

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 17 April 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 28 of our Newsletter.

I hope all our families have had a relaxing, enjoyable Easter break. It was lovely to see all the children back after the Easter holidays!

They settled back quickly and have been engaging positively in their learning this week.

We wish all our pupils an enjoyable, positive Summer Term.

With best wishes

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Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday. It is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter every year. It is a Catholic feast focusing on God's love and forgiveness, offering complete remission of sins. Key acts include attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion in a state of grace, going to confession, venerating the Divine Mercy Image, and performing acts of mercy.



Significance: Officially established by Pope John Paul II in 2000, the day is based on revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, emphasizing that Jesus offers a special "floodgate" of mercy, allowing for the total forgiveness of sins and punishment (a plenary indulgence).

Veneration of the Image: Parishes display and venerate the Divine mercy image, which depicts Jesus with red and white rays emanating from his heart.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Special prayers, specifically the Chaplet, are often prayed, particularly at 3:00 PM, which is considered the hour of great mercy.

Mercy in Action: Beyond prayers, participants are called to practice compassion through deeds, words, and prayers.

Divine Mercy Sunday serves as a day to focus on God's mercy rather than judgment, inviting believers to trust in Jesus, especially when feeling unworthy.

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.

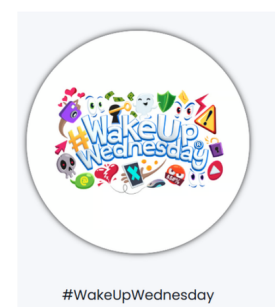
Common Good: Children learn that their actions, even small ones, contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

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: App and Play stores



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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.



Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Tuesday 21 st April 3.45pm	Y6 Parents' Meeting in regards to Y6 SATs and School Journey
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20 th May	Spanish Day
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 tem

New diary dates will be provided in the New Summer Term 1

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Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



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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. Courtele
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 Keystage 1

I hope this email finds you well. Attached are some photographs to add to my fortnightly contribution to our wonderful schools newsletter.

EARLY YEARS

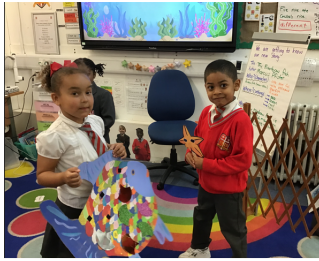
I shall add my small quote below. May you have a wonderful afternoon.



Year One returned for the start of the summer term full of enthusiasm, and already we are becoming experts in all things *The Rainbow Fish!*

Year 1

We have loved retelling the story through role play and learning exciting new vocabulary such as *peculiar, dazzling* and *emerged*.



In Science Year 2's topic is Animals including humans, we had a fantastic lesson where we had to match animals to their babies.

Year 2

The children were surprised to see their own baby photos and we played guess the baby.



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.

The banner is divided into four main sections: 'ROUTE DETAILS', 'A WALKING BUS SERVICE', 'TERM TIME', and 'WHAT WE OFFER'. 'ROUTE DETAILS' describes the walking bus journey from St Mary's Primary School to The Avenues. 'A WALKING BUS SERVICE' explains the service's purpose and safety features. 'TERM TIME' includes a table for 'WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS' and a description of 'Zone Clubs'. 'WHAT WE OFFER' lists 'HOLIDAYS' (Spring, Summer, Autumn) and 'SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' (Easter, Summer, Christmas).

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Autumn	15th - 19th Nov	Autumn Harvest Festival
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Akvida 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 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 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

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