

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.



Month of October



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

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



Mini Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies would like to thank all the families who donated food to the Yarmouth and Magdalen Food Bank. We were amazed by how much food we managed to raise.



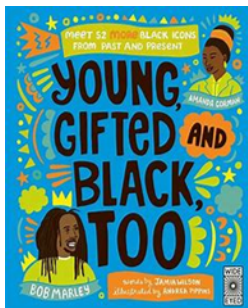
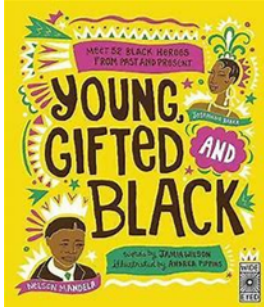
We were lucky to have an assembly to teach us about the importance of the Food Bank and how it helps people that are going through hard times.



If you need to get in contact with the Food Bank, our school can assist with this.

National Poetry Day

The 3rd October was National Poetry Day! We made this the focus for our creative writing day for this half term. All classes either learnt a poem to perform or had a go at writing their own poetry.



Year 1 creating a friendship potion poem!

Black History Month

In the UK, Black History Month happens every October. It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. In Key Stage 2, we have been celebrating the impact and resilience of pioneering individuals who have made amazing achievements in both history and the fight for equality. At St Mary and St Peters, one of our key curriculum drivers is diversity and this is reflected both throughout the year and across all key stages.

Year 3- Mary Seacole Year 4- Matthew Henson Year 5- Rosa Parks/Martin Luther King

Year 6- Ruby Bridges/Pele

Horstead Residential Report by Georgia S.

This week, Year 6 went on their residential to Horstead. The centre staff provided a variety of activities for the class to experience like crate stacking, canoeing, archery, climbing, zipwire, raft building and team challenges all of which built up life skills like listening and communication. The entire class were split in to two groups and they moved around each activity. The staff were extremely kind and provided three tasty meals a day, although we did have to make our own sandwiches! On the first night, we toasted marshmallows on the campfire.

Even though the activities were full on - many could have done with more sleep over the two nights. Unfortunately, we also saw a few children get a little bit wet after their raft capsized. During the evening, we had the use of a lounge and games room which had a pool table, table tennis and football table ensuring that no child was bored when they were not on an activity.

Overall, we all had a great time, even if we were a little bit tired the following day.



Kayah in Year 5

Kayah participated in the XIV WUKF European Karate and Kobudo Championships, held from 9th to 13th October 2024 in Warsaw-Pruszkow, Poland. She displayed remarkable determination and dedication, inspiring many athletes with her resilience and ultimately securing the title of European Champion once again.

Her countless hours of hard training, discipline, and sacrifice paid off, as Kayah returned home with the following achievements:

- 🏆 Gold Medal in Long Weapons
- 🥈 Silver Medal in KATA
- 🥈 Silver Medal in Girls Rotation Team Under 11 years old.

Well done Kayah!





Poppies for Sale



From next week donations over 50p



Please bring donations of cakes, biscuits and sweet treats to school on Thursday 24th October.

These will be on sale after school in front of the office at 3pm. Cakes 50p each. Please bring change (no notes please)

Many thanks.

Please bring in your donations of cakes before school on Thursday and they will be available to buy after school at 3pm for 50p each.



Operation Christmas Child



The boxes are starting to fill up with gifts. Please keep sending in age appropriate things.

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need.

Gift ideas:

Toys



Toy cars, Animal figures, Building blocks, Skipping rope, Tennis ball, Yo-yo, Spinning top, Mini frisbee, Fidget spinner, Finger puppets...

School Supplies

Pens, Pencils & sharpeners. Crayons, Felt tip pens, Ruler, Eraser, Writing pads or notebook, Solar calculators, Glue stick, Colouring books, Craft kits

Personal Care Items

Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Flannel, Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), Sponge, Non-liquid lip balm, Stick deodorant, Compact mirror.....

Accessories and other items

Hat, Gloves, Sunglasses, Cap, T-shirt, Socks, hair bows or clips, Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread), bracelet, Stickers

Important Dates for your diary

Christmas Concert – Year 1 upwards

Monday 16th December 1.45pm

Christmas Concert – Nursery upwards

Thursday 19th December 10am



School Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December 3 - 4.30pm



If any one has any gifts that they have been given that they would be able to send in for the tombola we would be very grateful. Many thanks.



Asda Rewards

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to support our school on the Asda rewards our pot is growing. If you haven't signed up yet please consider doing so there are 43 days to grow our pot of money.

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Cashpot for Schools

44 days left

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UK total raised
£83.36

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.



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)

Volunteers

Volunteers needed to support with daily reading at the school and regular school trips. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

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.