



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to Issue 1 of our school Newsletter!

This is our first issue for this academic year.

Just a little reminder that you can use a box on the top right hand side, to be able to read the Newsletter in your own language, by pressing the Translate button!

We have been happy to welcome the children back last week. All classes settled very well and children are enthusiastic and keen to learn.

We are proud of them. We will try to share with you their journey through this academic year through these Newsletters.

I hope you will log on regularly and enjoy reading all the great news about our pupils and our school community!

With the very best wishes  
Magdalena Tusting

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**Religious Life of the School**

On Wednesday 11th September, we celebrated the beginning of the new academic year with the school Mass in our local parish church, Our Lady of the Holy Souls.

This was the first Mass of the year and we were very impressed with children's wonderful singing and thoughtful, prayerful participation. Thank you to all the children and in particular to the three Altar Servers Zamarah, Nicholas and Kessiah as well as the readers: Amarah, Yael, Jazz, Gideon, Isaiah and Nazrawi.



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## Important Parent's Information

### Parents Information

#### Uniform

Thank you to the vast majority of our pupils who wear their full school uniform. We have noticed that quite a few children do not have their ties whilst at school. Please, note that the school tie is part of our school uniform. Could you, please ensure that your child wears the tie to school every day,

Pupils should be wearing **school shoes** when they are not wearing trainers as part of their PE uniform. Quite a few pupils are wearing colourful trainers, which are **not** part of the uniform, and we ask that you kindly check with your child and make sure they wear full school uniform, which includes black shoes.

Please note that if for any reason your child is not in full school uniform or full PE kit , we expect a note from parents to explain why this is the case.

### **Jewellery and Expensive items**

As part of our school uniform, the children are allowed to wear small studs. Any long, dangling earrings might be the cause of accidents and therefore are not allowed.

If children wear necklaces with any religious symbols, please, make sure that your child is aware that these need to be tucked under the clothing for health and safety reasons.

As you are aware, we advise that children do not bring any expensive items to school, as we **cannot take responsibility for loss or damage**. Only children in Y5 and Y6, who have permission to walk to and from school on their own, can bring phones to school. However, they have to hand them in at the gate and pick them up from their teachers at the end of the day. During school hours the phones are stored in the safe.

Pandora bracelets as well as other bracelets and necklaces or "smart" watches are **not allowed** as they can create a health and safety hazard. In addition, they are often expensive or hold sentimental value.

Additionally, as "smart" watches are connected to other devices via the Internet, they are therefore **not allowed at school for safeguarding reasons**. This is in line with government and local authority guidelines and we ask parents to help us ensure that these guidelines are followed.

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact the office to make an appointment with a member of Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support with these important issues.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance this year! Our overall attendance for this half term is **93.00%**, which is low. Our school target is **96.00%**.

We will continue meeting some parents in the new academic year to draw their attention to their children's absence. There is a strong correlation between school attendance and pupil outcomes. Please ensure your child is at school unless they are ill.

### **Holiday during term time**

The government policy is that holidays during term times are not permitted, therefore the school **cannot authorise** any absence due to holidays during term times. If you take your child/ren out of school for a holiday during term time, they will be referred to the Local Authority if necessary. Please note this for any plans you are making for the new academic year 2024-25. The Department for Education expects parents/carers to organise holidays outside of the school term dates. Your child/ren's learning will suffer by taking them out of school and it may result in disruptions to the learning of others. We have already referred some families to the local authority who will issue a penalty notice.

### **Contacts**

It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times. Our admin team, endeavour to update

our data systems with your details termly. This is essential for the wellbeing of your children and we need your help to ensure that you are contactable at all times. If there are any changes for 2024-25, please ensure you contact the school office at the beginning of the new academic year.

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## EYFS - Nursery & Reception

EYFS have had an amazing start to this academic year. We have been learning about the Colour monster and have been taking part in lots of different colour activities.

Everyone has settled in really well and we are so excited for the term ahead!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a great start to the year, to aid their transition they have been lucky enough to earn Golden Time at the end of each day and chose to explore the climbing frame!



## Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about numbers up to 100. Here the children were working in pairs to make double digit numbers using ten frames, base ten and straws.



## Year 3

In year 3, we have started the year recapping our knowledge of partitioning, part-whole models and place value so that we can be as confident as possible for our year 3 learning.



We had a lot of fun using Base 10 to think of lots of different ways we can represent the parts of a given number, as well as practicing our school values of co-operation and respect with our talk partners!

