



St Mary's
Catholic Primary School





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Newsletter - Friday 20th June 2025

Message to parents from Ms Geraldine Hampton

Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to Issue 34nd of our Newsletter.



Your children have coped very well with the hot weather and as the warm weather is set to continue next week, please continue to follow the hot weather guidance contained within the body of this newsletter. To try and keep your children safe at school, we will only be letting them outside to sit in the shade and to do quiet play/book reading.

At the hottest part of the day, we will keep the children in the shade or, if necessary, inside. Please ensure that your child puts on sunscreen before they come to school and wears a cap. They should also bring their water bottle if they do NOT already have one at school.

Yesterday, was the feast of the of Corpus Christi. The celebration is associated with the commemoration of Jesus's Last Supper with his Apostles before His crucifixion. Still, the focus of Corpus Christi isn't the passion and death of Jesus Christ, but rather that he is here among us for all time. And Catholic mass is the central element of the feast.

I would like to wish you a restful weekend and enjoy the lovely weather.

Ms Geraldine Hampton

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Guidelines for the hot weather!

Government guidelines:

- A relaxing of the school uniform rule. Parents will be sent permission to allow children to wear their School PE kits.
- The School will insist that children come to School wearing a sunhat. Children will not be allowed to play outside without one.
- Whilst outdoors, children are encouraged to stay in the shade as much as possible. If the heat is extreme the School will activate it is wet play procedure and children will kept inside under supervision during break times.
- Parents will be advised to apply Sunscreen with high sun protection factors before the School day commences to protect their child's skin.
- Staff will encourage children to take off their blazers and jumpers.
- Games and PE lessons will be cancelled.
- Where possible, classroom doors and windows will be opened to encourage cross ventilation. The site manager will ensure windows are opened early in the morning, before children arrive.
- Electric lighting will be kept to a minimum and electrical equipment will be not be left in 'standby mode', as this generates heat.
- · Mechanical fans will be used in classrooms to increase air movement.
- Children will have direct access to their water bottles in class and to the water fonts in the playground. Staff will encourage children to drink more water than usual in hot weather.

Class Group Photo's & Year 6 individual photo's

Class Group photographers will be taken on Tuesday 24th June 2025. The Year 6 pupils will also have their individual photo's taken for their leavers book.





Picture Day!

Picture Day.

Children should come to school in their summer uniforms and bring their PE t-shirts and shorts with them to change into.

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

This coming Sunday, 22nd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ).

This Feast is usually celebrated on Thursday after the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and this took place yesterday in a lot of countries around the world. In some countries, it is a Bank Holiday so that people can attend Holy Mass and Corpus Christi processions. In England the Feast of the Corpus Christi is celebrated on Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity (this coming Sunday).



We had the Votive Corpus Christi Mass in church yesterday. As always, the children took active part in the Holy Mass through altar serving, Reading the Word and Bidding Prayers as well as through their beautiful singing throughout the Mass.

The parishioners have, again commented on how wonderful it is to celebrate the Mass with the school and they praised our children for their amazing singing ('angel voices') and also for their reverence and behaviour.







Second reading, a reading from the 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.'



In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

This half term we are looking at the school value of **Tolerance** and the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of **Common Good**. These two important themes will be recurring throughout all areas of our curriculum.





Tolerance refers to the ability to accept and respect differences in opinions, beliefs, or behaviours of other people, even if they differ from one's own.

It is the ability to live together in harmony despite our divergences. Being tolerant involves being understanding, open, and respectful towards the diversity of ideas, cultures, religions, and ways of life.

It does not imply agreeing with everything, but rather seeking constructive <u>dialogue</u> and avoiding attitudes of rejection or discrimination. Tolerance p

romotes peaceful coexistence and fosters mutual understanding in a diverse and plural society. The Catholic Social Teaching (CST principle of the **Common Good** refers to the social conditions that allow all individuals and communities to flourish and reach their full potential. It's a central idea in CST, closely linked to **Human Dignity and Social Justice**. The Common Good emphasizes shared responsibility for ensuring the well-being of everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

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New diary dates will continue to be included weekly

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Important dates:

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June 2025	
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Class group pictures/Y6 individual photo's
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 30th June 2025	Staff INSET, school closed
July 2025	
1st to 4th July 2025	Science Week
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 4 th July	Summer Fair
7th to 11th July	Sports Week
Thursday 10 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass and assembly
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm

Year 6 dates and timing for their end of year events

Tuesday 15th July 2025-Y6 Production

Children go home after school as normal and return at 4:45 p.m.

Production start time: 5:30 p.m.

Friday 18th July 2025

Mass and Awards

Leavers Mass at the church at 9:30 a.m. followed by Year 6 Awards Ceremony in the School Hall at around 10:30/10:45a.m.

Y6 Prom

Parents have access to set-up from 2:00 p.m.

Prom 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Please note: parents are not to stay for the prom. You may return from 7:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. to join the children and take photos etc.

