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Newsletter - Friday 24th October 2025

## Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 07 of our Newsletter.

This first half term has been a joyful time for our school community and an opportunity for you, our parents and carers, to attend class assemblies, contribute to fundraising initiatives such as the McMillan Cancer support cake sale and meet with your child's class teacher and hear about their progress and learning.



**GrandParents'**

**&**

**Grand Relative's Day!**

Over the past couple of days, both schools have ended this half term with a 'Grandparents/Grand, Aunts/Uncles 'Afternoon Tea' celebration. This is a first for our Federation and has provided our children with the opportunity to say 'thank you' to their Grandmas, Grandads, Grand Aunts/Uncles for all that they do. It was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to all the children and staff for preparing and providing the treats and to the Year 6's for looking after our guests so well during the course of the afternoon.

I would like to remind everyone that next week is half term. The children will return to school on Tuesday 4th November at the usual time.

Wishing everyone a very happy and restful half term break.

Kind regards,

With best wishes  
Ms Hampton

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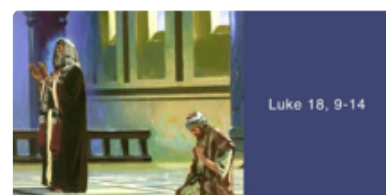


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## Catholic Life and Mission of the school

**This Sunday is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St Luke 18: 9-14**



At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.  
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But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself, he will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### St Mary's Faith Ambassadors

**Our Faith Ambassadors for this year are:**

Zamarah Y6, Yael Y6, Nicholas Y6, Carlos Y6, Amarah Y6, Kessiah Y6, Isaiah Y6, Amy Y6, Regina Y6, CallieY5, Olivia Q Y5 and Caleb Y5.  
Congratulations to you all!



**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.**

This month of October, **Pope Leo XIV** invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for **peace in our world** and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives.



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.





**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4pm -730pm & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am -1.30pm**

**Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church Hall, Kensal New Town, W10 5DJ**

*Money raised will help continue to develop our community hall, focusing on refurbishing the kitchen.*

*This will enable us to continue to provide a safe, welcoming , well-equipped space for gatherings and wider community use.*

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| <p><b>Grand Prize Raffle!</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Prize £200<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £100<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50</p> <p>Plus, many more lovely prizes</p> <p>Tickets are £1 each or £10 for a Book of 10 tickets.</p> <p>Winning Tickets will be drawn at the Bazaar, around 1pm on Sunday 7th December.</p> | <p><b>Lots of Fun at the Bazaar!</b></p> <p>Bottle Stall<br/>Cake Stall<br/>Tasty Savoury Food<br/>Exciting Auctions/Raffles<br/>Kids activities including Face Painting<br/>Paint a Christmas Bauble<br/>Lucky Dip<br/>Plus, a visit from <u>Fr Christmas</u>.</p> |
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- **Buying and or selling our Grand Prize Raffle Tickets:** available after weekend masses soon
- **Asking for Donations:** any one you know who can donate something for a raffle or an auction?  
We have a letter prepared that you can give out for this purpose
- **Donations for our Bottle Stall:** alcohol or any other full bottle items
- **Bring items new and or as good as new for our Bric n Brac stall:** gifts, toys, children's books, etc  
*For Health & Safety reasons no clothes or electrical items, and no DVDs or other books.*
- **Make a cake that we can sell at the bazaar**
- **Encourage** your children to draw a Christmas Scene on an A4 piece of paper. These will be displayed at the bazaar and Fr Damian will award a prize to the best artist!
- **Volunteer to help at the bazaar:** Let us know if you are available to help Saturday or Sunday
- **Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church hall before or after weekend masses from weekend 18<sup>th</sup> October**
- **If you need any further information or if you would like to offer your help, please contact Laura.**

**Please get involved!**  
**Many thanks**

**Laura Ryan** on behalf of the Bazaar and Fund-Raising Team  
**Tel: 07721 885648 Email: [Laura@knowhowhr.com](mailto:Laura@knowhowhr.com)**

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## Book Charity Autumn 2025

We have been gifted amazing new books from The Children's Book Charity in Kensington. Each child from Nursery to Year 6 will take home 2 books next week to read and share with you!

Please enjoy and these are a wonderful way to encourage reading for pleasure at home and finding out new facts or enjoying a fantasy, scientific or history book!