## Year 4

Year 4 have had a wacky start to the year creating crazy hair artwork! The focus was patterning and careful colouring.

We can't wait to see them up on display when they are finished.



## Year 5

Year 5 have settled in really well to Upper Key Stage 2. They have been working on being role models for each other and the rest of the school and doing very well in this.

They've also begun working with QPR on Mondays, looking at the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.



## Year 6

The Year 6 class have had a busy week with IntoUniversity learning about environmental science and the impact we can have on our world and communities through a keener understanding of the effects of waste, pollution and fossil fuel usage.



They have been researching renewable energy sources as well as spending a day in Holland Park, learning about a variety of creatures and their habitats.

The children created their own idealised cities and showed great community spirit by helping to clean up certain areas of the park as well as thinking about ways we can help our environments through individual and collective means.

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# School



## Breakfast Club & Tea Time Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am and will cost £4 per child, per day for children from Reception to Y6. Before your child/ren attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you book the sessions and make the required payments first.!

Tea-Time will be offered at St Mary's school up until Friday 20th September from 3.30 to 5.30pm. There after wraparound care will change and be delivered by a new provider from 3.30pm to 6pm in the evening. All parents have been provided with all the required information regarding the new providers.

If you would like your child/ren to continue to attend Tea-Time Club at St Mary's until Friday 20th September, please ensure you book the sessions and make payments, before your child attends this club.

**Booking is essential. This is not a drop-in service and parents will be rung and asked to collect their child if no booking has been made.**

**This provision is only available to children from Reception to Year 6.**

[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## Change of Wraparound Care Provision

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Wraparound Care

As you know, the Government has made it an ambition to ensure that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it should be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm.

At the moment, we provide Breakfast Club from 8am every morning and Tea Time Club at St Mary's until 5.30pm.

Our Breakfast Club will continue to run at St Mary's as it does now.

The Local Authority has created a new hub for after school care, which will provide care until 6pm for children from Nursery to Year 6. This will be run by a company called Aktiva and will be based at Ark Brunel. **From 23<sup>rd</sup> September, St Mary's will be part of that provision.**

Please see attached a welcome letter from Aktiva, setting out their service. The letter includes details of a face-to-face meeting at St Charles and an online meeting for parents to find out more and ask questions.

The walking bus will operate to take children to Ark Brunel.

Kind regards,

Magdalena Tusting  
Head of School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Aktiva Camps After School Club at St Mary's Catholic Primary School hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub! We are delighted to partner with the school to offer outstanding extended school services, and we look forward to creating a safe, fun, and friendly environment for your children.

**Club Information:** Our After School Club will run from the end of the school day until 6:00 PM. The children will be collected from their classes at the end of the school day and brought over to the Ark Brunel hub by walking bus by 3.40pm where they will be registered into our after-school club. There are 2 sessions available to book - Early session 3.30pm-4.30pm and a full session 3.30pm-6pm After school club service is hosted at the Ark Brunel school premises, in the main hall, and pick-up for parents will be from Ark Brunel main reception door. An Aktiva sign with our contact number will be available on the door. Please call if a staff member is not at the door to collect your child.

**After School Club:** At the end of the school day, your children will be collected from their teachers and brought over to the Aktiva setting at Ark Brunel via a walking bus provided by the school. They will be grouped by key stage and offered a substantial snack, including fruit, vegetables, dips, sandwiches, wraps and bagels. We encourage children to help plan our menus and choose their favourite items. Each session includes a variety of activities: tennis, football, bench ball, and arts and crafts. Depending on the number of participants, children will be grouped by key stage or year group.

**Contact Information:** Aktiva's Ark Brunel contact number: 07776657491 - only available during service (3.30pm - 6pm). For all queries regarding bookings please email [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com) or call our parent enquiry number on **0203 551 8909**.

**Booking Aktiva Services:**

**Annual Pass:** Our online booking system lets you select the days you need each week, reserving a spot for your child for the whole school year. We only charge for the days your child attends. There are 190 school days in the year. Our fee is calculated based on the days you choose, then spread evenly over 11 months for easy payments.

**Single Sessions:** Book until 1 PM on the same day for After School Club. This flexibility allows parents to use our services as needed. Places are subject to availability and strict cutoffs.

**Booking and Pricing:** Please visit [www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com) to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.



