



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 19th December 2025

Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 16 of our Newsletter.

What a long and busy term this has been.

In the last two weeks we had three amazing Christmas concerts:

EYFS Christmas Play,

KS1 Christmas Play: The Little Big Story

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

The children have done so well, presenting their performances in the most beautiful way, with fantastic storytelling, narration and amazing singing!!

We are very proud of all of them!

Thank you to all the parents for helping organise costumes and helping your children learn their lines and the songs.

A huge Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to put these incredible shows together.

And, of course, a massive Thank you to our wonderful Music teacher, Ms Alena!!



We would like to take this opportunity and wish all our families a wonderful, joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

With best wishes as always

Mrs Tusting

Food Bank Trip Year 6

On Thursday this week, our Year 6 Faith Ambassadors proudly delivered donations from St Mary's School to the Dalgarno Trust foodbank. The children showed great compassion and a commitment to helping others, living out our school values through service to the local community. Their thoughtful efforts will make a real difference to families in need, and we are very proud of them.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our parents and carers for their generous donations and continued support. Your kindness and willingness to give have helped make this initiative such a success and are greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

If you would like to, you can support the excellent work that the food bank does here:

<https://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk/donate/>



Catholic Life and Mission of the school

The Holy season of Advent

This coming Sunday will be the fourth week of Advent. All three purple candles as well as the pink candle will be lit on the Advent wreaths in all the churches.

The last, white candle will be lit on Christmas Day, to symbolise **Jesus**. It will be lit on Christmas morning.



Our School Value for this half term is **Respect** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is Stewardship – **Dignity of the Human Person**. We will be exploring thinking about how each and every one of us deserves to live with dignity. As children of God we all deserve to be treated with respect at all times.



On behalf of the entire St Mary's staff, we extend our warmest wishes to all our St Mary's families. May the joy and peace of Christ be with you all this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



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Wed 31 Dec 2025 & Fri 02 Jan 2026

8-13yrs (5-7 yrs with parent)

Hot Meals Provided!

Sports & Wellbeing

STEM & Education Games

Day Trips & Enrichment

Arts, Crafts & Model-Making

Science, Nature & Climate

Healthy Food & Nutrition

When? 9:30am - 5:30pm

Where? TBC

Cost? FREE for children on Benefits Related Free School Meals and Westminster and RBKC residents (paid places available for £45)

Register via Website or QR Code!

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Healthy Food & Nutrition

When? 9:30am - 5:30pm

Where? Cheyne Children's Centre 10 Thorndike Close SW10 0ST

Cost? FREE for children on Benefits Related Free School Meals and Westminster and RBKC residents (paid places available for £45)

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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 19th November (cooking)
Wednesday 26th November (dance)
Wednesday 17th December (xmas decoration and craft)

Where to find us:



Reception Admission September 2026

If you are considering applying for a Reception place for September 2026, please ensure that you submit your online application through your Local Authority.



The deadline for online applications is **Thursday, 15th January 2025**.

Once you have completed your online application, please **collect a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) pack** from the school office. When returning your completed (SIF) form please include the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address

We look forward to receiving your Reception application.

Nursery Admission September 2026

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place for your child, we warmly invite you to collect a Nursery Application Pack from the school office. When returning your completed application, please include the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address
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We look forward to receiving your Nursery application.



Please note that the deadline for submitting all completed Nursery applications is also **Thursday, 15th November**.

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Diary Dates

New diary dates will be provided in the beginning of the Spring Term

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.

Wednesdays – **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6**

Fridays - **Year 3 and Year 4**

PE KIT

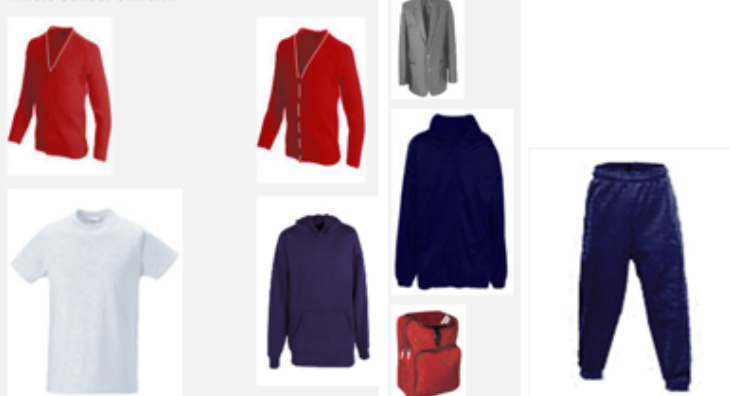


Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



Whole School Uniform



Nursery

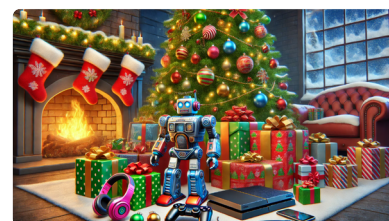
Sweatshirt – Crew neck	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
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T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton
Infant Backpack	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester

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

A Guide for Parents and Carers: Choosing Tech Gifts for Children This Christmas

As Christmas approaches, tech gifts are often at the top of children's wish lists. While these can be fun, educational, and engaging, it's important to consider factors that ensure your choices are age-appropriate, safe, and beneficial.



Here's some guidance from Education North Tyneside to help you choose great tech gifts for your children this festive season: **(please click the link below for information)**

[Read the full guide here](#)

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

EYFS have had a wonderful time the past fortnight. Performing our Nativity to our peers and families, class parties, visits from Father Christmas and lots of festive fun.

EARLY YEARS

All children have worked extremely hard this term and we can not wait to see what more the children can accomplish in 2026. Merry Christmas Early Years from Miss Barker, Ms Gana and Mrs Duggan.



Year One have been full of Christmas cheer! The children absolutely loved their Christmas feast on Thursday last week, with the pudding stealing the show.

Year 1

Our nativity performance was a huge success, and the teachers were so impressed with how confidently the children remembered their lines and performed their dance moves on stage.

We have also been revisiting and consolidating our learning from across the half term, showing just how much progress has been made. It has been a wonderful end to the term, full of proud moments and festive fun. Have a special Christmas everybody!



Year 2 have been extremely busy preparing for their Nativity and on Wednesday they performed to both the rest of the school and their parents. They did such an amazing job and we are all incredibly proud of them.

Year 2

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported their children with costumes and their lines. Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas!



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.

Aktivita 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: 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.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 19th December 2025**

Star of the Term:

Nursery - Freddie

Reception - Kannon

Y1 - Tegan

Y2- Jack

Y3 - Nicolas

Y4 - Kareema

Y5 - Makda

Y6 - Beza

Star Reader:

Y1 - Melaysia

Y2 - Noel

Y3 - Harry

Y4 - Fatima

Y5- Alby

Y6 - Eden

Winner of the Parish Bazaar Christmas picture competition

Y4 - Grae

Y6 - Zyann

For being a fantastic musician, showing creativity, effort and love for music.

EYFS: Billie, Denis

Y1: Melaysia, Joshua

Y2: Kenza, Ethan

Y3: Sarah, John

Y4: Asia, Guttemberg

Y5: Poppy, Yusuf

Y6: Zamarah, Tommy

Piano Star Award:

Mia Y3

Viola Star Awards:

Yael Y6, Esey Y5

Choir Star Awards:

Mia, Maria, Novena, Evie, Isla, Victor, John,

Term Dates 2025- 2026

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