



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 16th January 2026

## Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 18 of our Newsletter.

It has been another busy and positive period in school, and we are really proud of our pupils.



Despite the recent wet and wintry weather, children have continued to show positive attitudes to learning and behaviour across the school. Classrooms remain calm, purposeful and full of enthusiasm, with many pupils demonstrating our Catholic values through kindness, respect and care for one another.

It has been lovely to see children embracing their learning and taking pride in their work, both indoors and outdoors whenever the weather allows. Thank you, as always, to our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment.

### 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.

In our Newsletters we will be sharing a weekly resource that provides up-to-date guidance on current online trends, apps and potential risks. These materials will support you in navigating the digital world safely and responsibly.

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.

I hope all our families have a restful weekend

Best Wishes,  
**Mrs Tusting**

## Catholic Life and Mission of the school

**This coming Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in Catholic Church**

The Gospel for Sunday is the gospel reading by **John 1: 29 - 34**

**'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'**



At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said,

'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me."

I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Our School Value for this half term is **Kindness** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is **Option for the Poor**. It is a core principle emphasizing a **preferential love and commitment to the needs of the poor and vulnerable**, seeing their plight as a challenge to the entire community, not just an individual problem, and calling for systemic change, empowerment, and justice, inspired by Jesus' own focus on the marginalized.



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Kindness*

It involves actively taking up the cause of the poor, advocating for them, sharing resources, and working for economic systems and societal structures that respect human dignity and ensure everyone's basic needs are met, making them central to moral action.



St Mary's Primary School  
East Row North Kensington W10 5AW

### Baby and Toddler Group – All welcome

Please come along and meet other parents, enjoy messy play, cooking and explore outdoor activities in our large open grassed space! We will be joined by the local librarian for rhyme time sessions with the children and reading stories too! **Bring a reusable mug if you can!**

**Parents stay and play with your child.**



Come to our new EYFS building entrance where we have plenty of buggy parking space!



**Dates 2025 (Autumn Term)**  
**8.55am – 10.15am**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (cooking)**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November (dance)**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (xmas decoration and craft)**

Where to find us:



# Diary Dates

<b>January 2026</b>	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Y2 and Y5 Fire Brigade</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Y4 Class Assembly</b>
<b>February 2026</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y3 Class Assembly</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y2 Class Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Half Term</b>	
W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Scholastic Book Fair (date tbc)</b>
<b>March 2026</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Whole school Lenten Mass in church 9.30am</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5 Class Assembly</b>
W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Shakespeare Week</b>
<b>Easter Holidays Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

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.

Unfortunately, we had to change the PE days and swap two year groups: Year 3 and Year 6. Please, find below the final PE days:

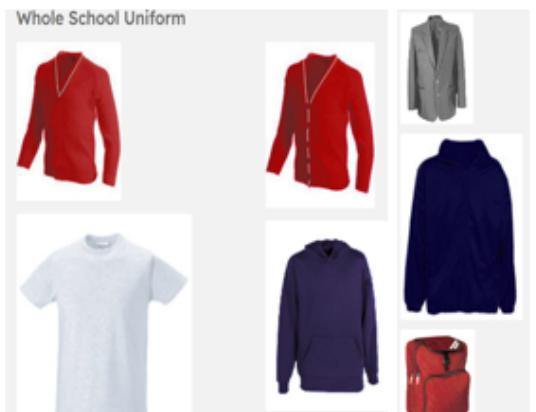
Mondays – **Year 3 and Year 5**

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

# PE KIT



## Whole School Uniform



## Nursery

Sweatshirt - Crew neck	Embroidered - With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
Sweatshirt - Crew neck	Embroidered - With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
T-Shirt	Embroidered - With School Badge	100% Cotton
Infant Backpack	Embroidered - With School Badge	Polyester

## Whole School

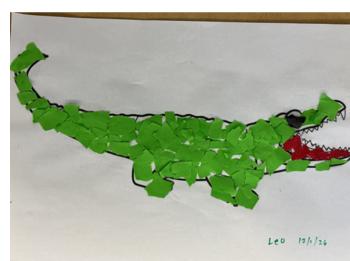
Knitted Jumper	Embroidered - With School Badge	V-neck.
Knitted Cardigan	Embroidered - With School Badge	Colour matched
Blazer	Embroidered - With School Badge	Phone and internal zipped pockets. Teflon coated Polyester buttons. Courtelle
Hooded Sweatshirt	Embroidered - With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
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

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

Early Years have been learning about Goldilocks and the three bears and an alternative story called Goldilocks and the three crocodiles.

## EARLY YEARS

The children have had so much fun exploring the connections and differences between both stories. They have all created some wonderful new art work for our story display.



What a brilliant start to 2026 we have had in Year 1! We've been exploring the science of winter and seasonal change, and were so excited when snow joined us too. This sparked lots of curious questions and wonderful discussions.

## Year 1

Our new class story, The Emperor's Egg, has been a big hit. Did you know that father penguins don't eat for two whole months while protecting their precious egg? What amazing dedication.



We are learning about using a program Scratch in Computing and the children had a go following instructions to move around the room.

## Year 2

We had to work cooperatively to listen to the instructions and then had a go on the computers to learn how to give an algorithm. We are developing our computing skills.



# 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](http://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 3-3.15 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 Kenil 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 afterschool 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 school 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/zonelinks](http://www.avenues.org.uk/zonelinks)

**TERM TIME**

**WHAT WE OFFER**  
Our primary provision is for 8-11 year olds, Years 3-6.

**HOLIDAYS**

**WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS**

**SPRING TERM**

**SUMMER TERM**

**AUTUMN TERM**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** (Ages 8-11)

## Akvita Wraparound Care

Aktiva Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub!

Aktiva has created a safe, fun, and friendly environment for our children.



**Club Information:** Aktiva 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](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com) or call our parent enquiry number on **0203 551 8909**.

### Booking Aktiva 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](http://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 16th January 2026**

### **Star of the Term:**

Nursery - Elsie  
Reception - Kannon  
Y1 - Giniayah  
Y2 - Mai-Mariam  
Y3 - Deontae  
Y4 - Talia  
Y5 - Whole Class  
Y6 - Amarah

### **Star Reader:**

Y1 - Tegan  
Y2 - Farah  
Y3 - Alana  
Y4 - Aislie  
Y5 - N/A  
Y6 - N/A

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## **Term Dates 2025- 2026**

**FACEBOOK**

**INSTAGRAM**

**TWITTER**



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