#### Monthly Prices

After School Club	1 day/week	2 day/week	3 day/week	4 day/week	5 day/week	Single session bookings
Full session – 3.30pm - 6pm	£42	£84	£126	£168	£210	£14
Early session 3.30pm - 4.30pm	£19	£38	£57	£76	£95	£8.70

**Price per session annual pass – Full Session - £12**

**Early Session - £6.70**

Aktiva accepts childcare vouchers and payment from the Government Tax Free Childcare scheme. We also support parents to access Universal Credits and Student Finance financial support.

If you have any queries, please email [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com). Our phone lines are busy, so email us your query with a phone number, and we will get back to you. The booking system for the 2024/2025 academic year is now live.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

- **Annual Pass:** One month written notice is required to cancel/reduce days.
- **Single Session Booking:** Two weeks written notice is required to cancel or change days. All cancellation requests will be held as credit on your account.

Please send cancellation notices to [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com).

**Medication:** Aktiva staff do not have access to the school medical room. We require essential medication such as inhalers or EpiPens to accept your children into the service.

**More Information:** Aktiva will like to give parents the opportunity to find out more information about the services available. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, we will be at St Mary's from 3.00pm to answer any questions you may have. A zoom meeting has also been scheduled for the 17th September at 6.30pm for parents who are not able to attend in person. The details are

***Topic: Aktiva Services @ St Mary's***

***Time: Sep 17, 2024 06:30 PM***

***<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81504426704?pwd=ZWQH6A4JYPz31tWaOly9yYl0sz4v0B.1>***

***Meeting ID: 815 0442 6704***

***Passcode: qi0q1E***

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## **Star of the Term**

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week Certificate** - Friday 13th September 2024

### **Star of the Term:**

EYFS-Nursery & Reception - **Whole Class**

Y1 - **Jack**

Y2 - **Renai-Mae**

Y3 - **George**

Y4 - **Lee-Lee**

Y5 - **Yael**

Y6 - **None this week, due to Y6 attending the Into University Programme**

### **Star Readers**

Y1- **Jack**

Y2 - **Renai-Mae**

Y3 - **George**

Y4 - **Lee-Lee**

Y5 - **Yael**

Y6- **None this week, due to Y6 attending the Into University Programme**

### **'Handwriters' of the week**

Y1- **Noel**

Y2 - **Harry**

Y3 - **Jayden**

Y4 - **Alessia**

Y5 - **Layla**

Y6 - **None this week, due to Y6 attending the Into University Programme**

**Congratulations to all the Stars of the Week, Star Readers and Writers!**

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We would like to share some important dates for the first half term with you.

We will also be adding some more dates and will share them with you soon, so please keep checking the Newsletter and the Parents' Information Board on the front gate.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th September 3.40pm Y1 Class meeting

Tuesday 10th September 3.40pm Y2 Class Meeting

Wednesday 11th September 3.40pm Y3 Class Meeting

Thursday 12th September 3.40pm Y4 Class Meeting

Friday 13th September 3.40pm Y5 Class Meeting

Monday 16th September 3.40pm Y6 Class Meeting and Secondary Transfer Meeting

### PE Days:

Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit.

Tuesdays - **Years 1, 2, 3 & 5**

Wednesdays - **Years 2, 3, 4 & 6**

Thursday 19th September: **Auditions for the St Mary's Talent Shaw**

Friday 20th September: **Jeans for Genes MUFTY Day**, please wear jeans and own clothes and please, **bring £1**

Thursday 26th September: **St Mary's Talent Shaw and Raffle** 3.45pm – 5.00pm

Friday 27th September: **MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning** – staff; **MUFTY Day fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support** - children and staff

Month of October: **Black History Month**

Thursday 10th October: **World Mental Health Day**

### Parent Consultation Meetings:

**Monday 21st October 3.45pm – 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 22nd October 2.30pm – 5.00pm (Please, note, school closes for children at 2.15pm – please ensure your child is picked up on time)**

Thursday 24th October: Autumn Ball:

· EYFS 2.00pm – 3.00pm

· KS1 3.45pm – 4.45pm

· KS2 4.45 – 5.45pm

**Half term holiday: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November**

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## Term Dates 2024-2025

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#### Autumn Term – 2024

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##### First Half Term

Staff Training – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September - *School Closed*

First Day of School – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Last Day of School – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

##### Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Last Day of School – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

**Christmas Holiday** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

#### Spring Term - 2025

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##### First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – *School Closed*

First Day of School – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Last Day of School – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

##### Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of School – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

**Easter Holiday** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

#### Summer Term – 2025

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##### First Half Term

Staff Training – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – *School Closed*

First Day of School – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Bank Holiday** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of School – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half Term** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

##### Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – *School Closed*

Last Day of School – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

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