

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 11th September

Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Welcome to issue 1 of our Newsletter.

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

A very warm welcome back to all our families. We hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful and happy summer, and we are delighted to have our children back with us, ready for another year of learning, friendship, growth and discovery.

A new school year brings new opportunities, new experiences and new beginnings.

We are looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year to ensure that every child feels **safe, valued, included and inspired to achieve their very best.**

Our school values of **Kindness, Tolerance, Respect, Responsibility, Co-operation and Honesty** will continue to be at the heart of our school community, helping our children to understand not only how we learn together, but how we live together.

Our Uniform – A Sense of Belonging

Our school uniform is an important part of our identity. Wearing our uniform with pride helps children feel that they belong to something special – our St Mary's community. It promotes equality, pride and a sense of belonging, while reminding us that we are all part of a shared school family.

We are also very conscious of the increasing cost of living and want to support our families wherever we can. We are therefore developing a **pre-loved uniform collection**, where good-quality, clean and gently used uniform can be made available to families who may find this helpful.

If your child has outgrown any school uniform that is still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to school. Your generosity could make a real difference to another family, while also helping us to reduce waste and encourage a more sustainable approach to school uniform.

Thank you in advance for your engagement with this.

Every Day Counts – The Importance of Attendance

We would also like to remind families of the importance of **regular and punctual attendance**. Being in school every day and arriving on time gives children the very best opportunity to learn, develop friendships, build confidence and make the most of everything that school has to offer.

Every school day matters. Even occasional absence can mean that children miss important teaching, experiences and opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills. Arriving on time is equally important, as it allows children to settle calmly, begin their learning with their classmates and start the day feeling confident and ready.

We know that sometimes children are unwell or families experience circumstances that make attendance difficult, and we will always work with families to provide support where needed.

Our shared aim is simple: **to help every child attend school regularly, arrive on time and make the most of every precious day of learning.**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are very excited about the year ahead and all that we will achieve together.

Here's to a wonderful new school year at St Mary's – a year filled with learning, friendship, kindness, faith and opportunity!

With very best wishes,

Magdalena Tusting

Head of School

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Yesterday, on Thursday 10th September, we attended the Holy Mass in our parish church to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

Father Damian delivered a beautiful sermon about God seeing and listening to us like a parent does through a baby monitor.

Our children displayed excellent behaviour, great listening and reflection and sang beautifully. All the readers read clearly and reverently. We would like to thank them as well as the two altar servers who served really well.



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.



Autumn Term 1 - After School Clubs



Monday - Dance and Gymnastics for all

Tuesday - Multisport for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Football for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday - Football for KS2

Friday - Art for all classes.

Basketball for KS2

This week we look at: What parents and staff need to know about: What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **What's Real Online**



Please click on the link below to read the #WakeupWednesday guide on What Parents & Educators Need to Know about What's Real Online:

[Click this link](#)

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

[Click here](#)

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.

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



Important dates:

September 2026	
Friday 11 th September	Year 5 Class Meeting at 3.45pm
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 1 & 2 Class Meeting at 3.30pm
Week beg 21 st September	Year 6 Into University workshops and trips
Tuesday 22 nd September	Show Racism a Red Card Day
Wednesday 23 rd September	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6 at 3.45pm
Friday 25 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning, Cake sale after school
October 2025	
Black History Month	
Thursday 1 st October	School Census Day
Thursday 1 st October	First PTA meeting – all welcome
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day, Theme: Wonder
Monday 19 th October	Year 5 visit to see Bayeux Tapestry at British Museum
Tuesday 20 th September	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 22 nd September	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Grandparents' Afternoon Tea and Concert 2.00 pm
Half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.	
November 2025	
Monday 2 nd November	Staff INSET Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 3 rd November	Back to school after half term

New diary dates will be provided weekly

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

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

Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)
N2	100%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.1%
Reception	96.9%
Year 6	93.8%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 1	90%
Year 4	88.7%

PE KIT



PE Days:

