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Newsletter - Friday 10th October 2025

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 05 of our Newsletter.

I hope you have had a good week.



Our ongoing activities and events scheduled throughout this month linked to Harvest time, Black History and the Rosary, are keeping your children very busy.

This time of year also allows our community to revisit the theology around the Common Good through our charitable works so our children have an understanding of why they are called to serve others. You will be aware that recently, we raised money for 'Macmillan Cancer Support' and as always, we thank you for your ongoing kindness and generosity.

Harvest is the season for giving thanks and this year, we having an afternoon tea event for our Grandparents' and Grand aunts and uncles. We know that many of our grandparents, grand aunts and uncles provide incredible support to many pupils in our school and this event gives our children a chance to say thank you. Please see the separate letter provided. Numbers are limited so please sign up early.

I am also delighted to see that many of our children are meeting regularly during the month of October to pray the Rosary in honour of Our Lady and also to pray for people across the world who are currently experiencing trauma, isolation and tragedy.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has made some contribution this term, whether it be through cake, uniform or financial donations or through prayer.

Wishing you a very happy and restful weekend.

Ms Hampton



Flu Immunisation sessions will take place on Tuesday 21st October and Tuesday 2nd December.

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and
vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick,
painless, effective flu
protection
(contains gelatine)

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE,
GELATINE-FREE injection
considered a
faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://nwl.schoolvacination.uk/flu/2025/kensingtonandchelsea>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or
refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

kensingtonchelsea@nwl.co.uk
0203 889 9925

Need more
information?
Please see our FAQs
sheet attached with
this letter.

Or visit our
website

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice.
If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at
school, they can still receive this important vaccine by
attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.
Details of these can be found on our website or you
can contact the team above.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season.
If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to
complete a second form.

LEARN MORE

<https://www.schoolvacination.uk/flu/2025/kensingtonandchelsea>

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvacination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dataprotection@nwl.co.uk

If you have not yet done so, please visit the office to collect and
complete the consent form indicating whether or not you give
permission for your child to receive the **nasal flu vaccine**.
Your prompt response is appreciated to help us ensure all records
are up to date.

RBKC Parenting Programme October - December 2025

RBKC are offering a parent programme and sessions regarding
helping with parent skills.

Parenting Programme & Group/Workshop	Description	Who is it for	When & Where	Contact details
Keeping the Child in Mind Programme (RBKC Early Help)	What is it? A 10-week programme for parents of children aged 0-5 years. It focuses on understanding your child's behaviour and emotions, and how to respond effectively. It includes a workbook and a video series. What's the best bit? The programme is delivered by a professional, experienced parent coach who will support you to understand your child's behaviour and emotions, and how to respond effectively. It includes a workbook and a video series. What's the best bit? The programme is delivered by a professional, experienced parent coach who will support you to understand your child's behaviour and emotions, and how to respond effectively. It includes a workbook and a video series.	Parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years	North Hendon Primary School Tuesday 10th September Address: 44 Hendon Road, W10 1RT Time: 10 to 11.30 Tuesday 17th November at Brompton Primary School Brompton Road, W10 1RT Time: 10 to 11.30	To book a place on this programme please email the Early Help Team at earlyhelp@nwl.gov.uk
Circle of Security Programme	At times, all parents feel lost or without a clue about what their child might need from them. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child says only coming from you. The Circle of Security Parenting Programme is based on decades of research about how a secure parent-child relationship can be nurtured and strengthened. This is an 8-week programme that will support you to understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional cues. It includes a workbook and a video series. Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions. Enhance development of your child's self-esteem. Honour the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be seen.	Parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years	South Hendon Primary School Tuesday 20th September to Tuesday 10th November Time: 10 to 11.30	For further information please contact the Early Help Team at earlyhelp@nwl.gov.uk

Please note if you are interested in any of the programmes (documented in this offer), please contact the organisation holding the programme or workshop.
For further information on our parenting programmes or workshops, please contact: Denise Lister (Early Help Parenting Practitioner RBKC)
denise.lister@nwl.gov.uk

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Our School Value for this half term is **Responsibility** and the
matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is Stewardship –
Caring for our Common Home.

We will be exploring thinking about how each and every one of us
can show responsibility in caring for and protecting our planet.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.

The Holy Rosary developed from ancient practices of using prayer
beads, evolving with the incorporation of the Hail Mary and
meditation on the Life of Christ. Tradition attributes the Rosary's origin to Holy Mary appearing to
St Dominic de Guzman who was given the Rosary to help encourage people to live in Christian
faith.



