

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 18th September 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Welcome to issue 2 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's lovely to see the children settled back into school life and routines. I hope you found the 'Meet the teacher' meetings for parents and carers useful and sincere thanks to all those who attended. It is important that we work closely together to support your child's learning journey.

There are lots of events planned for the coming weeks so please check the diary for up and coming dates. By sharing these with you well in advance, we hope that this will give you enough time to plan ahead. Next Week, Friday 25th September 2026, is the National McMillan Coffee morning and in October, we will be holding our second Harvest afternoon tea especially for our grandparents/grand aunts /grand uncles as the children want to show their appreciation and thanks for all that they do. Please check the newsletters for more information.

I am delighted to see children arriving at school on time and looking smart in their school uniform. Every day at school counts and the staff work hard to ensure that learning is ambitious, engaging and well resourced.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and restful weekend.

Best Wishes,



Ms Hampton

With very best wishes,

Ms Hampton



OPEN Morning for Nursery and Reception 2027



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Our first Open Morning for Nursery and Reception 2027, will take place on **Thursday 5th November at 9.15am.**

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Last Sunday was 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. The gospel for that day was from Matthew 18:21 – 35. It includes the parable of the unforgiving servant:



‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’

‘Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, “Pay what you owe.” So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, “You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’

Special Feast in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar in autumn:

September 29: Feast of the Holy Archangels—Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—traditionally known as Michaelmas.

October Feasts

October 1: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower" and Doctor of the Church.

October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels.

October 4: St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (marking October as the month of the Holy Rosary).

October 31: All Hallows' Eve, kicking off the transition to November.

November Feasts

November 1: All Saints' Day (a major solemnity honouring all in heaven).

November 2: All Souls' Day (commemorating the faithful departed).

November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King

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.



This year again we have the **Eco Council**, with 8 pupils volunteering for this important pupil voice group.

Y4 Eco Council: **Anya, Sarah, Fraser and Nicholas**

Y5 Eco Council: **Savannah, Vanna, Rhenn and Jaiden**

Y6 Eco Leaders: **Poppy and Elly**

They will perform a series of tasks, promoting **reuse, reduce and recycle** under the sustainability of our planet initiative.

Congratulations and very well done for volunteering!

After School Clubs!



Autumn Term 1 - After School Clubs

Please ensure that you book and make payment through the Arbor system. Once this has been completed, please provide the office with the completed **After School Club Consent Form**.

Monday - Dance and Gymnastics for all

Tuesday - Multisport for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Football for Reception, Year 1 and Year

Thursday - Football for KS2

Friday - Art for all classes.

Basketball for KS2



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 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 your 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 Newsletter and the Parents' Information Board on the front gate.



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 leave 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

Attendance Winners for this week:

Year 3 with 100%

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

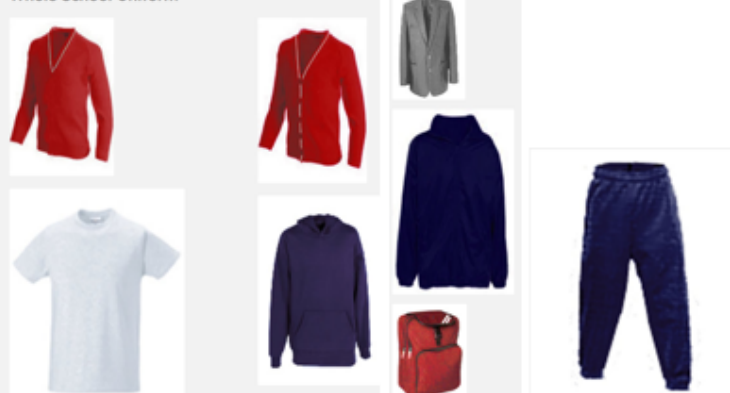
Fridays: Year 3 and Year 6

Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



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



EYFS - Kobi

Y1/2 - None this week

Y3 - Farah

Y4 - Zoe

Y5 - Teddie

Y6 - Franzen

Star Readers

Y3 - Olly

Y4 - Harry

Y5 - Rakeb

Y6 - Deborah

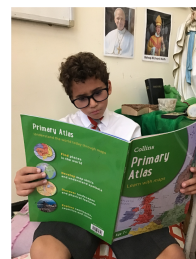
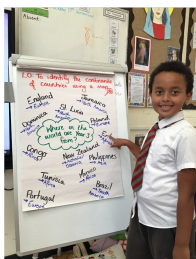
Look what we have been doing - Key Stage 2

We're back in action! It has been wonderful to welcome Year 3 back into the classroom, and I'm delighted to see how much they are enjoying being the newest members of KS2. In Geography, we've

been exploring our Continents and Countries of the World unit, putting our mapping skills to good use as we locate continents and discover which countries can be found within them.

With so many fascinating facts to uncover, there's certainly plenty to keep our curious young geographers busy!

Year 3



In RE, Year 4 have been learning about God's covenant with Abraham, the "Founder of Faith". Last week, we learned about the historical and cultural background to Abraham and this week we are retelling his story.

Year 4

In the pictures below, the children are acting out the "covenant ceremony" in which God promised Abraham many descendants – as many as the stars he could count in the sky.



Year 5 have been focusing on our whole-school value of Responsibility. We have been demonstrating responsibility in the classroom, in the playground and within our wider community.

Year 5

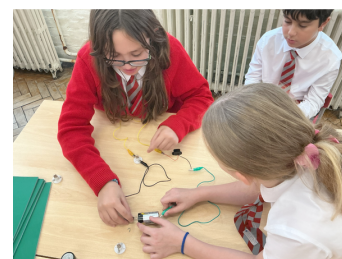
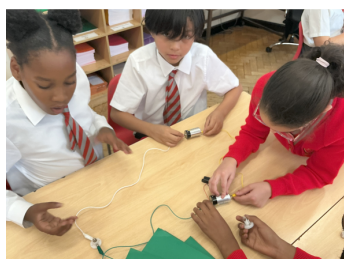
This has been especially important as we have also been very excited to begin our Autumn Term Swimming Programme, where Year 5 have been learning to take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others in an aquatic environment.



The children have settled wonderfully into their new class. We have recently completed the first unit of Maths (Place Value) while focusing on writing a third-person narrative based on the novel 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo for English. In Science, the children are enjoying experimenting with circuits to deepen their understanding of how electricity is successfully transported, as well as exploring various extreme weather phenomena in Geography.

Year 6

Finally, in RE, we have been discussing the variety of literary forms which can be found in the Bible and how they shape our understanding of particular passages.



School



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.

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.

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 Road, another by the park on Hamer Road, followed by a zebra crossing which takes you to the bridge, providing access to Hamer Road. At Hamer 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/zoneclubs

THE AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT

TERM TIME

WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS

Area	Time	Activity	Cost
Zone 1	3:45 - 4:15	Zone 1 Club	£4
Zone 2	4:15 - 4:45	Zone 2 Club	£4
Zone 3	4:45 - 5:15	Zone 3 Club	£4
Zone 4	5:15 - 5:45	Zone 4 Club	£4
Zone 5	5:45 - 6:15	Zone 5 Club	£4
Zone 6	6:15 - 6:45	Zone 6 Club	£4

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 5-11 that runs every Monday to Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00.

WHAT WE OFFER

Our primary provision is for 5-11 year olds, Years 3-6.

HOLIDAYS

Summer Term	Autumn Term
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm £4 per session	Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm £4 per session

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
April 5-12

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
October 1-8

www.avenues.org.uk

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.

Monday 2nd November is **Staff Training Day** and the **school will be closed** to children. Schools resumes on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

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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