



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 1 May 2026

Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to issue 30 of our Newsletter.

This week, we are delighted to see new opportunities enriching our curriculum across the school. Year 5 have begun their *Rhythm Studio* workshops on Wednesdays, where they are developing their musicality, teamwork and confidence through engaging, creative sessions. We look forward to seeing how their skills grow over the coming weeks.



Year 3 have also made a fantastic start to their swimming lessons this term. Swimming is such an important life skill, and we are proud of how the children have approached this new experience with enthusiasm and resilience.

A gentle reminder to families to please check the dates for upcoming Class Assemblies. These are always special moments in our school calendar, and we love welcoming parents and carers to celebrate the children's learning and achievements.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Unclaimed Scooters and Bikes outside Nursery Block

We have noticed that a number of scooters and bikes have been left at the front of the Nursery block, and they currently appear to be unclaimed.

If any of these items belong to your child, please arrange for them to be collected by Wednesday 6th May 2026. Any items that remain uncollected will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation.

As we continue through this term, we are reminded of the importance of commitment and perseverance in all that we do. In this spirit, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time. Good attendance and punctuality make a significant difference to children's learning, confidence and sense of belonging within our school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

I hope all our families have a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend!

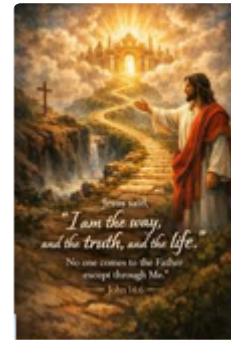
With best wishes

Mrs Tusting

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

5th Sunday of Easter

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, we continue glorifying the risen Christ. Gradually, Christ approaches his Ascension into heaven. Hence, He promised us a place with him in his kingdom if we persevere in our faith and love for one another.



In the Gospel for this coming Sunday, John 14:1-12, Jesus comforts his disciples, telling them not to be troubled, to believe in him, and that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He declares, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me", and affirms his oneness with God, promising that those who believe will do great works.

Our School Value for this half term is **Tolerance** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is the **Common Good**.



The principle of the **Common Good** in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) means acting in a way that benefits everyone—not just

ourselves or our close friends. It is the idea that because we are all part of one human family, we must ensure that all people have what they need to live, thrive, and reach their full potential.

What is the Common Good?

"Thinking of Everyone": It is about making sure no one is left behind.

"Sharing the Earth": It means that the fruits of the earth (food, water, resources) belong to everyone, not just a few.

"Together is Better": It is the recognition that we are social beings who thrive through relationships, working together to create a fair society.

"Not Just Me": Moving beyond self-interest to consider how actions impact others.

Common Good: Children learn that their actions, even small ones, contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

Children's Multi-Activity
HALF TERM
Holiday Camps

Acton • Chiswick • Ealing
 Uxbridge • Fulham
 Hammersmith

25th-29th
May 2026
 7.45am-6pm,
 9am-3.30pm
 & 9am-5pm

For all camp dates, venues
 and to book your place, please visit
www.aktivacamps.com

Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED-registered children's day camp, providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun, and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™ each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high-energy, full of variety, and most importantly, fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs, and new friendships. **Building confidence and broadening experience™**

MAY HALF TERM CAMPS AT:
 Wendell Park Primary, Belmont Primary
 St Mark's Primary, John Locke Academy
 Mount Carmel, West Acton, Bousfield
 Acton Gardens, Queens Manor

Lots of fun and exciting sessions to keep children active and engaged.
 Sports: Rugby, Football, Cricket, Tennis, Archery & Axe throwing workshops, Arts and crafts, Pottery workshops, Team-building, Giant outdoor games, Science experiments, ...and so much more

School Day: 9am to 3:30pm - £40
 Acton Gardens, John Locke Academy, Brockembury, Queens Manor
 Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £48
 ALL VENUES
 Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £54
 Wendell Park Primary, Belmont Primary, St Mark's Primary, John Locke Academy, Mount Carmel, West Acton, Brockembury Primary
 CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Easy Online Booking:
www.aktivacamps.com
 Email: bookings@aktivacamps.com

Aktiva Half Term Holiday Camp

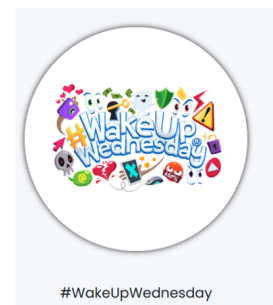
Aktiva is hosting a Children's Multi-Activity programme this May Half Term, offering a range of fun and engaging activities designed to keep children active, social, and entertained throughout the break.

