

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.



Welcome Back!

It was great to see all our families returning to school on Wednesday. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We were very fortunate with the weather and we hope that this will continue as we begin the Autumn term.

A warm welcome to all our new families, parents and pupils; we are privileged that you have chosen our school to be a part of your child's learning journey and we look forward to working with you over the coming years.

We are all looking forward to working with you and your children over this academic year. If there is anything that you need to ask or find out please do not hesitate to get in touch with our office staff and they will direct you to the correct person.

All the staff returned to school on Monday and we welcomed Mr Petersen (Year 6 Teacher), Mrs Michorczyk (TA in Reception) and Miss Kelf (Sport Apprentice). We began two full days of professional development, where we covered safeguarding, curriculum, inclusive teaching and performance development.

We were quite surprised on Monday when we realised that we still had no toilets for the boys. However, I must say a great big thank you to the builders who worked late into the night on Monday and Tuesday to ensure that the refurbishment of the toilets was completed.

We are all looking forward to another successful year at St Mary and St Peter where we can all 'set sail for success'.



Beginning of year Mass

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

20th September 2024 at 10 am in school.

You are all welcome to join us for the beginning of the year Mass in the school hall.

First Holy Communion

Is your child in year three or above? Have they made their first holy communion yet? Forms will be available from St Peters Church for an October start.

Reading Challenge

A huge well done and thank you to everyone that took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. We are really proud of the children's enthusiasm for reading across the school and of our continued links with Gorleston library. Reading has been proven to be the most important foundation for success in life and is highly valued by all of our staff. We also value your contribution in supporting your child with daily reading at home as part of our homework expectations. We are hoping to hold a range of events this year that you will be able to attend to help support 'Reading For Pleasure' and support our children to 'Set Sail For Success'.



Parking on East Anglian Way

We have had three local residents in school this week asking us to remind parents not to park in front of drives, on drives, on the gardens of our neighbours. Please can we ask that you show respect to our neighbours and are very mindful about where you park. Many thanks.



Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. It is very important that you do not send your child into school with nuts as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy.



Some useful information

We take safeguarding very seriously in our school, and therefore wanted to reiterate with you, that should you wish to report a concern you may have in regards to the welfare and wellbeing of students in our school, please do not hesitate to speak to the following people:

Safeguarding Leads

DSL

Alternate DSL

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Helen Armstrong

Lynn McGregor

Sarah Steele

Amber Brooks

Sue Coe

Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed, you might be able to receive **Free School Meals**. We strongly advise you to apply through our website as you might be entitled to some benefits that would support you and your family in these difficult times. Please see more on our website under: [Pupil Premium - St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School \(smspprimary.co.uk\)](http://smspprimary.co.uk)

School Uniform

Our school policy can be found on our school's website. I have mentioned this regularly however I wanted to bring some clarity in regards to PE. [School Uniform - St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School \(smspprimary.co.uk\)](http://smspprimary.co.uk)

All children are to be wearing full school uniform and this also includes PE.

For clarity, no branded hoodies with logos on, colourful shorts or shoes- plain black shoes/ trainers or plimsolls for PE days only. No jewellery is permitted except a simple wrist watch and small stud earrings (which must be removed on PE days) . Long hair must be tied back.

The items for children to select to wear from the school uniform are listed below:

- **Red** jumpers, sweatshirts or cardigans with school logo
- **Grey** trousers, skirts, pinafores, culottes or shorts
- **White** polo shirts
- **Black** shoes only (no logos)
- **White, grey or red** socks or tights (these must be **plain** not patterned)
- **Red** checked dresses
- **No jewellery** is permitted except a simple wrist watch and small stud earrings (Removed for PE)
- Long hair **must be tied back** at all times

PE Kit

- **Plain white** t-shirt
- **Plain** shorts
- Trainers
- **Plain** jogging bottoms or leggings (No logos)

Volunteers

Volunteers needed to support with daily reading at the school and regular school trips

If you have some spare time which you could support the school with, in the form of regular visits to listen to various children read in our school or join us for school trips, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Coe, Mrs Bird or Mrs Green from our administration team to discuss the details and to complete DBS checks.

Food Bank

Many of you will have spotted our white crate at the front of school. This is to help us collect food to support the local food bank. We hope that you will be able to support us with our donations.

