

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 19th June 2026

Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Welcome to issue 36 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy and successful week at school, filled with wonderful learning experiences and opportunities for our children to shine.



Our Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils approached their assessments with resilience and determination, while our Year 2 children continued with the optional KS1 SATs. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for the positive attitudes, perseverance and maturity they have shown throughout the week.

On Thursday, our Year 3 children treated us to a wonderful class assembly entitled *What a Wonderful World*. Through drama, storytelling, fascinating facts, thoughtful quotations and beautiful singing, they shared the message that we are all called to be good stewards of God's creation. They presented with great confidence and enthusiasm, making us all proud. Our sincere thanks go to the Year 3 team for supporting and preparing the children so well for such a memorable assembly.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Liddington in Wiltshire. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouraged one another throughout the week and represented our school impeccably. Their behaviour, resilience and willingness to step outside their comfort zones made us immensely proud. We hope they have returned home with many happy memories that will stay with them for years to come. As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting week of learning.

With best Wishes

Mrs Tusting

Year 6 Residential Trip



Hot Weather Reminder

With the current spell of very warm weather and the **Amber Heat-Health Alert** in place across London until **8.00pm on Tuesday 23rd June**, we kindly ask for your support in helping us keep all children safe and comfortable during the school day.

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with:

- A named sun hat.
- Sun cream already applied before school (and, where appropriate, a named bottle if they are able to reapply it themselves).
- A named water bottle filled with fresh water.
- Summer school uniform, which is lighter and more comfortable for the hot weather.
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Throughout the day, staff will encourage children to drink plenty of water, seek shade where possible and take regular breaks from the sun during outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep everyone safe during this period of hot weather.



STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the car park is for the use of staff and authorised visitors only. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Message to parents from the Senior Leadership Team

To promote healthy choices and to protect those children who may have a food allergy, we ask that parents help us to celebrate the children's birthdays in an alternative way.

Rather than bring in sweet treats, you may wish to consider donating a book for the class library and the school will put a special sticker inside in the cover noting who the book is from.

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

In the Year of St Francis, we are thinking about and learning more about this inspirational Saint who loved God and all Creation so much. St Francis is an example to all of us of how to live our lives following in footsteps of Jesus.



Our School Value for this half term is **Co-operation** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is the **Solidarity**. The principle of the **Solidarity** in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is a core pillar of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) that recognizes the fundamental interconnectedness of all humanity. It dictates that because we are all one global family, we are responsible for one another and must actively work to ensure the common good.



Solidarity is more than a feeling of sympathy or vague compassion; it is a **"firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good"**.

Key Characteristics:

More than Charity: While charity provides direct aid, solidarity focuses on justice. It requires challenging and dismantling the systemic, structural causes of poverty, inequality, and oppression.

Interdependence: It acknowledges that the well-being of individuals is intimately tied to the well-being of the wider global society. As Pope John Paul II summarized: **"We are all really responsible for all."**

Walking with the Vulnerable: It involves listening to and empowering marginalized people so they can shape their own destinies, rather than just doing things *for* them.

Biblical and Papal Roots

Scriptural Foundation: It is rooted in the belief that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. St. Paul emphasized this unity, stating, **"All of you are one in Christ."**

Modern Papal Teaching: The concept has been deeply shaped by modern encyclicals. Pope St. John Paul II formalized it in his 1987 encyclical ***On Social Concern***. More recently, Pope Francis's 2020 encyclical ***Fratelli Tutti*** (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) highlighted solidarity as a fundamental requirement to combat inequality.

How Solidarity is lived

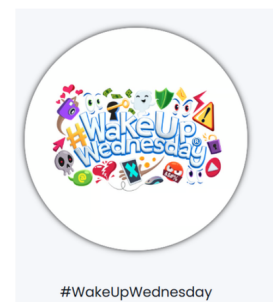
Living out the principle of solidarity touches all aspects of life, including daily personal relationships, community organizing, and consumer choices. It inspires action like fair trade practices, advocacy for human rights, and supporting global relief agencies.

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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As shared in the previous Newsletters, part of our commitment to online safety, we are subscribing to *Wake Up Wednesday*.

This week we continue with: **What parents and staff need to know about Minecraft**



Please click on the link below to read the #WakeupWednesday guide on What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Minecraft:

[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.

Important dates:

We would like to share some important dates for the Summer 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.

Year Group weekly Attendance

N1	100%
Reception	97.73%
Year 2	96.25%
Year 3	95.79%
Year 1	95.31%
Year 5	94.32%
Year 6	94.16%
N2	92.75%
Year 4	88.36%



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.

Monday 22 nd June	MoneySense workshops for KS2
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 25 th June	Cafod workshops and Assembly: Stewardship of our Common Home
Friday 26 th June	MUFTY Day – bring a bottle for the Summer
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 at Infant Voices Festival in Kensington Town Hall
Wednesday 1 st July	Rhythm Studio Year 5 performance
Thursday 2 nd July	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am
Friday 3 rd July	MUFTY Day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair
Friday 3 rd July at 3.45pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 15 th July - TBC	Year 6 Prom
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 17 th July	School finishes at 1.30pm

