

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 22nd May 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Welcome to issue 33 of our Newsletter.



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

As we approach the half term break, I'm sure you'll agree that this half term has whizzed by and what a busy one it has been.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Cultural Diversity Day. Some children/staff wore traditional clothing representing their culture whilst others dressed in national colours. There were fashion parades showcasing traditional dress, assemblies, flag making and story-telling activities as well as a Spanish workshop led by a parent at St Mary's. We all enjoyed a delicious Caribbean lunch provided by our wonderful catering team! Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day truly special.

This coming Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost which takes place 50 days after Easter and is widely known as the "birthday of the church". This is when Jesus' apostles were filled with the holy spirit and were given the strength and courage to spread God's message. We ask that the Holy Spirit gives us the strength and determination to go about our daily lives with integrity and love.

The Summer weather has arrived just in time for the half term break. I would like to wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Best Wishes as always,

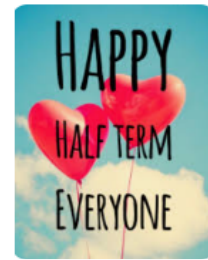
Ms Hampton



World Cultural Diversity Day



The Feast of Pentecost



Enjoy the half term break



World Cultural Diversity Day

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

St Mary's Eco Team

We are delighted to introduce our new pupil leadership group – the Eco Team!

Ten enthusiastic Year 5 pupils have volunteered to take on this important role and have already held their first meeting this week.



They are: Poppy, Elly, Yusuf, Arthur, Kian, Caleb, Mimi and Olivia Q. They also invited Luna T from Y3 to create posters for them.

The children showed great passion and commitment towards caring for our environment and agreed on three key eco-friendly actions they will lead across the school:

- reminding classes each lunchtime and at the end of the day to switch off lights and computer screens to help save energy
- taking turns each day after lunch to help keep our playground tidy by collecting litter
- collecting recycling from classroom recycling boxes each week and ensuring it is placed in the main recycling bins

We are incredibly proud of the Eco Team for showing such responsibility, initiative and care for our school community and the wider world. We look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make as they help us all become more environmentally aware and responsible.

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 **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.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to continue partnering with the Children's Book Project and you, our school's families, to keep the joy of reading alive at our school.

We had an exciting Book Hut in our school today where all children across the school participated with their class and chose two books to take home!

These are to keep and enjoy or you can swap with a friend to share even more stories!

Please feel free to send us some photos of your child enjoying these books at home to info@st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk or tag us on our school page [@st_marycpsw10](https://www.instagram.com/st_marycpsw10).

Happy reading everyone.

Yours sincerely
 Mrs Cummings

Early Reading and Phonics Lead



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 The Children's Book Project is a registered charity (1183092). We believe in the empowering impact of book ownership. [Gift your new and pre-loved books to us](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk) and we will gift them onwards to those with few of their own. Please check our website www.childrensbookproject.co.uk for more information on what we do, how to donate or apply for gifting, and how to volunteer.



Children's Book Project

Children's Multi-Activity
HALF TERM
Holiday Camps

25th-29th
May 2026

7.45am-6pm,
9am-3.30pm
& 9am-5pm

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Uxbridge • Fulham
Hammersmith

Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED-registered children's day camp, providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun, and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™ each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high-energy, full of variety, and most importantly, fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs, and new friendships. Building confidence and broadening experience™

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MAY HALF TERM CAMPS AT:
Wendell Park Primary, Belmont Primary
St Mark's Primary, John Locke Academy
Mount Carmel, West Acton, Bousfield
Acton Gardens, Queens Manor

Lots of fun and exciting sessions to keep children active and engaged.
Sports: Rugby, Football, Cricket, Tennis,
Archery & Axa throwing workshops,
Arts and crafts, Pottery workshops,
Team-building, Giant outdoor games,
Science experiments,
...and so much more

Easy Online Booking:
www.aktivacamps.com
Email: bookings@aktivacamps.com

For all camp dates, venues and to book your place please visit www.aktivacamps.com

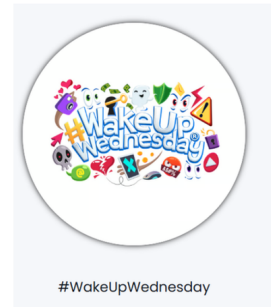
Aktiva Half Term Holiday Camp

Aktiva is hosting a Children's Multi-Activity programme this May Half Term, offering a range of fun and engaging activities designed to keep children active, social, and entertained throughout the break.

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.

Online Safety Tips For Families



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.

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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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know About MINECRAFT

What is Minecraft?

What are the risks?

What are the benefits?

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES**
- DISCUSS ONLINE INTERACTIONS**
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
- SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES**

Wake Up Wednesday

The National College

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

[Click this link](#)

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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

Year group(s) this week	Attendance this week
N1	62.5%
N2	93.4%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	84.4%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	88.1%
Year 6	100%

