



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 04th October 2024

Message to parents from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 4 of our school Newsletter!

The term is now in full swing and it is lovely to see the children settled and fully engaged in their learning. There are class visits scheduled to various London landmarks in an effort to support classroom learning.

The planned cycle of parent workshops has begun and I know that the parents' groups from both schools are busy planning events for our wonderful children, outside of the normal school day.

I would like to extend my thanks to the children, parents and staff who supported the MacMillan coffee morning events and donated generously to this worthy cause.

Just a reminder that parents' consultation evening will now take place **BEFORE** half term as we feel it is important that you get to meet your child's class teacher as soon as possible to discuss how they are progressing. Please sign up for an appointment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Wishing you all a very restful weekend,

Best Wishes,

Ms Hampton
Executive Headteacher

MacMillan Coffee morning

A big thank you to parents and staff for the support to the MacMillan coffee morning.



Autumn October 2024 - Parents' Evenings

Autumn Parents' Evenings will be taking place on **Monday 21st October** (3:45pm - 6:00pm) and **Tuesday 22nd October** (2:30pm - 5:30pm). Appointments can be made on the **School Cloud System** and will be open from 12:00pm on Monday 7th October.



Please note that, to facilitate the earlier start time on **Tuesday 22nd, school will finish at 2:15pm on that day only**. Please make sure you make suitable arrangements for collection.

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Holy Rosary

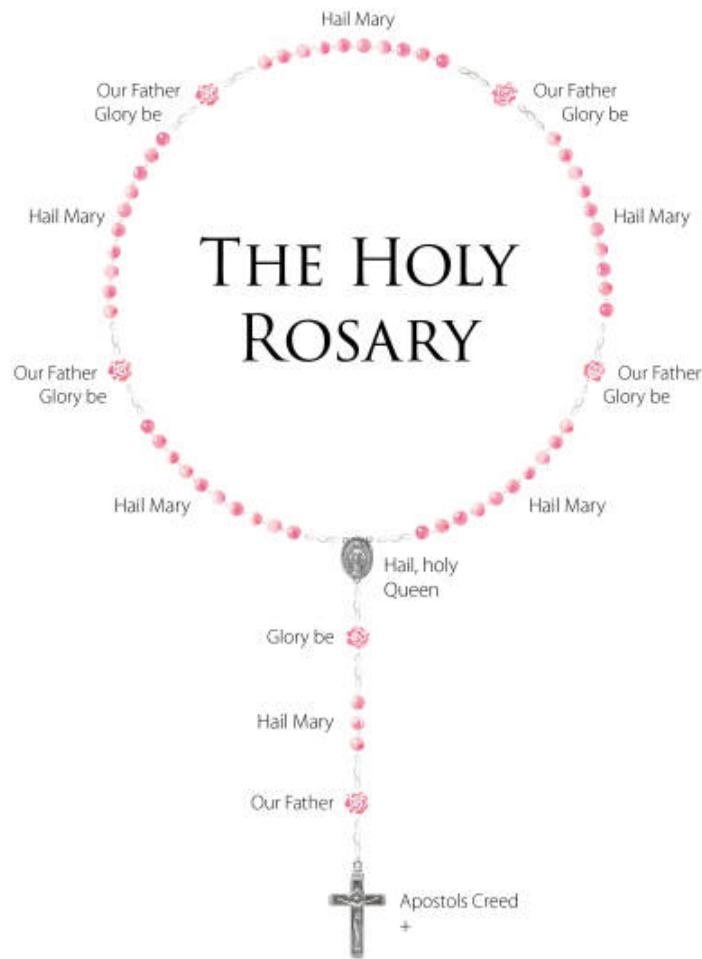
October is the month dedicated to **Mary, the Mother of God** and our School patron. It is also a month of the **Rosary**. The liturgical feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated annually on 7th October.

It is widely believed that in 1214 St. Dominic had a vision of Mary.

She is said to have presented him with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed. The tradition also states that the beads were made of the rose wood and smelled of roses. The word rosary itself comes from the Latin "rosarium," meaning a garden or garland of roses.

There will be opportunities for the children to participate in praying the rosary with their peers over the next few days and weeks and to become familiar with this special prayer.