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

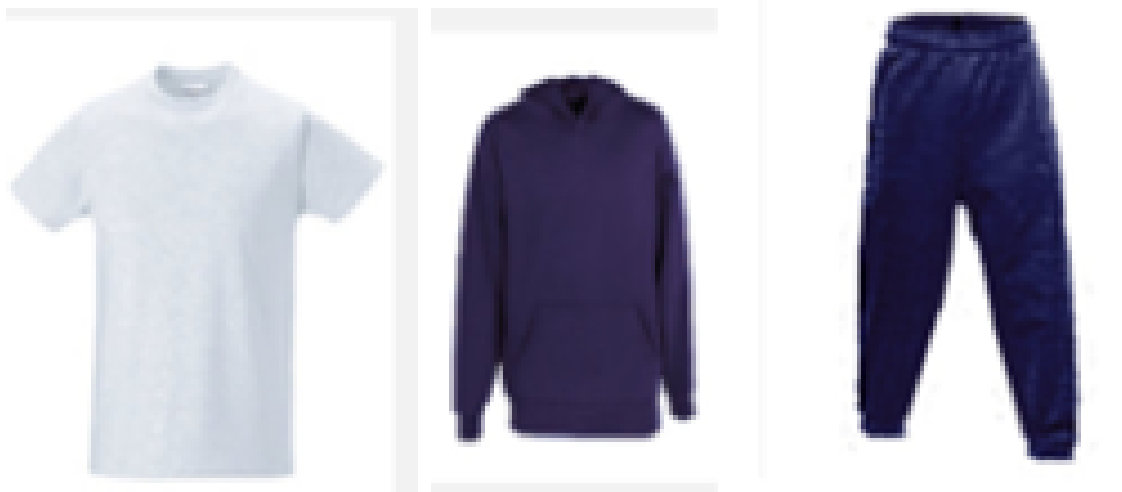
Wednesdays 2.45pm to 3.05pm: FS/KS1 Assembly (every two weeks)

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

PE KIT



PE Days:

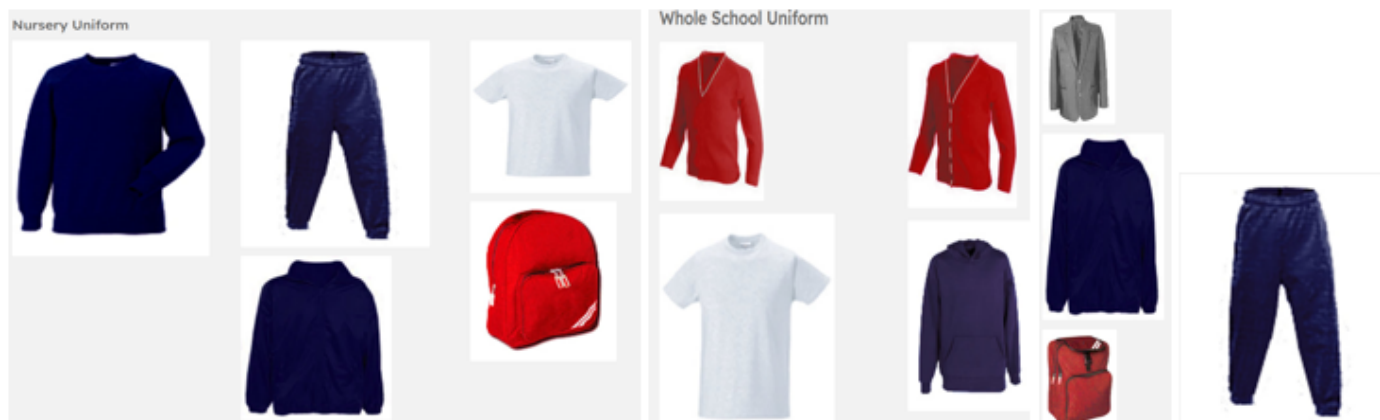
Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Please, find below the final PE days:

Mondays – Year 3 and Year 5

Thursdays – EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 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



Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 15th June 2026**

Star of the Week:

Reception - Matlida

Y1 - Tegan

Y2 - Mai-Mariam, Farah and Ethan

Y3 - Whole Class

Y4 - Elyes

Y5 - Whole Class

Y6 - Whole Class

Star Reader:

Y1 - Giniayah

Y2 - Kai

Y3 - Whole Class

Y4 - Savannah

Y5 - Chloe and Mimi

Y6 - (Not this week)

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

The past fortnight EYFS have been lucky enough to take our learning outside. The beautiful weather has enabled us to really enjoy the outdoor opportunities and environment.

EARLY YEARS

The children have been running their own ice cream shop and even have a Heathrow airport role play area with a baggage check and security scanners.

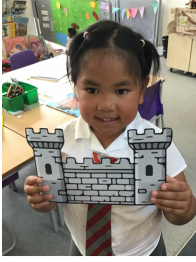


Year One are excited to begin their brand-new History topic all about Castles, exploring the big question: Why were castles built? We have been hooking into our learning through engaging videos, fascinating discussions, and exciting new stories that bring the past to life. The children are already full of curiosity and questions as they discover who lived in castles and how they were used to protect people long ago.

Year 1

Did you know? The Tower of London is one of England's most famous castles and has stood for over 900 years!

We are looking forward to becoming castle experts. Watch out—we may soon be requesting a moat around the classroom for extra protection!



Year 2 have been learning about mono printing. We had a go to sketch our drawings of an animal and then printed them using carbon paper to create a piece of art. Look at us in action drawing our animals!

Year 2



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 flyer is divided into several sections. On the left, 'ROUTE DETAILS' describes the walking bus journey from St Mary's Primary School to The Avenues by 2:45 PM. The central section, 'A WALKING BUS SERVICE', features a photo of a walking bus and text explaining its purpose to provide a safe, supervised service for children. Below this is the website 'www.avenues.org.uk/zonoclubs' and the 'THE AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT' logo. The right side of the flyer is titled 'WHAT WE OFFER' and includes 'TERM TIME' with a table for 'WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS' (listing activities like Zone Clubs, Chess, and Football) and 'HOLIDAYS' with sections for 'SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' and 'SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' (listing activities like Zone Clubs, Chess, and Football).

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.

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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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