## St Mary's Primary School OPEN DAYS



Nursery and Reception places for 2026

Join us for a tour and talk

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1.45pm  
and

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am

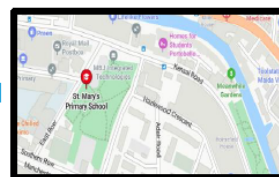


To book a place, please scan the QR code to visit our website

[www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk)



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# Diary Dates

| <b>Half term holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.</b> |                                                                   |
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| <b>November 2025</b>                                                                        |                                                                   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                             | <b>Staff INSET Day – school closed for children</b>               |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                                                            | <b>Back to school after half term</b>                             |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                                                           | <b>Whole School Mass in church 9.30am</b>                         |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                                          | <b>Year 4 Class Assembly</b>                                      |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                                                            | <b>Odd Socks Day</b>                                              |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November                         | <b>Anti-bullying Week</b>                                         |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                                          | <b>Year 2 Class Assembly</b>                                      |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                         | <b>UK Parliament Week - visits to Parliament Year 6</b>           |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                                                           | <b>Year 6 – visit to the Parliament</b>                           |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                                                           | <b>Whole School Advent Mass in church 9.30am</b>                  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                                                             | <b>Christmas Fair</b>                                             |
| <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>                  | <b>Our Lady Holy Souls Church Bazaar 6 / 7th December and</b>     |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                                         | <b>EYFS Christmas Play 2.00pm</b>                                 |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                                          | <b>School Jumper Day (£1 donation)<br/>School Christmas Lunch</b> |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                                            | <b>KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm</b>                                  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                                           | <b>KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2.15pm in church</b>               |
| <b>Christmas Holidays: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> |                                                                   |

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.

## 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**

Monday 3rd November is **Staff Training Day** and the **school will be closed** to children.

Schools resumes on **Tuesday 4th November**.

## **PE KIT**



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## **A message regarding Attendance and Punctuality from Ms Hampton**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Attendance & Punctuality**

***Attendance  
&  
Punctuality***

Excellent attendance is fundamental to an excellent education. Our Attendance policy follows the policy outlined by the Education Secretary, stating that children are not to be absent from school for holidays or other non-essential reasons during term time. Only in exceptional or mitigating circumstances will an absence be approved.

### **Illness**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school or absent from school for any reason, please phone the school on 0208 2053790 before 8.40 am.

We have an answerphone where you can leave a message before the office opens, please speak clearly with your child's name, class and the reason your child is unwell.

You can use the absence line from 8.00am to speak to a member of the office.

If we do not receive any information from a parent/carer in the morning, we will contact parents/carers asking them to phone the school. If we do not hear from you we will pursue all contacts regarding a child's absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. Please leave a message by 9.00 am each day of their absence.

If your child has either vomiting or diarrhea, they should stay at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is a recommendation from Public Health England to protect other pupils and staff. If a child is sent into school within the 48 hour period, we will contact the parents/carers and ask for the child to be collected from school.

Any absence can result in a loss of continuity for your child's education and upset their balance of learning. As a school, we are required to provide details of all unauthorised absences to the Local Authority.

### **Medical and Dental appointments**

We ask that you please make every effort to avoid booking medical and dental appointments during school time. Where this is unavoidable, parents/carers should put this in writing to the school office and attach a copy of the appointment card or letter before the date of the appointment. Please also include the time you will need to collect your child. If arriving late, please ensure that your child is accompanied and signed in by an adult at the school office for safeguarding reasons.

### **Other Absences**

Requests for absence during term time will not be authorised unless there is deemed to be an exceptional circumstance. Local Authorities have the power to serve parents with a Fixed Penalty Notice if a child has significant or repeated days of unauthorised absence.

### **Being Punctual**

**School starts at 9.00 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their classrooms by 9 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly.** Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best start to the day for our children.

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time if they are to get the most out of their education. Being late is disruptive for your child but also for all the other children in the class.

### **Punctuality**

5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.

**Punctuality is continually monitored. The gates open 15 minutes before the school day begins. If your child arrives after this time, then they will be recorded as late in the register!**

Attendance is regularly monitored by the local authority **who will fine any unauthorised absences.**

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# Expectation of children being collected at the end of each day

We expect all parents/carers to collect their children on time. Once the gates have closed, the children who have not been collected are brought into the office. If there are exceptional circumstances which are causing a delay, please contact the office immediately.

We do not have capacity to look after any children who are not picked up after that time.

As you are aware, the office gets very busy and the children cannot be left unsupervised in the reception area as it might pose the safety risk.

Please, ensure that you have arrangements in place to pick up your children on time.

Aktiva, the company running Wrap-Around Care in the RBKC North Hub in Ark Brunel, does take one-off bookings, so please feel free to use their services in emergencies.

Avenues Youth Project offer after school activities and a Walking Bus service, where they collect the children at the end of the day. Please see the information below on how to sign your child up.

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## Whole School Uniform

### School Tie (compulsory)

A gentle reminder that all children in Reception to Year 6 are all expected to wear their school ties.