The Rosary serves as a means of contemplating Christ's life and participating in the spiritual
journey of the Virgin Mary.

This month of October, **Pope Leo XIV** invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for **peace in our world** and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives.

In October we also celebrate the feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church: **St. Therese the Little Flower** (France), **St. Francis of Assisi** (Italy) and **St. Teresa of Avila** (Spain).



St. Therese the little Flower



St. Francis of Assisi (Italy)



St. Theresa of Avila(Spain)

World Mental Health Day

Today, on Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day

Everyone goes through difficult times, and today more than ever, people are facing increasing pressure. Poor mental health can affect anyone, and is often linked to experiences like trauma, money worries, or stress. Trauma can take many shapes, and its impact feels different for everyone, making every experience unique and personal.



The 2025 World Mental Health Day theme is "**Mental health in catastrophes and emergencies**".

This theme highlights the importance of access to mental health services for everyone, particularly during conflicts, natural disasters, and other crises, emphasizing that mental health is essential for recovery and building resilient communities.

To acknowledge the day and help children understand the importance of recognising and managing own emotions, we help a 'Hello Yellow' MUFTY Day. Class Teachers have planned activities for each year group around the topic of emotions.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our MUFTY Day.



St Mary's Primary School OPEN DAYS



Nursery and Reception places for 2026

Join us for a tour and talk

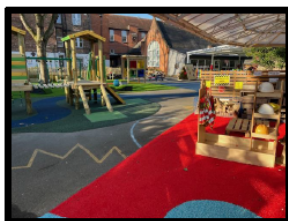
Wednesday 15th October 1.45pm
and

Wednesday 5th November 9.15am

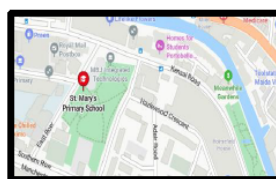


To book a place, please scan the QR code to visit our website

www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk



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Diary Dates

October 2025	Black History Month
Thursday 9 th October	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 16 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly
Thursday 16 th October	Fire Brigade visit for year 2 and Year 5
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 5 Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd October	Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2.00pm
Friday 24 th October	Year 3 trip to Victoria and Albert Museum
Half term holiday: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October.	
November 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	Staff INSET Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 4 th November	Back to school after half term
Thursday 6 th November	Whole School Mass in church 9.30am
Thursday 13 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly

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.

PE Days

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.

Wednesdays – **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6**

Fridays - **Year 3 and Year 4**

Monday 3rd November is **Staff Training Day** and the **school will be closed** to children. Schools resumes on **Tuesday 4th November**.

PE KIT



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.

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.

Whole School Uniform

School Tie (compulsory)

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.

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 94.05%**. 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

Year 3 worked hard to rehearse, perform and present their assembly to the whole school. They gave a barnstorming performance which everyone loved.

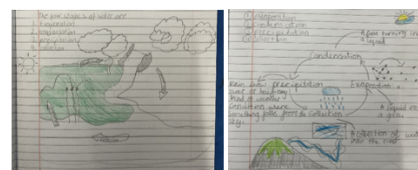
Year 3



We have been continuing our Science topic of "States of Matter". We have explored what happens to particles when a solid changes to a liquid (and the reverse change of freezing or solidification) and when a liquid changes to a gas (evaporation) and considered how these processes work in the water cycle.

Year 4

The children researched about the water cycle and then drew diagrams to show the four stages of the cycle.



Year 5 had an amazing trip to the National Gallery last week, admiring and creating some amazing sketches and lanterns based on the artwork in the gallery.

Year 5

We are looking forward to our next trip! We have just two weeks left of this term so we are going to be busy practicing for our class assembly to show you all of our learning so far in Year 5.



Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have enjoyed a range of scientific experiments related to electrical circuits. They had the opportunity to work in groups and create their own fully functioning circuits using items found in the classroom; applying all their learning so far this term.

Year 6

They have also been pushing themselves in English for their writing piece and produced excellent letters that fully reflect the dedication they have shown all week.



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.

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.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 10th October 2025**

Star of the Term:

Reception - George

Y1 - Whole Class

Y2 - Whole Class

Y3 - Whole Class

Y4 - Fatima

Y5 - Poppy

Y6 - Jeorgina

Star Reader:

Y1 - Ayda

Y2 - Jack

Y3 - Anya

Y4 - Alfie

Y5 - Julia

Y6 - Amy

Term Dates 2025- 2026

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