A message regarding Attendance and Punctuality from Ms Hampton

Dear Parents/Carers,





Excellent attendance is fundamental to an excellent education. Our Attendance policy follows the policy outlined by the Education Secretary, stating that children are not to be absent from school for holidays or other non-essential reasons during term time. Only in exceptional or mitigating circumstances will an absence be approved.

Illness

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school or absent from school for any reason, please phone the school on 0208 2053790 before 8.40 am.

We have an answerphone where you can leave a message before the office opens, please speak clearly with your child's name, class and the reason your child is unwell.

You can use the absence line from 8.00am to speak to a member of the office.

If we do not receive any information from a parent/carer in the morning, we will contact parents/carers asking them to phone the school. If we do not hear from you we will pursue all contacts regarding a child's absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. Please leave a message by 9.00 am each day of their absence.

If your child has either vomiting or diarrhea, they should stay at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is a recommendation from Public Health England to protect other pupils and staff. If a child is sent into school within the 48 hour period, we will contact the parents/carers and ask for the child to be collected from school.

Any absence can result in a loss of continuity for your child's education and upset their balance of learning. As a school, we are required to provide details of all unauthorised absences to the Local Authority.

Medical and Dental appointments

We ask that you please make every effort to avoid booking medical and dental appointments during school time. Where this is unavoidable, parents/carers should put this in writing to the school office and attach a copy of the appointment card or letter before the date of the appointment. Please also include the time you will need to collect your child. If arriving late, please ensure that your child is accompanied and signed in by an adult at the school office for safeguarding reasons.

Other Absences

Requests for absence during term time will not be authorised unless there is deemed to be an exceptional circumstance. Local Authorities have the power to serve parents with a Fixed Penalty Notice if a child has significant or repeated days of unauthorised absence.

Being Punctual

School starts at 9.00 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their classrooms by 9 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best start to the day for our children.

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time if they are to get the most out of their education. Being late is disruptive for your child but also for all the other children in the class.

Punctuality

5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.

Punctuality is continually monitored. The gates open 15 minutes before the school day begins. If your child arrives after this time, then they will be recorded as late in the register!

Attendance is regularly monitored by the local authority who will fine any unauthorised absences.

Expectation of children being collected at the end of each day

We expect all parents/carers to collect their children on time. Once the gates have closed, the children who have not been collected are brought into the office. If there are exceptional circumstance which are causing a delay, please contact the office immediately.

We do not have capacity to look after any children who are not picked up after that time.

As you are aware, the office gets very busy and the children cannot be left unsupervised in the reception area as it might pose the safety risk.

Please, ensure that you have arrangements in place to pick up your children on time.

Aktiva, the company running Wrap-Around Care in the RBKC North Hub in Ark Brunel, does take one-off bookings, so please feel free to use their services in emergencies.

Avenues Youth Project offer after school activities and a Walking Bus service, where they collect the children at the end of the day. Please see the information below on how to sign your child up.

Donations for Baby and Toddler Group

Dear Parents.

We would like to ask any families for donations of baby play toys in good or new condition for our Parent and Baby/Toddler Group starting in May on Wednesday mornings.

We would like any wooden puzzles, wooden shape play toys and any musical instruments.

Thankyou for your support.



New Baby and Toddler Group

All Welcome!





New Baby and Toddler Group - all welcome

We are hosting a new baby and toddler group at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Please come along and meet other parents, enjoy messy play, singing and rhymes and explore outdoor activities in our large open grassed space!

Wednesdays 8.45am – 10.15am.

All are welcome! Parent/Carers stay and play with your child.







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Come to our new EYFS building entrance where we have plenty of buggy parking space!



Dates 2025 (Summer Term) 8.45am – 10.15am

7th and 21st May

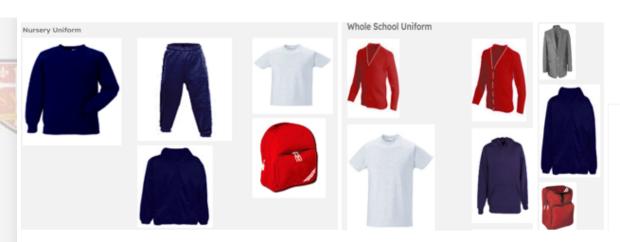
4th and 18th June

2nd and 9th July



Whole School Uniform

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Sweatshirt – Crew neck	Embroidered - With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester			
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T-Shirt	Embroidered - With School Badge	100% Cotton			
Infant Backpack	Embroidered - With School Badge	Polyester			

Whole School

Knitted Jumper	Embroidered – With School Badge	V-neck.	
Knitted Cardigan	Embroidered – With School Badge	Colour matched	
Blazer	Embroidered – With School Badge	Phone and internal zipped pockets, Teflon coated Polyester buttons. Courtelle	
Hooded Sweatshirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester	
Jogpants	Plain	2 pockets. Elasticated waistband.Cotton/Polyester	
T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton	
Reversible Jacket	Embroidered – With School Badge	Concealed hood. Reflective tape. Polyester	
Infant Backpack - Reception to Year 2	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester	
Junior Backpack - Year 3 - 6 Only	Embroidered - With School Badge	Polyester	
Gym Bag - Reception - Year 6	Embroidered – With School Badge	Rucksack style. Zipped pocket. Name display pocket. Polyester	
Tie	Plain	Broad Stripe design. Polyester Clip on also available	

Summer School Dresses

Due to hot weather, the girls can now wear the red and white Gingham summer dress only (not school red Ginham culottes)

Please ensure dresses are knee length.