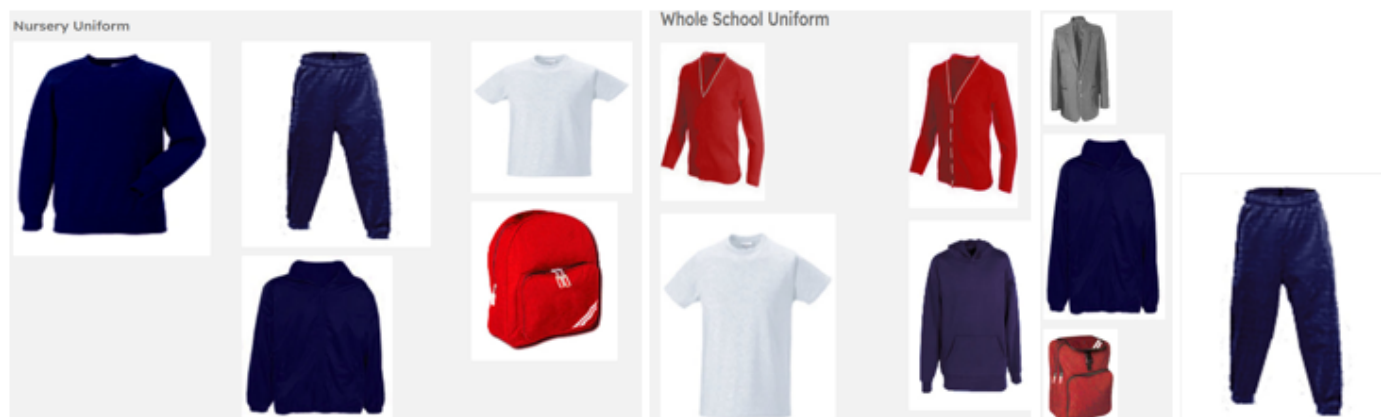
Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Please, find below the final PE days:

Thursdays: EYFS, Year 1 and 2, Year 4 and Year 5

Fridays: Year 3 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. 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



Star of the Term for Friday 11th September 2026

EYFS - Elizabeth

Y1 - Y1 and Y2

Y3 - Kaie

Y4- Alana

Y5 - Aislie

Y6 - Alessia

Star Readers

Y4 - Deontae

Look what we have been doing - EYFS and Key Stage !

Early Years have had a amazing week, seeing our returning faces along with welcoming new children. All children have been learning their new routines, making friends and enjoying playing inside the classroom and outside in the playground.

EARLY YEARS

We have been learning about the 'Colour Monster', a story who uses different colours to reflect feelings. After a successful week for all children we are all feeling much more Yellow!



Year 1 and Year 2 have had a fantastic first week of school! All of the children have adapted well to their new class format and routines of the day. Here are some highlights of our week so far.

Y1 & Y2

School



Breakfast Club

Free Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am for children from Reception to Y6. Before your child/ren attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you book the sessions a week in advance on the Arbor system.

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

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 Kersal Road, followed by a zebra 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. I

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

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

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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

Autumn Term – 2026

First Half Term

Staff Training – Tuesday 1st September – Inset Day (*no pupils*)
Staff Training – Wednesday 2nd September – Inset Day (*no pupils*)
First Day of School – Thursday 3rd September

Last Day of School – Friday 23rd October

Half Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Second Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 2nd November – Inset Day (*no pupils*)
First Day of School – Tuesday 3rd November
Last Day of School – Friday 18th December – *School Closes at 1.30pm*

Christmas Holiday – Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term – 2027

First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 4th January – Inset Day (*no pupils*)
First Day of School – Tuesday 5th January
Last Day of School – Friday 12th February

Half Term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 22nd February
Last Day of School – Thursday 25th March – *School Closes at 1.30pm*
Easter Holiday – Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term – 2027

First Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 12th April
Last Day of School – Thursday 27th May
Staff Training – Friday 28th May – Inset Day (*no pupils*)
Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May (*no pupils*)

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 7th June
Last Day of School – Wednesday 21st July – *School Closes at 1.30pm*

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