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we continue to work closely with staff, pupils and families to ensure that all children are safe, both in school and online.

As part of our commitment to online safety, we are subscribing to *Wake Up Wednesday*. **Wake up Wednesday** is a national campaign by 'National Online Safety' which has been designed to inform and help parents understand the dangers and the attraction of different types of online activity. It covers everything from social media platforms, gaming and online gaming, mobile and iPad security and much more.

Online Safety Tips For Families



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This week: What parents and staff need to know about: YouTube:



For more information on how to keep you child safe online, please click on the link to our website page.

[Click here](#)

Please click on the link below to read the #WakeupWednesday guide on What Parents and Educators Need to Know about YouTube:

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New Parental Control Videos

Internet Matters have uploaded 3 new short videos onto YouTube, each focussing on parental controls for YouTube, Roblox and TikTok, the links are:

- [YouTube parental controls top features.](#)
- [The top 3 parental controls to use on Roblox.](#)
- [The top 3 parental controls to use on TikTok.](#)


Google Family Link

For children with Android devices, Google Family Link is a great way for parents to set restrictions. Internet Matters have released a brand-new YouTube video showing how to set up Google Family Link to customise content and screen time restrictions.

Click to [Set Up Google Family Link](#)

We encourage families to engage with these resources and to work in partnership with us to promote safe, respectful and responsible online behaviour, in line with our Catholic values of care,

Attendance Weekly Leaders Summer Term:



Reception	100%
Year 3	98.96%
Year 5	98.86%
Year 6	97.73%
Year 2	96.88%
Year 4	94.58%
N2	93.15%
Year 1	89.06%

Winners of the Pitch on Friday - Reception and Year 3

Year Group weekly Attendance



Diary Dates

New diary dates will be provided weekly

We would like to share some important dates for the Autumn 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.

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school is closed
Thursday 7 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am
Friday 8 th May	Wellbeing MUFTY Day – wear your own clothes
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20 th May	Spanish Day
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 5 Football Tournament
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am
Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd June	Pupils return after half term
Thursday 4 th June	Whole School Mass Corpus Christi
Tuesday 9 th June	Pupil Debate Workshop 'Discover your voice' by the English Speaking Union Y5 and Y6
Thursday 11 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 18 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 2 nd July	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass

PE KIT



PE Days:

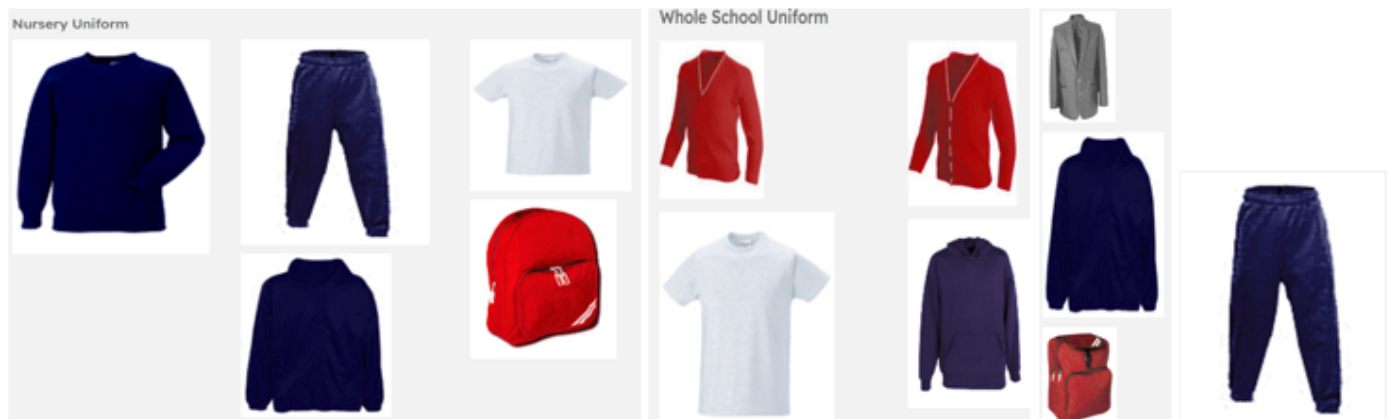
Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Please, find below the final PE days:

