



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 24 April 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to issue 29 of our Newsletter.

The term is in full swing and the sun has been shining all week. Not only does the sunshine brighten our day, but it also reminds us that Spring is here and Summer is on its way.



Yesterday was St George's Day and it is important that we remember his sense of courage and determination in the face of adversity and how we can follow his example in our daily lives.

This week, you should have received your child's curriculum letter for the Summer term detailing what they will be learning in school as well as other planned events such as trips and workshops to support your child's learning. This week, St Charles hosted a visit from the Mayor and pupils from both schools had the opportunity to meet the Mayor and ask lots of questions about his role and responsibilities. Please see the photographs at the end of this newsletter.

Please check the diary dates in the newsletter as it is a very busy term.

We are closely monitoring pupil attendance and punctuality and I am delighted to share that it is an improving picture as we are moving closer to the national expectation and the Federation's expectation of 96%. I would like to thank all parents/carers for the tremendous effort you are making to ensure that your child attends school and is on time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ms Hampton

Thursday 30th April 2026, at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, East Row from 9.00am – 10.00am

Parent/carers from both St Mary's and St Charles are warmly invited to attend.

A member from the local Family Hub will give a short talk on Children's mental health and well-being.

We look forward to seeing you next week.



Date: Thursday 30th April 2026



Time: 9.00am



Place: in the school hall



Catholic Life and Mission of the school

4th Sunday of Lent

'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'



Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:14, 36-41

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.

Visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of RBKC

This Wednesday six children from our student council went to St Charles to meet the mayor of RBKC and his wife mayoress. We listened to a talk about Democracy and what it is like to be a mayor, including the duties he has to make our local area a place for everyone to be included and feel safe.

The children then got to ask any questions and also got to see his ceremonial clothes and the car he travels in. The children were inspired to bring back some ideas of how we can use pupil voice in our school and what changes Student Council can put in place for St Mary's. Nicholas came back with ambition to be a Mayor one day!





**Kensington and Chelsea
change 4 life**

Kids Clubs

**A free 5-week course for families with
5-11 year olds. Including fun activities to
help you and your family eat well, move
more and feel good.**

- Healthier eating and the Eatwell guide
- Cooking activities
- Staying active and
- Sleeping well emotional wellbeing
- Being sugar smart

Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.45pm 2026
22 April (taster session)
29 April - 20 May (full course)

Holmfied House Family Hub
4-6 Golborne Road W10 5PE

Register now! Complete our online form at
www.family-action.org.uk/change4lifeservice
call us on 020 8960 0744 or scan the QR code

Scan here with
your phone camera

THE ROYAL BOROUGHS OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

RBKC Kids Clubs

The Change4Life coaching scheme is to support children and young people to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The service offers specialist nutrition and physical activity advice as well as motivational support to help children, young people and their families make positive changes.

To find out more about Change4Life Clubs and Coaching, please visit the RBKC websites or contact them on the number below:

www.family-action.org.uk/change4lifeservice

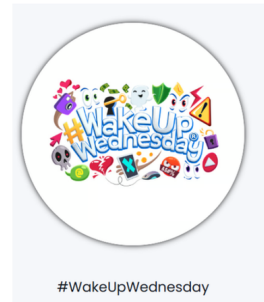
change4lifecoaching@family-action.org.uk

0208 960 0744

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.



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This week: What parents and staff need to know about: YouTube :

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.

Attendance Weekly Leaders Summer Term:



Year group(s) this week	Attendance this week
N1	100%
N2	81.8%
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	97.2%
	Average 94.4%

Year Group weekly Attendance

Diary Dates

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 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

