A big thank you to parents and children who came to support.



Ten Ten Newsletter

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time. **Here is the link..**

October 2026



Children In Need



Children in Need this year is on **Friday 13th November.** To support the day and raise money to help ensure every child has someone by their side when they need it most, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Donations

to the cause can be made via the official Children in Need Just Giving QR code.



Free School Meals

Recently, the government has changed the criteria for Free School Meals and created two separate bandings. Mrs Coe in the office has sent out paper copies of these to all families. If you are eligible, please complete these and return them to the office if you haven't already done so.

Secondary School Applications

Applications are open and will close on the 31st October. Here is the link..

Transfer to secondary school - Norfolk County Council



YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS (September 2027 entry)

Open Events Key Dates

Thurs. 17th Sept 2026 Open Evening: The school is open for viewing 5pm - 8pm. A welcome talk will be held in the Sports Hall at 5:30pm and repeated at 6:30pm

October 2026 Open Days: Every October, Notre Dame High School opens its doors to families considering a place for their children at our school. This allows parents and their children to see what a day at Notre Dame High School is really like.

In order to ensure our visitors are spread evenly across the days we have the following timetable.

Monday 5th October	**AM -** St Francis of Assisi **PM -** St Edmund's & St Benet's and All other schools
Tuesday 6th October	**AM -** St Augustines and St Mary's Lowestoft and All other schools **PM -** St Mary and St Peter Gorleston and All other schools

Morning tours start each day at 9.30am from Main Reception.

Afternoon tours start at 1.45pm from Main Reception.

If you have any questions about our Open Days, please contact our Pastoral Team on 01603 611431.

For enquiries regarding Admissions to the lower school please e-mail admissions@ndhs.org.uk

Notre Dame's Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form can be found on the school's Policies and Documents webpage

Clubs after half term

Clubs for next half term will be published on 9th October. All clubs must be booked on Wisepay with no exceptions. The office are unable to book these for you. All club spaces are limited. Please only book if you require for childcare for work purposes. Once they are full they are full. Please do not contact the office regarding this as there is nothing they can do once they are full. Thank you


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THURSDAY
1st October 2026