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Catholic Primary School





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Newsletter - Friday 27th June 2025

Message to parents from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to Issue 35th of our Newsletter.

It has been a very hot week, with the weather changing frequently throughout the day.



We are very proud of all our children, as despite these difficult conditions, they have continue to learn across the curriculum, further developing their skills and knowledge.

We are pleased to see such commitment and positive attitudes to learning.

This week we had a special visitor form the Local Authority and she had a chance to speak to groups of children about their school, learning and other aspects of the school life. She gave us a wonderful feedback on how lovely the children were and how positively they spoke about feeling safe and happy at school, describing what they can do and who to talk to when they are worried about anything. They gave a beautiful testament to their education and personal development. Thank you to all the parents for working with the school for your children's sake.

Very well done, everyone at St Mary's!

Yesterday we had a chance to see a superb assembly presented by Year 5 pupils. The staff have been calling it the West End level assembly. The children presented their learning so well. Thank you to Mr Larke and Ms Roberts for helping them prepare and present this assembly. Well done

each and every pupil in Year 5! Your co-operation, hard work and dedication helped you present the Class Assembly of the highest standard!

Please, read the rest of the Newsletter to see what your children did this week. Please, also have a look at the dates for this term.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and a relaxing weekend.

Magdalena Tusting

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.

Science Week - from Tuesday 1st July to Friday 4th July 2025

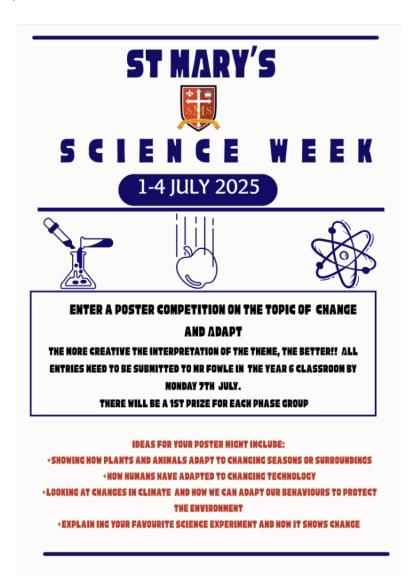
We are thrilled to announce that **Science Week** will be taking place at St Mary's from **1st to 4th July 2025**! This year's theme is "**Change and Adapt**", and we're inviting all students to take part in a **school-wide poster competition**.

Whether it's how animals adjust to the seasons, how humans respond to new technologies, or how our climate is shifting—students are encouraged to explore and express the theme in the most

creative way possible.

Posters should be submitted to **Mr Fowle in the Year 6 classroom by Monday 7th July**, and there will be a **1st prize awarded for each phase group**!

Get inspired, get scientific, and get involved—Science Week is a great opportunity for students to think big, be curious, and celebrate the wonders of science.



Catholic Life and Mission of the school

This coming Sunday is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29th each year, commemorating the martyrdom of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Rome. It's a significant liturgical feast, specifically a solemnity, in the Catholic Church.

The date is believed to be either the anniversary of their deaths or the translation of their relics. Saints Peter and Paul are foundational figures in the early Church, with Peter as the first leader and Paul as a key missionary.

They are celebrated together on the same day, reflecting their shared importance and leadership in the Catholic Church.

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





Cooperation means working together to achieve a shared goal. It's like being on a team where everyone helps each other and contributes their skills to make something great. Cooperation is important because it helps us achieve more, learn from each other, and build stronger relationships.

The Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principle of the **Solidarity** is the principle that emphasizes the interconnectedness and interdependence of all people, urging us to work together for the common good and to support one another, especially the poor and vulnerable. It's not just a feeling of compassion, but a firm commitment to promoting justice, equality, and human dignity for all.



New diary dates will continue to be included weekly

June 2025			
Monday 30th June	Staff INSET, school closed		
July 2025			
1st to 4th July	Science Week		
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 1 Class Assembly		
Friday 4 th July	MUFTY Day own clothes and Bring a Bottle day		
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		

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,

Re: Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Punctuality

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.

<u>Punctuality</u>

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.

New Baby and Toddler Group

All Welcome!



