

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 10th July 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Welcome to issue 39 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy week we've had in both schools!!! Although it has been a hot one, we have done our best to keep cool and carry on!



At the beginning of the week, children had the opportunity to meet other children from the next year group up and share learning experiences and look at books. We also welcomed visits from our new Nursery and Reception children who will be starting in September 2026.

This week, we enjoyed Sports day and two Summer Fairs. A big shout out to the parents who came along to support their children during Sports Day - it really makes for a great atmosphere.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to you, our families and friends, for volunteering to help and/or supporting the many events that have taken place. Thank you to all those who donated items and bought raffle tickets beforehand and during the Summer Fair. Your contributions help us to raise monies which goes directly back to benefit all of our children - schools rely heavily on such support more and more as budgets are stretched ever tighter.

Next Week, we look forward to sharing photos with you and we will let you know how much money we have raised.

Wishing you a very restful and happy weekend.

Best Wishes,

Summer Weather Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with:

- A named sun hat.
- Sun cream already applied before school (and, where appropriate, a named bottle if they are able to reapply it themselves).
- A named water bottle filled with fresh water.
- Summer school uniform, which is lighter and more comfortable for the hot weather.
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Throughout the day, staff will encourage children to drink plenty of water, seek shade where possible and take regular breaks from the sun during outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep everyone safe during this period of hot weather.





STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the car park is for the use of staff and authorised visitors only. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Our School Value for this half term is **Co-operation** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is the **Solidarity**.

The principle of the **Solidarity** in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is a core pillar of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) that recognizes the fundamental interconnectedness of all humanity. It dictates that because we are all one global family, we are responsible for one another and must actively work to ensure the common good.



Solidarity is more than a feeling of sympathy or vague compassion; it is a **"firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good"**.

Key Characteristics:

More than Charity: While charity provides direct aid, solidarity focuses on justice. It requires challenging and dismantling the systemic, structural causes of poverty, inequality, and oppression.

Interdependence: It acknowledges that the well-being of individuals is intimately tied to the well-being of the wider global society. As Pope John Paul II summarized: **"We are all really responsible for all."**

Walking with the Vulnerable: It involves listening to and empowering marginalized people so they can shape their own destinies, rather than just doing things *for* them.

Biblical and Papal Roots

Scriptural Foundation: It is rooted in the belief that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. St. Paul emphasized this unity, stating, **"All of you are one in Christ."**

Modern Papal Teaching: The concept has been deeply shaped by modern encyclicals. Pope St. John Paul II formalized it in his 1987 encyclical **On Social Concern**. More recently, Pope Francis's 2020 encyclical **Fratelli Tutti** (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) highlighted solidarity as a fundamental requirement to combat inequality.

How Solidarity is lived

Living out the principle of solidarity touches all aspects of life, including daily personal relationships, community organizing, and consumer choices. It inspires action like fair trade practices, advocacy for human rights, and supporting global relief agencies.

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA FAMILY HUBS

What's On This Summer for Families in RBKC

Family Hubs Summer Programme 2026 | Under 5s and Family Activities

Stay & Play Baby sessions Outdoor play Outings Workshops

Week 1: 3rd August - 7th August 2026

Monday 3 rd August	10:00am - 11:30am Ready Steady Nursery Workshop @ Holmfild House Booking required Suitable for children aged 18 months - 3 years. Prepare your child for nursery by supporting independence, confidence and early learning through play.
Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th August 5-session course	10:00am - 11:30am Baby Massage Intensive @ Clare Gardens Booking required Suitable for babies aged 6 weeks - 6 months. A gentle 5-session course supporting bonding, relaxation and baby massage routines.
Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th August 5-session course	10:00am - 11:30am Baby Massage Intensive @ Cheyne Family Hub Booking required Suitable for babies aged 6 weeks - 6 months. A gentle 5-session course supporting bonding, relaxation and baby massage routines.
Monday 3 rd August	1:30pm - 3:00pm Stay & Play @ Cheyne Family Hub Suitable for under 2s. A relaxed drop-in play session with toys, activities and space for children to play, explore and socialise.
Tuesday 4 th August	10:00am - 12:00pm Teddy Bears' Picnic @ Cheyne Family Hub Suitable for under 5s. Bring a cuddly toy and join in on our gentle family outing with outdoor play, fresh air and time together.
Wednesday 5 th August	1:00pm - 3:00pm Carnival Day Arts & Crafts @ St Marks Stay & Play Suitable for families with children under 5. Join us for a fun Carnival Arts & Crafts session as we create colourful masks, headpieces and props ready for St Mark's annual carnival on Monday 10 th August.
Thursday 6 th August	10:00am - 11:30am Ready Steady Nursery Workshop @ Holmfild House Booking required Suitable for children aged 18 months - 3 years Prepare your child for nursery by supporting independence, confidence and early learning through play.
Fri 7 th August	1:00pm - 2:30pm Baby Zone @ Clare Gardens Suitable for babies up to crawling. A calm drop-in session with songs, gentle play and space to connect with other parents.