Mondays – Year 3 and Year 5

Thursdays – EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Whole School Uniform



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

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. Courtelee
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



Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 1st May 2026**

Star of the Week:

Reception - Sienna

Y1 - Malayah

Y2 - Jasmine

Y3 - Azahrye

Y4 - Alfie

Y5 - Mimi

Y6 - Jericho

Star Reader:

Y1 - Myla

Y2 - Torrah-Leigh

Y3 - Kadie

Y4 - (not this week)

Y5 - Liv (Olivai.A)

Y6 -Nicholas

Look what we have been doing - Early Years and Key stage 1

EARLY YEARS

EYFS have been learning all about Pentecost and Jesus' ascension. This week the children have been recalling what happened to Jesus after he died.

The children have been creating lots of different art work and images to represent different parts of the story. Reception children have been writing some simple phrases.

All children have shown such great listening and attention which is reflected in their ability to remember key moments in this significant Bible story.



Year 1 have been busy mathematicians this term, exploring all things measurement! From measuring length and height to investigating weight, volume and capacity, the children have been developing their skills in lots of exciting ways.

Year 1

With the beautiful weather on our side, we took our learning outdoors and put it into action. The children had a fantastic time measuring the volume and capacity of different containers using sand and water—there were plenty of smiles, splashes, and great teamwork along the way! It has been wonderful to see their curiosity grow as they explore and learn through hands-on experiences.



The children in Year 2 have had a special delivery of baby caterpillars! The children housed their caterpillars ensuring they had enough food for the next stage of their life cycle.

Year 2

We have been observing their growth and documenting their progress. We look forward to them growing into beautiful butterflies!



School



Breakfast 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.!

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.

ROUTE DETAILS

The walking bus journey begins at St Mary's Primary School main entrance, where children assemble at 3:15 PM. The route takes approximately 10 minutes, with arrival at The Avenues by 3:45. The journey includes four key crossing points, featuring a small crossing on East Row, another by the park on Kenard Road, followed by a zebra crossing which takes you to the bridge, providing access to Harour Road. At Harour Road, the group will cross at the traffic lights and cross again onto Third Avenue.

[See Route Here](#)

For more info go to our webpage:
www.avenues.org.uk/zonoclubs

A WALKING BUS SERVICE



To establish a safe and supervised walking bus service connecting St Mary's Primary School, St Charles Primary School, and The Avenues Youth Project. The walking bus will ensure students in Years 3-6 can access quality after-school activities through reliable, supervised walking routes between the schools and after-school service.

The walking bus addresses the current financial barrier of £15 per day after-school club costs which has limited student participation. The service will incorporate road safety education as an important part of the daily journey.

The walking bus builds on the existing relationship between St Mary's and the Avenues while expanding the reach to include St Charles Primary. Through this coordinated approach, the walking bus will transform access to the Avenues after school activities, making them easily accessible to all students regardless of their families' employment status. I

TERM TIME

WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS

TERM	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
SPRING	15.03.25	15.03.25	15.03.25	15.03.25
SUMMER	15.06.25	15.06.25	15.06.25	15.06.25
AUTUMN	15.09.25	15.09.25	15.09.25	15.09.25

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 8-11 that runs every Monday to Wednesday, from 15:30 to 18:00.

WHAT WE OFFER

Our primary provision is for 8-11 year olds, Years 3-6.

HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM

15.03.25 - 15.06.25

SUMMER TERM

15.06.25 - 15.09.25

AUTUMN TERM

15.09.25 - 15.12.25

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

15.03.25 - 15.06.25

15.06.25 - 15.09.25

15.09.25 - 15.12.25

Aktivita Wraparound Care

Aktivita Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub! 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: Aktivita'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 Aktivita 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 www.aktivacamps.com to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.

Term Dates 2025- 2026

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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

First Day of School – Monday 1st June

Last Day of School – Friday 17th July – **School closes at 1.30pm**

Staff Training – Monday 20th July – INSET Day

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

FACEBOOK

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TWITTER



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