St Mary's Catholic Primary School East Row North Kensington W10 5AW



New Baby and Toddler Group – all welcome

We are hosting a new baby and toddler group at $\mbox{\it St}$ 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.







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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Nursery				
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		

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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)

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

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



New elasticated ties -

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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.

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

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

Our overall attendance is the same as last week is 92.00%. 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

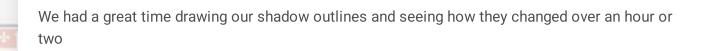
It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times. Our admin team, endeavour to update our data systems with your details termly. This is essential for the wellbeing of your children and we need 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 - Key Stage 2

In Science in year 3 we have been learning about light and dark.

Last week we learnt about what shadows are and how they changed based on the direction of a light source.











Year 4 had such a fun time at their ballet workshop last week. In preparation for their trip to watch a ballet, the children learnt about feet and arm positions, different jumps, leaps, turns and balances, and how to move to music.



The whole class were very enthusiastic and loved their experience with the London Children's Ballet instructors. We can't wait for our trip next week!







Year 5 performed a very successful class assembly this week.



They worked very hard on their lines and everything went very well on the day. Congratulations!



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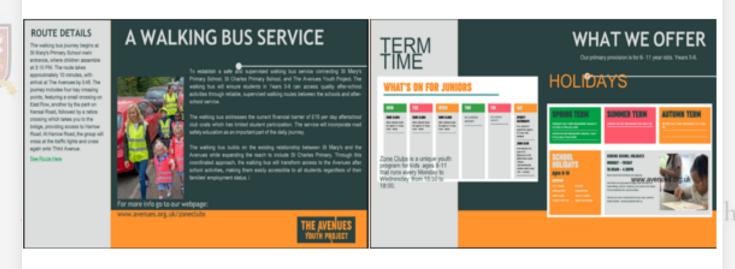
Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am and will cost $\underline{\mathbf{f4}}$ 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.!

This provision is only available to children from Reception to Year 6. www.schoolgateway.com

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:

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.

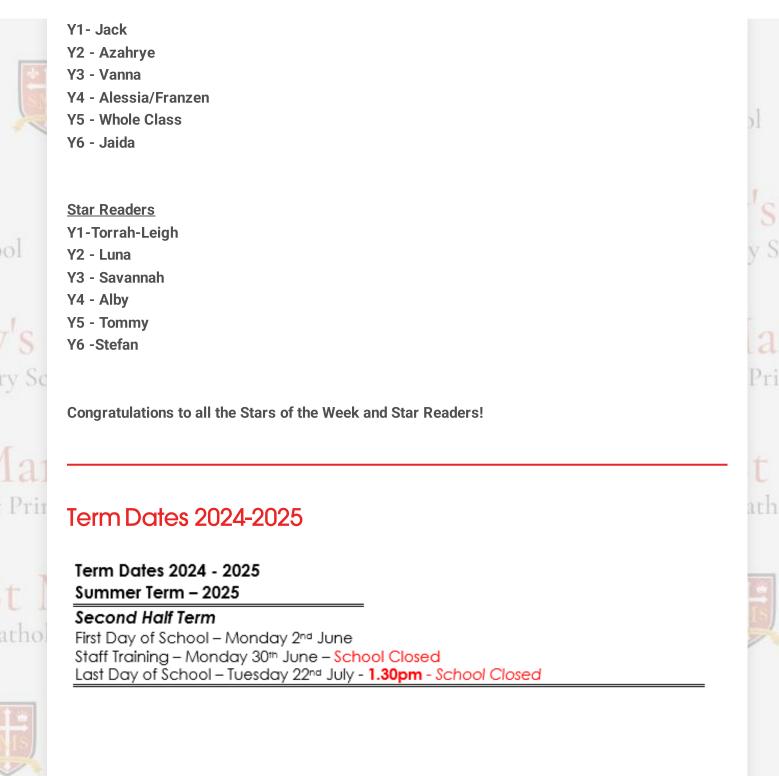


Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week Certificate - Friday 27th June 2025**

Star of the week:

Reception - Joshua



Term Dates 2025-2026

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Federation of St Charles and St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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 - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 23rd February
Last Day of School – Friday 27th March – School Closes at 1.30pm
Easter Holiday – Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

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**

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

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