School Tie (compulsory)

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A gentle reminder that all children in Reception to Year 6 are all expected to wear their school ties.

The St Mary's school tie gives the school its unique identity and this is something we want to preserve and promote throughout the local area.

New elasticated ties -

in response to parent and pupil feed back, we have decided to phase out clip on ties and replace them with elasticated ties. These are now available.



Staff will be checking to ensure that all school uniform criteria is followed. Thank you for your support.

Clubs - May to July 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Clashes	Yr 6 booster	Yr 6 booster	Yr 3 Holy Communion Yr 5/6 street dance	Choir KS2 Yr6 booster	Open to all
R-KS1	Rec-KS1 Athletics Outside	Rec-KS1 Gymnastics Inside	Rec-KS1 Football Outside	Rec-KS1&KS2 Art Club Inside	Rec-KS1 Multisports Outside
KS2	NO CLUB	KS2 Football Outside	NO CLUB	NO CLUB	KS2 Gymnas(ﷺ (Ctrl) ▼ Inside

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. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Class PE sessions

Wednesdays: EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y6

Fridays - Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Important 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

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Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week!

Our overall attendance is the same as last week is 92.08%. This is extremely low and as a school community, we need to do much better. Our school target is 96.00%.

If required we will arrange to meet with parents, 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.

Look what we have been doing-Early Years & Key Stage 1

This week Early Years have been reading a story called 'The Naughty Bus'. We have had such fun, building buses, drawing different types of transport and even making buses using junk modelling.

It has been so lovely having some joint learning this week while Reception class have been having some assessments. To end the week and keep cool we have been celebrating with lots of ice lollies and water play outside in our wonderful play area.







This week Year 1 created their very own stain glass windows as part of their R.E learning.

We also made the most of this glorious weather and took our phonics lesson outside!

Year 1







In Science we have started our new unit on Plants. The children have planted broad bean seeds and we will be observing them closely over the next few weeks to watch them germinate and develop into plants.

Year 2

The children are writing diaries to record their observations.



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am and will cost <u>£4</u> 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.!

<u>This provision is only available to children from Reception to Year 6.</u>
<u>www.schoolgateway.com</u>

Avenue Youth Project Primary AfterSchool Provision

You can now sign up to the Avenue Youth Project for Afterschool Provision, they also provide a walking Bus Service.



Akvita Wraparound Care

Aktiva Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub! Aktiva has created a safe, fun, and friendly environment for our children.



Club Information: Aktiva 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

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

Booking Aktiva Services:

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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 <u>www.aktivacamps.com</u> to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week Certificate - Friday 20th June 2025**

Star of the week:

Reception - Ayda

- Y1- Ineehsa, Pippa, Noel, Aniyah, Kai, Torrah-Leigh
- Y2 Whole Class
- Y3 Jayden
- Y4 Whole Class
- Y5 Jericho
- Y6 Whole Class

Star Readers

- Y1- No one this week
- Y2 Tay'Vion
- Y3 Matthew
- Y4 Elly

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- **Y5 Amy**
- Y6 Yaffet

Congratulations to all the Stars of the Week and Star Readers!

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term Dates 2024 - 2025 Summer Term - 2025

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 2nd June Staff Training - Monday 30th June - School Closed Last Day of School - Tuesday 22nd July - 1.30pm - School Closed

Term Dates 2025-2026



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Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn Term - 2025

First Half Term

Staff Training -Monday 1st September - Inset Day (no pupils) First Day of School – Tuesday 2nd September Last Day of School – Friday 24th October Half Term – Monday 27th– Friday 31st October Second Half Term Staff Training- Monday 3rd November- Inset Day (no pupils)
First Day of School - Tuesday 4th November
Last Day of School - Friday 19th December - School Closes at **1.30pm**

Christmas Holiday - Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term - 2026

First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 5th January - Inset Day (no pupils) First Day of School – Tuesday 6th January Last Day of School – Friday 13th February **Half Term** – <u>Monday 16th – Friday 20th February</u> Second Half Term First Day of School – Monday 23rd February Last Day of School – Friday 27th March – *School Closes at* **1.30pm**

Summer Term - 2026

First Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 13th April Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May Last Day of School – Friday 22nd May Half Term – Monday 25th May– Friday 29th May Second Half Term Staff Training – Monday 1st June – Inset Day (*no pupils*) First Day of School – Tuesday 2nd June Last Day of School – Friday 17th July – *School Closes at* **1.30pm**

Easter Holiday - Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Staff Training - Monday 20th July- Inset Day (no pupils)

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