

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 25th September 2026

Message to parents from Mrs Tusting

Welcome to issue 3 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to see our school community settling into the new academic year. The children have returned with enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see them learning, playing together and growing in confidence.

Our first few weeks are always a time of establishing routines, getting to know new teachers and classmates, and reminding ourselves of the values that help make St Mary's such a special place. **Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness, Tolerance and Co-operation** continue to guide the way we learn and live together as a school community.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support as we work together to help our children flourish. Your encouragement with attendance, punctuality, reading, homework, uniform and the many other aspects of school life makes such a difference.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, including our online-safety work with the Breck Foundation, opportunities for parents to come into school and share in their children's learning, and our ongoing work to strengthen our school community.

As always, thank you for being such an important part of St Mary's. I hope you have a lovely weekend with your families, and I look forward to another happy and productive week together.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Tusting



Autumn Term 1 2026



Come and have a look at our wonderful Early Years provision



St Mary's Primary School

OPEN DAYS

**Nursery and Reception places
for 2027**



**Join us for a tour and talk
Wednesday 4th November 5pm
or**

Thursday 5th November 9.15am

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

www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk

*"Leaders have high expectations for every pupil's
academic achievement and behaviour" Ofsted 2022*

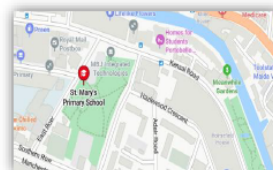


St Mary's Primary School

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Open Morning for Nursery and Reception 2027

Our first Open Morning for Nursery and Reception 2027, will take place on **Wednesday 4th November at 5pm and Thursday 5th November at 9.15am.**

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'



When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five

o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

And so the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospel by St Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Special Feast in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar in autumn:

September 29: Feast of the Holy Archangels—Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—traditionally known as Michaelmas.

October Feasts

October 1: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower" and Doctor of the Church.

October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels.

October 4: St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (marking October as the month of the Holy Rosary).

October 31: All Hallows' Eve, kicking off the transition to November.

November Feasts

November 1: All Saints' Day (a major solemnity honouring all in heaven).

November 2: All Souls' Day (commemorating the faithful departed).

November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King

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This year again we have the **Eco Council**, with 8 pupils volunteering for this important pupil voice group.

Y4 Eco Council: **Anya, Sarah, Fraser and Nicholas**

Y5 Eco Council: **Savannah, Vanna, Rhenn and Jaiden**

Y6 Eco Leaders: **Poppy and Elly**

They will perform a series of tasks, promoting **reuse, reduce and recycle** under the sustainability of our planet initiative.

Congratulations and very well done for volunteering!



School



After School Clubs!



Autumn Term 1 - After School Clubs

Please ensure that you book and make payment through the Arbor system. Once this has been completed, please provide the office with the completed **After School Club Consent Form**.

Monday - Dance and Gymnastics for all

Tuesday - Multisport for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Football for Reception, Year 1 and Year

Thursday - Football for KS2

Friday - Art for all classes.

Basketball for KS2

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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This week we look at: What parents and staff need to know about: What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **What's Real Online**



Please click on the link below to read the #WakeupWednesday guide on What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Safety Online:

[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.

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

Celebrating 100% Attendance!



Weekly Attendance

Name	Today
Reception	86.7%
Y12	92.0%
Y4	95.0%
Y5	96.6%
Nursery	100%
Y3	100%
Y6	100%



Important dates:

October 2025	Black History Month
Thursday 1 st October	School Census Day
Thursday 1 st October	First PTA meeting – all welcome
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day, Theme: Wonder
Monday 19 th October	Year 5 visit to see Bayeux Tapestry at British Museum
Tuesday 20 th September	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 22 nd September	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.45pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Grandparents' Afternoon Tea and Concert 2.00 pm
Half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.	
November 2025	
Monday 2 nd November	Staff INSET Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 3 rd November	Back to school after half term

New diary dates will be provided weekly

We would like to share some important dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term 1 with you.