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

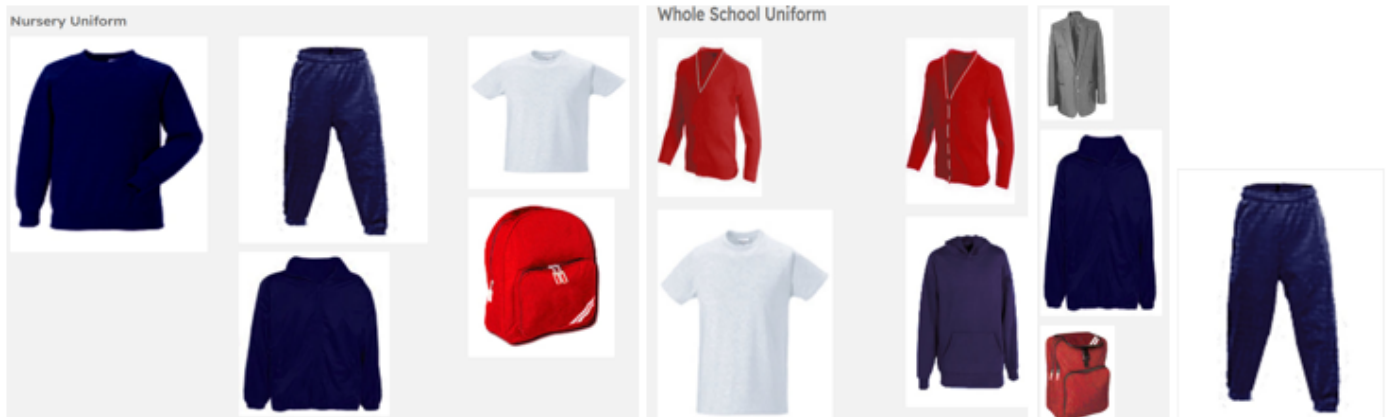
not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

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 24th April 2026**

Star of the Week:

Reception - Denis

Y1 - Khalil

Y2 - Kai

Y3 - Lola

Y4 - Matthew & Guttemburg

Y5 - Kian

Y6 - Jazz

Star Reader:

Y1 - Lamek

Y2 - Mai-Mariam

Y3 - Sarah

Y4 - Not this week

Y5 - Yusuf

Y6 - Eden

Look what we have been doing - Key stage 2

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 3 have been incredibly busy and enthusiastic in their learning. We made a splash with our first swimming session, where everyone showed great bravery and had

lots of fun in the water.

Year 3

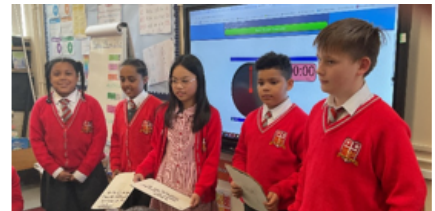
In art we made paper puppets bringing our designs to life. We also put on our historian hats to discuss and decide what was most important to the Ancient Egyptians. Through role play, we explored how to be kind and thoughtful towards others.



Our question this week was: **What did the Romans ever do for us?** We discussed our understanding of "legacy" something that is left behind and has a lasting impact.

Year 4

We talked about a number of Roman legacies which we had learned about during this unit: roads, sanitation and baths, written laws, buildings, numerals and the calendar. Each table had to justify why the legacy given to them was "the most important". They then presented their reasoning to the class and we voted – baths and sanitation won!.



Science, Our Year 5 scientists swapped the classroom for the great outdoors this week to investigate the diverse living things inhabiting our local park. The goal of the expedition was to move beyond simple identification and explore the complex relationships within a local **habitat**. **We have a brilliant time and enjoyed the outdoors!**

Year 5

In maths, we encourage Peer-to-peer learning is one of the most effective ways to master decimals because it translates "teacher-speak" into everyday language. When children help one another, they often experience understating concepts that solidifies their own knowledge.

In English, we are writing to describe a setting – we acted out the scenes using props and "show, don't tell" approach. Instead of saying the cave was scary, describe the flickering shadows and the "crunch of bones" underfoot. Oscar worthy performances

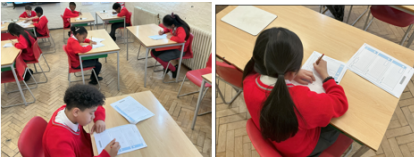


Our class has been hard at work in preparation for SATs and conducted their mock examinations this week.

Year 6

They have applied themselves diligently and shown exceptional motivation. Some of our pupils also had the privilege of meeting our local mayor for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Tom Bennett.

These select students represented themselves and the school brilliantly. We hope that they hold this memory dearly.



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 (y245). The journey includes four key crossing points, featuring a small crossing on East Row, another by the park on Kersal Road, followed by a refuge crossing which takes you to the bridge, providing access to Harmer Road. At Harmer Road, the group will cross at the traffic lights and cross again after 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 3-4 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 its 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

TERM	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
SPRING TERM	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00
SUMMER TERM	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00
AUTUMN TERM	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00	15:30 - 18:00

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 5-11 year olds, Years 3-6.

HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM
15:30 - 18:00
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AGES 5-11
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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

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

FACEBOOK

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TWITTER



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