On Thursday 24th October we will have a special **Votive Mass dedicated to Our Lady** in our Parish Church of our Lady of the Holy Souls. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating this special Mass.



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 week! Our overall attendance for this week is **93.00%**, which is **very low**. 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.

School Admission Open for Nursery/Reception-2025 and all our other year groups!

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is a caring and welcoming community where every child and every family are valued. Our School Ethos and Values are at the centre of everything we do. Our children are friendly, kind, caring and supportive of one another. We are very proud of them! All interested families should apply as we have been delighted to welcome children from all oversubscription criteria.



**WE ARE HOLDING INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE NURSERY/RECEPITON
CHILDREN 2025-2026.**

THESE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON :

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 9.15am

or

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 5.00pm

All parents/carers looking for a Nursery or Reception place for their child in September 2025 are welcome to attend and take part in a tour.



Key Stage 1 and EYFS Class update

EYFS

Nursery have been learning a new book called 'Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?' They have thoroughly enjoyed the repetition of this book and have been engaging in retelling the story to their peers with some props.



Reception children have been reading the story 'Were going on a bear hunt'. They began to use their Literacy books for writing this week and are enjoying writing for pleasure in our story themed activities. To celebrate their learning this week, we are making bear pancakes.

Year 1

Year 1 had a fabulous time at the Tower of London this week, they have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.



They were able to answer questions and enjoyed a guided tour of the castle. Their behaviour was excellent and they made St. Mary's proud. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

In RE we have been learning about the story of Moses and how God helped Moses throughout his life, from when he was found in the River Nile to leading the Hebrews out of Egypt.



This week we acted out the story, up to where Miriam tells her mum that she can look after Moses at the palace.

School



Breakfast Club & Aktiva Club Information (Wraparound Care)

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.!

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

www.schoolgateway.com

Aktivita Wraparound Care

Aktivita Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub!
Aktiva is partnered with our school to offer outstanding extended school services. Aktivita has created a safe, fun, and friendly environment for our children.



Club Information: Aktivita 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 regarding bookings please email 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 to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.



Football Club & Multisport Clubs spaces currently available in all the year groups

There are Football Club and Multisport Club spaces still available in each year groups.

If you are interested in signing your child up for one of the clubs, please book and pay for the sessions on schoolgateway - www.schoolgateway.com

Once you have signed up for a club, please collect a permission form from the school office to be completed.



Star of the Term

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week Certificate** - Friday 04th October 2024

Star of the Term:

EYFS - **Wolfie**

Y1 - **Whole Class**

Y2 - **Zema, Lola, Maria, Ricardo & Nicholas**

Y3 - **Azrayah**

Y4 - **Caleb**

Y5 - **Amarah**

Y6 - **Bethel**

Star Readers

Y1- **Oly**

Y2 - **Luna**

Y3 - **Noah**

Y4 - **Kian**

Y5 - **Isaiah**

Y6 - **Whole School**

'Handwriters' of the week

Y1- **Kavarnie**

Y2 - **Anya**

Y3 - **Not this week**

Y4 - **Nathaniel**

Y5 - **Amy**

Y6 - **Sienna.M**

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

Month of October: Black History Month & World Mental Health Day



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

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.

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

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

Fridays - **Nursery, Reception & Year 6**

Class Assemblies Autumn Term

Y5 Class Assembly Thursday 10th October 9.05am

Y4 Class Assembly Thursday 17th October 9.05am

Y1 Class Assembly Thursday 7th November 9.05am

Y3 Class Assembly Thursday 14th November 9.05am

Y2 Class Assembly Thursday 21st November 9.05am

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

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term – 2024

First Half Term

Staff Training – Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd September - *School Closed*

First Day of School – Wednesday 4th September

Last Day of School – Friday 25th October

Half Term – Monday 28th – Friday 1st November

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 4th November

Last Day of School – Friday 20th December - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

Christmas Holiday – Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term - 2025

First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 6th January – *School Closed*

First Day of School – Tuesday 7th January

Last Day of School – Friday 14th February

Half Term – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 24th February

Last Day of School – Friday 4th April - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

Easter Holiday – Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

Summer Term – 2025

First Half Term

Staff Training – Tuesday 22nd April – *School Closed*

First Day of School – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

Last Day of School – Friday 23rd May

Half Term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

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*

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