Week 2: 10th August - 14th August 2026

Monday 10 th August	Under 1s 10:30am - 11:00am Over 1s 11:15am - 11:45am Music & Movement Session @ Cheyne Family Hub Garden A drop-in session with music, rhythm and movement in the garden, with simple songs and instruments.
Mon 10 th to Friday 14 th August 5-session course	10:00am - 11:30am Talking Steps @ Holmfild House Booking required A 5-session course for parents on supporting children's language development through play and everyday activities.
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th August 5-session course	1:00pm - 2:30pm Baby Massage Intensive @ Holmfild House Family Hub Booking required Suitable for babies aged 6 weeks - 6 months. A gentle 5-session course supporting bonding, relaxation and baby massage routines.
Monday 10 th August	12:00pm onwards St Mark's Carnival Day @ St Mark's Stay & Play Centre Suitable for families with children under 5.
Tuesday 11 th August	10:00am - 10:45am Baby Rhyme Time @ Clare Gardens Suitable for under 1s. A drop-in session with music, rhythm and movement with simple songs and instruments.
Wednesday 12 th August	10:30am - 3:00pm Cheyne Fun Day @ Cheyne Family Hub Join us at Cheyne Family Hub for a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family. Aimed at children aged 0-5, with siblings up to 12 years old welcome.
Thursday 13 th August	10:00am - 11:00am Garden Toddler Music & Rhyme @ Holmfild House Suitable for walkers up to the age of 5. Music, rhythm and movement in the garden, with simple songs and instruments.



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Week 3: 17th August - 21st August 2026

Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st August 5-session course	10:00am - 11:30am Baby Massage Intensive @ Clare Gardens Booking required Suitable for babies aged 6 weeks - 6 months. A gentle 5-session course supporting bonding, relaxation and baby massage routines.
Monday 17 th August	Under 1s 10:30am - 11:00am Over 1s 11:15am - 11:45am Music & Movement Session @ Cheyne Family Hub Garden A drop-in session with music, rhythm and movement in the garden, with simple songs and instruments.
Monday 17 th August	1:00pm - 3:00pm Play & Picnic @ Queen's Park Suitable for families with children under 5. We meet at Holmfild House for 1pm approx. and travel together. A relaxed family picnic and outdoor play opportunity. Families may wish to bring food, drinks and a picnic blanket.
Tuesday 18 th August	1:00pm - 2:30pm Water Play Outing @ Cremorne Gardens Let's meet at Cheyne for 1:00pm approx. and walk down together to enjoy some outdoor play and water fun at Cremorne Gardens, with time to enjoy the splash pad, riverside space and park facilities.
Wednesday 19 th August	10:30am-3:00pm Fun Day @ Meanwhile Gardens Play Hut Join us for a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family. Aimed at children aged 0-5.

Week 4: 24th August - 28th August 2026

Monday 24 th August	Under 1s 10:30am - 11:00am Over 1s 11:15am - 11:45am Music & Movement Session @ Cheyne Family Hub Garden A drop-in session with music, rhythm and movement in the garden, with simple songs and instruments.
Monday 24 th August	10:00am - 12:00pm Teddy Bears' Picnic @ Emslie Horman's Pleasance Park Suitable for under 5s. Meet at Holmfild House for 10:00am and walk down together. Join us for outdoor family fun, play and a picnic at Emslie Horman's Pleasance, known locally by some families as the Teletubbies park.
Tuesday 25 th August	1:00pm - 3:00pm Play & Picnic @ Holland Park Suitable for families with children under 5. We meet at Holmfild House or Cheyne for 1pm approx. and travel together. A relaxed family picnic and outdoor play opportunity. Families may wish to bring food, drinks and a picnic blanket.
Thursday 27 th August	1:00pm - 3:00pm Play & Picnic @ Queen Elizabeth Park Suitable for families with children under 5. We meet at Holmfild House or Cheyne for 1pm approx. and travel together. A relaxed family picnic and outdoor play opportunity. Families may wish to bring food, drinks and a picnic blanket.
Friday 28 th August	1:00pm - 3:00pm Teddy Bears' Picnic @ Cheyne Family Hub Suitable for under 5s. Bring a cuddly toy and join in on our gentle family outing with outdoor play, fresh air and time together.
Friday 28 th August	1:00pm - 2:30pm Baby Zone @ Clare Gardens Suitable for babies up to crawling. A calm drop-in session with songs, gentle play and space to connect with other parents.

Booking and venue information

Cheyne Family Hub 10 Thorsdike Close, W91D 0BT Clare Gardens Children's Centre 349 Westbourne Park Road, W11 1EG Meanwhile Gardens Playhut Elkstone Road, W10 5NT To book or ask a question South: 0207 361 2202 North: 0207 838 8400 / 0207 361 2726	Holmfild House Family Hub 4-6 Gidborne Road, W10 6PE St Mark's Stay & Play St Mark's Road, W10 6BZ Outings Meeting points at Hubs as listed above To get in touch via email/Instagram Email: familyhubs@rbkc.gov.uk Instagram: @rbkc_familyhubs
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Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Outdoor sessions and outings may change in poor weather.