The St Mary's school tie gives the school its unique identity and this is something we want to preserve and promote throughout the local area.

### New elasticated ties -

in response to parent and pupil feedback, we have decided to phase out clip on ties and replace them with elasticated ties. These are now available.

Staff will be checking to ensure that all school uniform criteria is followed.

Thank you for your support.

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# Important Parents' Information

## Uniform

Thank you to the vast majority of our pupils who wear their full school uniform. We have noticed that quite a few children do not have their ties whilst at school. Please, note that the school tie is part of our school uniform. Could you, please ensure that your child wears the tie to school every day,

Pupils should be wearing **school shoes** when they are not wearing trainers as part of their PE uniform. Quite a few pupils are wearing colourful trainers, which are **not** part of the uniform, and we ask that you kindly check with your child and make sure they wear full school uniform, which includes black shoes.

Please note that if for any reason your child is not in full school uniform or full PE kit, we expect a note from parents to explain why this is the case.

## Jewellery and Expensive items

As part of our school uniform, the children are allowed to wear small studs. Any long, dangling earrings might be the cause of accidents and therefore are not allowed.

If children wear necklaces with any religious symbols, please, make sure that your child is aware that these need to be tucked under the clothing for health and safety reasons.

As you are aware, we advise that children do not bring any expensive items to school, as we **cannot take responsibility for loss or damage**. Only children in Y5 and Y6, who have permission to walk to and from school on their own, can bring phones to school. However, they have to hand them in at the gate and pick them up from their teachers at the end of the day. During school hours the phones are stored in the safe.

Pandora bracelets as well as other bracelets and necklaces or "smart" watches are **not allowed** as they can create a health and safety hazard. In addition, they are often expensive or hold sentimental value.

Additionally, as "smart" watches are connected to other devices via the Internet, they are therefore **not allowed at school for safeguarding reasons**. This is in line with government and local authority guidelines and we ask parents to help us ensure that these guidelines are followed.

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact the office to make an appointment with a member of Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support with these important issues.

## Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week!

Our overall attendance is the same as last week **is 91.00%**. This is extremely low and as a school community, we need to do much better. Our school target is **96.00%**.

If required we will arrange to meet with parents, to draw their attention to their children's absence. There is a strong correlation between school attendance and pupil outcomes. Please ensure your child is at school unless they are ill.

### Holiday during term time

The government policy is that holidays during term times are not permitted, therefore the school **cannot authorise** any absence due to holidays during term times. If you take your child/ren out of school for a holiday during term time, they will be referred to the Local Authority if necessary. Please note this for any plans you are making for the new academic year 2024-25. The Department for Education expects parents/carers to organise holidays outside of the school term dates. Your child/ren's learning will suffer by taking them out of school and it may result in disruptions to the learning of others. We have already referred some families to the local authority who will issue a penalty notice.

### Contacts

It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times. Our admin team, endeavour to update our data systems with your details termly. This is essential for the wellbeing of your children and we need your help to ensure that you are contactable at all times. If there are any changes for 2024-25, please ensure you contact the school office at the beginning of the new academic year.

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## Look what we have been doing - Key Stage 2

Year 3 had a great day at the V&A Museum. We looked at some of the exhibits on inclusive design and had a good at making our own inclusive designs.

# Year 3



Our computing unit this half term was "Collaborative Learning". Earlier this term, the children explored using Google Slides.

# Year 4

The children have put that work into practice over the last week or so in connection with our Geography topic on "Our European Neighbours".

The children are working together in groups of 4 on a shared document to create presentation in which they are comparing Paris and London.



Year 5 had a busy end of term! We have finished our sessions with QPR and performed our class assembly which we hope you enjoyed! We were also lucky to have a surprise visitor in class.

## Year 5

We are looking forward to lots of new learning next term and I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful half-term.



The children put the final touches on an immensely productive half-term. We are all very proud of the progress they have made this far and cannot wait to see them continue to flourish in their primary school journey.

## Year 6

The students ended the week by giving back to the community when they served and performed for our school grandparents at a wonderfully hosted event.



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](http://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:** 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](mailto: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](http://www.aktivacamps.com)** to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.

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## **Star of the Week**

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 24th October 2025**

### **Star of the Term:**

#### **Nursery/Reception -Both Classes**

**Y1 - Malaysia**

**Y2 - Whole Class**

**Y3 - N/A**

**Y4 - Grae**

**Y5 - Whole Class**

**Y6 - Whole Class**

**Star Reader:**

Y1 - Malayah

Y2 - Lexi

Y3 - N/A

Y4 - Matthew

Y5 - Mimi

Y6 - Zyann

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## Term Dates 2025- 2026

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