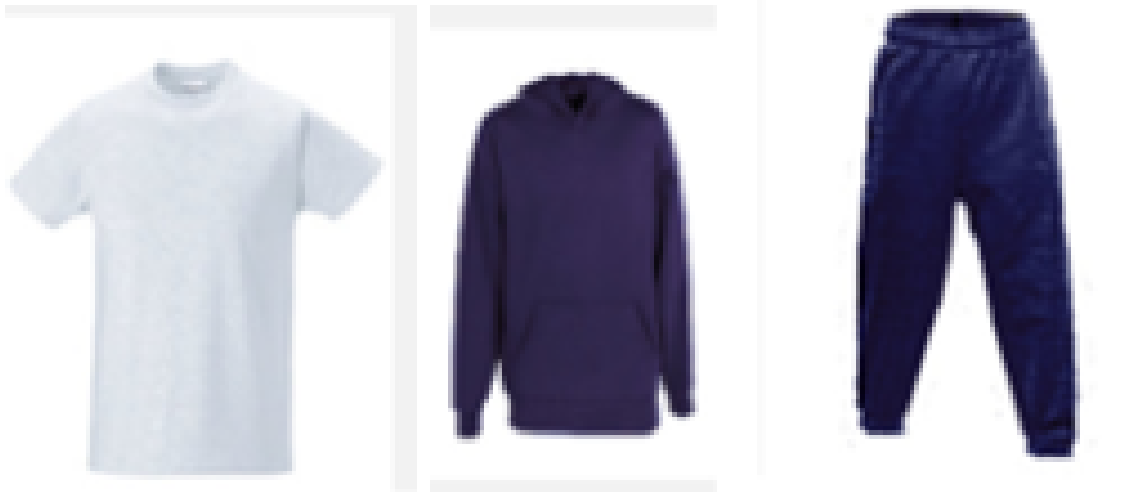


New diary dates will be provided weekly

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.

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 term
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 4 trip e
Thursday 4 th June	Whole School Mass Corpus Christi
Tuesday 9 th June	Pupil Debate Workshop 'Discover your voice' by the English Speaking Union Y5 and Y6
Thursday 11 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.05am
Monday 15 th June to Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 residential journey to Liddington
Monday 22 nd June	Natwest money workshops for Key Stage 2
Thursday 18 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 2 nd July	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass

PE KIT



PE Days:

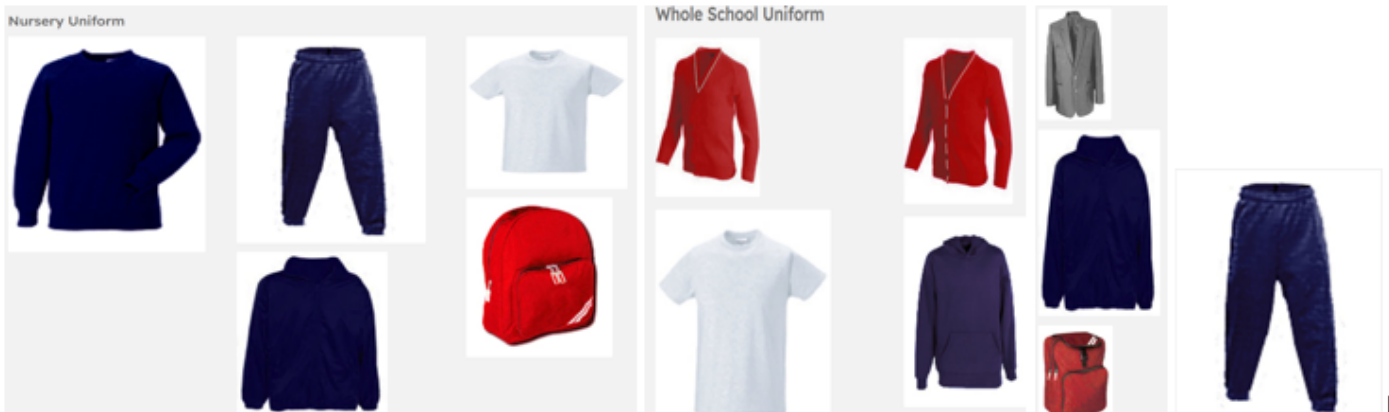
Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

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
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



Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 22nd May 2026**

Star of the Week:

Nursery - Micaela

Reception -

Y1 - Valentin

Y2 - Pippa

Y3 - Kadie

Y4 - Elyes

Y5 - Whole Class

Y6 - Tommy

Star Reader:

Y1 - Isadora

Y2 - (Not this week)

Y3 - Anya

Y4 - Andre

Y5 - Neveah

Y6 - Andrien & Jericho

Look what we have been doing - Key stage 2

Our Art unit this half term has seen the children explore the art form of "Still Life". We critically analysed still life pictures from the 17th and 18th century through to the 20th century.

Year 4

The children then embarked on their own still life – first deciding which of the artists had inspired them. Some used watercolours, others, charcoal and others still, acrylic pen. This week the children displayed their art and commented on each other's work.



The IntoUniversity Focus Day was a resounding success, highlighting the childrens' exceptional readiness for higher education. Throughout the event, the children demonstrated essential future skills by engaging deeply in academic discussions and working seamlessly in partnership with one another. Their collaborative spirit and impressive communication abilities showcased their strong potential for future academic success.

Year 5

Congratulations on our fantastic performance! Year 5 assembly was incredibly dynamic, creative, and a wonderful way to celebrate Cultural Day. Melding poetry, prayers, and raps together is a brilliant way to showcase diverse children talents and background.



The year six students completed their SATs journey last week and we could not be prouder of the effort that each child has exhibited across the year.

Year 6

All attention turned back to high quality learning and we have been enjoying exploring South America in Geography as well as the circulatory system in Science.

World Culture Day was an excellent opportunity for the children to express themselves and share the pride they have in their heritage. We will be beginning work on our end-of-year production shortly and are looking ahead to sounding out the academic year with a flourish once we return from our half-term break.



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.

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 Kansas 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 £10 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

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE
MON	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11
TUE	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11
WED	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11
THU	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11
FRI	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11
SAT	15:30 - 18:00	Zone Clubs	5-11

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 5-11 that runs every Monday to Wednesday from 15:30 to 18:00.

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

HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM
MARCH - MAY

SUMMER TERM
JUNE - AUGUST

AUTUMN TERM
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

www.avenues.org.uk

Aktivita Wraparound Care

Aktivita 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: 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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