

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 26th June 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Welcome to issue 37 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a week it has been! Congratulations and well done to the whole school community for surviving this week.

Thank you for your support, understanding, and cooperation during this period of excessive heat. We greatly appreciate the way families have worked with us to help keep all children safe, comfortable, and ready to learn while we adapted our routines to the weather conditions.

With temperatures now expected to return to normal for the time of year, we will be resuming our usual school routines, procedures, and expectations from next week. This includes our normal timetable, playground arrangements, and daily school practices. Please check diary dates as some of the events that were postponed will be, where possible, rescheduled before the end of the term. Additionally, as there are only 3 weeks left until the Summer holiday, please make a note of all the other events that are taking place.

If your child was absent during the heatwave, please can you provide specific reasons as to why, for authorisation purposes.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to welcoming the children back to a normal school week.

Best Wishes,



Summer Weather Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with:

- A named sun hat.
- Sun cream already applied before school (and, where appropriate, a named bottle if they are able to reapply it themselves).
- A named water bottle filled with fresh water.
- Summer school uniform, which is lighter and more comfortable for the hot weather.
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Throughout the day, staff will encourage children to drink plenty of water, seek shade where possible and take regular breaks from the sun during outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep everyone safe during this period of hot weather.



STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the car park is for the use of staff and authorised visitors only. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Message to parents from the Senior Leadership Team

To promote healthy choices and to protect those children who may have a food allergy, we ask that parents help us to celebrate the children's birthdays in an alternative way.

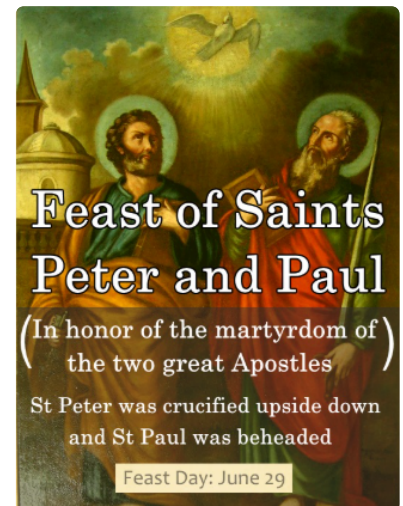
Rather than bring in sweet treats, you may wish to consider donating a book for the class library and the school will put a special sticker inside in the cover noting who the book is from.

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is on the 29th June and is a key celebration in the church calendar. It honours two very different apostles who helped spread Christianity across the world.

St. Peter was a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Peter, which means 'rock', because he was strong and reliable.

St. Paul was a clever traveller who wrote many letters in the Bible to teach people about kindness and love.



As we celebrate St. Peter and St. Paul, we remember how they worked to spread the Good News. Peter was one of Jesus's closest disciples, and Paul started out trying to stop Christians before having a life-changing vision. Despite their imperfections and struggles, they became brave leaders.

Let their dedication inspire us to stand up for what is right, be brave in our learning, and support one another in school this term!

Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Our School Value for this half term is **Co-operation** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is the **Solidarity**. The principle of the **Solidarity** in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is a core pillar of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) that recognizes the fundamental interconnectedness of all humanity. It dictates that because we are all one global family, we are responsible for one another and must actively work to ensure the common good.



Solidarity is more than a feeling of sympathy or vague compassion; it is a **"firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good"**.

Key Characteristics:

More than Charity: While charity provides direct aid, solidarity focuses on justice. It requires challenging and dismantling the systemic, structural causes of poverty, inequality, and oppression.

Interdependence: It acknowledges that the well-being of individuals is intimately tied to the well-being of the wider global society. As Pope John Paul II summarized: **"We are all really responsible**

for all."

Walking with the Vulnerable: It involves listening to and empowering marginalized people so they can shape their own destinies, rather than just doing things *for* them.

Biblical and Papal Roots

Scriptural Foundation: It is rooted in the belief that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. St. Paul emphasized this unity, stating, *"All of you are one in Christ."*

Modern Papal Teaching: The concept has been deeply shaped by modern encyclicals. Pope St. John Paul II formalized it in his 1987 encyclical *On Social Concern*. More recently, Pope Francis's 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) highlighted solidarity as a fundamental requirement to combat inequality.

How Solidarity is lived

Living out the principle of solidarity touches all aspects of life, including daily personal relationships, community organizing, and consumer choices. It inspires action like fair trade practices, advocacy for human rights, and supporting global relief agencies.

SUMMER FAYRE - WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY AT 3.45PM TO 5.30PM

Summer Fayre will now take place on Wednesday the 8th of July at 3.45pm to 5.30pm. We need your help. There will be a PTA meeting on Monday 29th July at 2.45pm to make arrangements for this event.

We look forward to seeing you there.

There will be an own clothes day on Friday 3rd July in exchange for a bottle for the Tombola.

Thank you for your support.

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TUESDAY
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FRIDAY
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TWO STRINGS

ENTRANCE OFF ELKSTONE ROAD

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FILMS
+
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 WITH THE
 SCIENCE MUSEUM
 AND LEIGHTON
 HOUSE
 MON 6 TO FRI 10
 AFTER SCHOOL
 ALL FREE

FULL DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE AT
 TRELICKTOWER.COM/54

Safeguarding Information

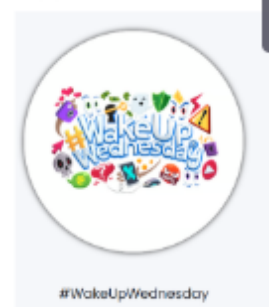
Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we continue to work closely with staff, pupils and families to ensure that all children are safe, both in school and online.

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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As shared in the previous Newsletters, part of our commitment to online safety, we are subscribing to *Wake Up Wednesday*.

Online Safety Tips For Families



This week we continue with: What parents and staff need to know about Minecraft



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

[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.

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.



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 29th June	PTA meeting to organise Summer festival (fair) All parent/carers welcome
Tuesday 30th June	KS1 infant voices festival – Town Hall
Wednesday 1st July	Rhythm studio Year 5 – performance to parents See separate letter
Friday 3rd July	Muffy Day in exchange for bring a bottle for the Summer festival (fair)
Tuesday 7th July	Reception graduation
Wednesday 8th July	St Mary's Summer Festival (previously Summer Fair) 3.45pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 9th July	Sports Day - KS2 am EYFS/KS1 - pm
Friday 10th July	Stay and Play sessions – New reception children
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 production
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 leavers' Mass – 9.30am

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 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

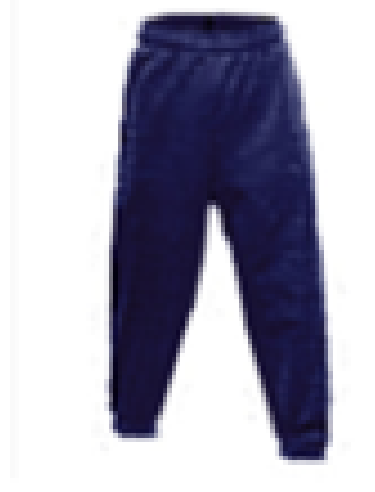
Wednesdays 2.45pm to 3.05pm: FS/KS1 Assembly (every two weeks)

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.

Please, find below the final PE days:

Mondays – **Year 3 and Year 5**

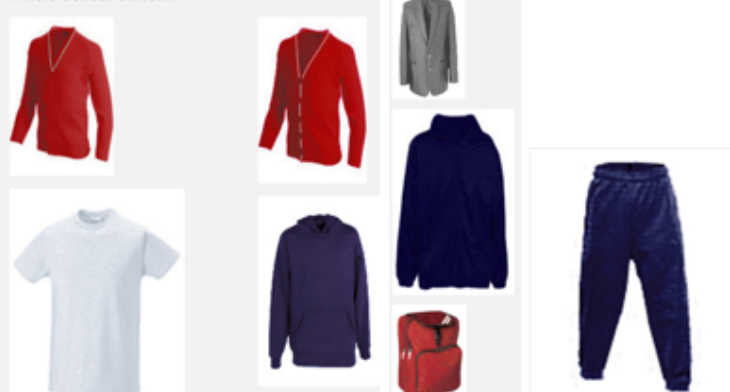
Thursdays – **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6**

Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



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** -
NO STAR OF THE WEEK FOR THIS WEEK!!

Look what we have been doing - Key stage 2

Year 3 have had a busy few weeks! In Science, we investigated the properties of rocks through practical experiments. We also performed our fantastic class assembly, showcasing our learning with confidence. In Art, we created colourful collages using a range of materials and techniques.

We also enjoyed a Money Workshop with Halifax, where we planned a party while working to a budget, helping us develop our money management and decision-making skills.

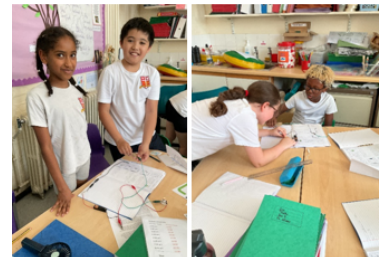
Year 3



Our Summer 2 Science Unit is "Electricity" and this week we have been learning about circuits. We learned that, in our simple series circuit, electrical current flowed from a power source (a battery) along the wires, through a component (a bulb or motor) and back to the battery terminal.

Year 4

The circuit needed to be complete – if there was a 'break' the bulb stopped working. We made circuits using diagrams showing incomplete circuits and used our problem solving skills to work out how to complete the circuit.



On Monday, Year 4 and Year 5 teamed up for an exciting NatWest MoneySense workshop.

The children developed essential life skills by exploring budgeting, saving, and the true value of money.

Year 5

Through interactive games and hands-on activities, the children learned how to manage finances responsibly. It was a highly informative and useful session that equipped our students with practical skills for the real world!

Keeping Cool in Year 5 turned up the heat on fun by cooling down with an epic game of Twister!



Year 6 have had a fantastic and memorable couple of weeks. Our residential trip to PGL was a huge success, with children challenging themselves through activities such as Vertical Challenge, archery, raft building and orienteering. It was wonderful to see them enjoying the outdoors, building confidence and strengthening friendships through teamwork and shared experiences.

Year 6

Back at school, the children have continued to work incredibly hard across their learning and on rehearsals for our end-of-school production, *Kitty Whittington*. Despite the recent heatwave, they have shown great resilience, enthusiasm and commitment as they prepare for their final performance. We are very proud and look forward to sharing the show with you soon.



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 Row, another by the park on Kersall 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/contributors

THE AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT

TERM TIME

WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
10th April	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
17th April	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
24th April	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
1st May	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
8th May	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
15th May	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
22nd May	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
29th May	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
5th June	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
12th June	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
19th June	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
26th June	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
3rd July	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
10th July	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
17th July	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
24th July	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
31st July	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
7th August	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
14th August	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
21st August	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
28th August	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
4th September	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
11th September	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
18th September	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
25th September	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
2nd October	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
9th October	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
16th October	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
23rd October	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
30th October	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
6th November	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
13th November	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
20th November	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
27th November	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
4th December	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
11th December	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
18th December	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
25th December	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
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26th March	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs
2nd April	3:45 - 5:00 PM	Zone Clubs

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

10th April - 10th May

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
April 6-10

10th May - 10th June

SUMMER TERM

10th June - 10th July

10th July - 10th August

AUTUMN TERM

10th August - 10th September

10th September - 10th October

10th October - 10th November

10th November - 10th December

10th December - 10th January

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.

Term Dates 2025- 2026

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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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