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 leave 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:

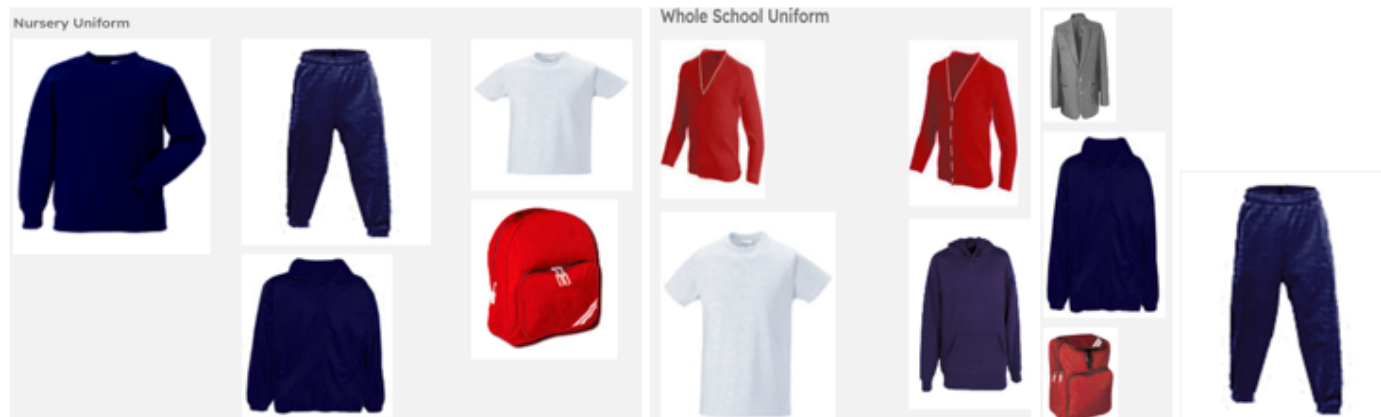
Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Thursdays – **EYFS, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 and Year 5**

Fridays - **Year 4 and Year 6**

Please, note we had to **swap Y3 and Y4 PE days**. Year 3 children will now have PE on Thursdays. Please, ensure the **Y3** pupils wear their **PE kits** on **Thursdays** from next week and **Year 4** pupils on **Fridays**.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your support with this change.



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



Star of the Term for Friday 25th September 2026

EYFS - Kenza.S

Y1/2 - Whole Class

Y3 - Aniyah

Y4 - Zema

Y5 - Ryan

Y6 - (not this week)

Star Readers

Y1/2 - Lamek

Y3 - Kurtny

Y4 - Azahry'e

Y5 - Kareema

Y6 - (not this week)

Look what we have been doing - Early years and Key Stage 1

Early Years have been busy the past fortnight, mark making lots of different patterns for Literacy activities. Children have been accessing the provision and engaging with self led activities such as rhyme time and maths.

EARLY YEARS

Part of our morning routine, is children writing their name to sign in. Please look out for this writing in their bags as they will be sharing this learning today with their families.



Year1/ 2 Trip to the Serpentine Summer Pavilion

We are thrilled to share that our Year 1/2 trip to the Serpentine Gallery's Summer Pavilion was a massive success! This trip was a wonderful addition to our art learning. Alongside exploring the unique installations, the children had a wonderful time collecting leaves in the grounds, which we will be using for an upcoming art project!

Y1 & Y2





Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am from Monday to Friday child, for children from Reception to Y6. Before your child/ren attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you register your child on Arbor.

If you have any issues with registering your child, please contact the school office.

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 Harrow 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 afterschool club 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

YEAR	TIME	ACTIVITY
YEAR 3	3.15 PM - 3.45 PM	Walking bus to The Avenues
YEAR 4	3.15 PM - 3.45 PM	Walking bus to The Avenues
YEAR 5	3.15 PM - 3.45 PM	Walking bus to The Avenues
YEAR 6	3.15 PM - 3.45 PM	Walking bus to The Avenues

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 8-11 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

15th March - 10th April

SUMMER TERM

10th May - 10th June

AUTUMN TERM

10th September - 10th October

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10th November - 10th December

www.avenues.org.uk

Akvita 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.

Monday 2nd November is **Staff Training Day** and the **school will be closed** to children. Schools resumes on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Term Dates 2025- 2026

Autumn Term – 2026

First Half Term

Staff Training – Tuesday 1st September – Inset Day (*no pupils*)

Staff Training – Wednesday 2nd September – Inset Day (*no pupils*)

First Day of School – Thursday 3rd September

Last Day of School – Friday 23rd October

Half Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Second Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 2nd November – Inset Day (*no pupils*)

First Day of School – Tuesday 3rd November

Last Day of School – Friday 18th December – *School Closes at 1.30pm*

Christmas Holiday – Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term – 2027

First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 4th January – Inset Day (*no pupils*)

First Day of School – Tuesday 5th January

Last Day of School – Friday 12th February

Half Term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 22nd February

Last Day of School – Thursday 25th March – *School Closes at 1.30pm*

Easter Holiday – Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term – 2027

First Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 12th April

Last Day of School – Thursday 27th May

Staff Training – Friday 28th May – Inset Day (*no pupils*)

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May (*no pupils*)

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 7th June

Last Day of School – Wednesday 21st July – *School Closes at 1.30pm*

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