RBKC Family hubs summer activities calendar.

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.

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Online Safety Tips For Families



#WakeUpWednesday

This week we continue with: What parents and staff need to know about Managing Digital Boundaries for Children under Five



Please click on the link below to read the #WakeUpWednesday guide on Top Tips for Managing Digital Boundaries for Under-5s

[Click this link](#)

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

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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, dignity and responsibility.

Important dates:

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

Weekly Attendance



New diary dates will be provided weekly

We would like to share some important dates for the remainder of the Summer Term with you.

Tuesday 14th July	Year 2 trip to the Cinema
Tuesday 14th July	Meet the teacher transition event
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 production
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 leavers' Mass – 9.30am
Thursday 16th July	Year 3 Trip
Friday 17th July	Musical Presentation

The School Day at St Mary's

Timetable

	Nursery	Reception	KS1	KS2
School gate opens	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45
School day begins	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
School gate closes	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Morning break begins	10.00	10.15	10.15	10.30 LKS2 10.45 UKS2
Morning break ends	10.15	10.30	10.30	10.45 LKS2 11.00 UKS2
Lunch begins	11.45	11.45	12.00	12.30
Lunch ends	12.15	12.45	1.00	1.30
School day finishes	3.15	3.15	3.20	3.30
School gate closes	3.30	3.30	3.40	3.40

Routine

Nursery and Reception children enter and leave the school through the **Nursery Gate**.

Year 1 children should enter and the school through the **KS1 gate** (to the right of the brown door). They leave via the brown door.

Year 2 children should enter and leave the school through the **KS1 gate** (to the right of the brown door).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children enter through the **KS2 gate** (to the left of the main school door).

Years 3 and 4 children leave the school at home time through **the back gate behind the pitch.**
Year 5 and 6 children leave the school at home time through **KS2 gate.**

Assembly Times:

Tuesdays 9.05am to 9.30am: KS2 Assembly

Wednesdays 2.45pm to 3.05pm: FS/KS1 Assembly (every two weeks)

Thursdays 9.05am to 9.30am: Class Assemblies

Thursdays 2.45pm to 3.15pm: Hymn Practice

Fridays 9.05am to 9.45am: Star of the Week Assembly

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 Uniform



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. 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



No Star of the Week for this week!

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

Year 3 have had a busy two weeks! We enjoyed taking part in Sports Day and were proud of the teamwork and determination shown by all of the children. In English, we have been writing narratives inspired by *Stig of the Dump* from Stig's perspective.

Year 3

We have also been preparing for the transition to Year 4 and are looking forward to the year ahead.

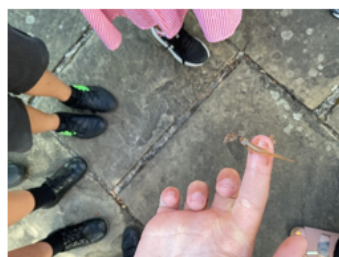


In Year 4, our current writing unit is a first person narrative describing Colin's first experience of the Secret Garden. To help us

Year 4

picture more clearly the beauty and excitement of the garden, we visited the garden across the road in the Park.

The children used personification to describe the lilies, butterflies, birds and trees they saw.



Stepping into the Future!

We kicked things off with an epic **Transition Day!** Our wonderful Year 6 students rolled out the red carpet to welcome Year 5, sharing top tips and exciting insider secrets about what makes Year 6 so amazing. Meanwhile, Year 5 stepped up as fantastic leaders to welcome visiting Year 4 students, giving them a grand tour and explaining all the fun things to look forward to next year.

Year 5

Summer Fair Success!

The excitement didn't stop there—our **School Fair** was an absolute blast! The sun was blazing, but nothing could stop the fun. Everyone dived into the fantastic activities, and when the weather got super-hot, our **ice-cold, delicious smoothies** saved the day and kept everyone cool



The children have been bravely enduring the heat this week and putting the final flourishes on what is set to be an excellent end of year production.

Year 6

They also participated in their annual Sports Day and showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, which was absolutely wonderful to witness. We are very proud of the effort made by every single student as we inch ever closer to the end of their St. Mary's journey.



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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 Kersall Road, followed by a red crossing which takes you to the bridge, providing access to Harrow Road. At Harrow Road, the group will cross at the traffic lights and cross again onto Third Avenue.

[See Route Here](#)

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.

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

THE AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT

TERM TIME

WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS

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

PRIVATE HOLIDAYS

15.06.25 - 15.09.25

Aktivita Wraparound Care

Aktiva 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

Second Half Term

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

Staff Training – Monday 20th July – INSET Day

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Charles is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters