

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 27th March 2026

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 27 of our Newsletter.

The final week before the Easter holidays is always dedicated to remembering Our Lord's passion and resurrection. At the beginning of the week, we began with the Stations of the Cross at both schools. In class, children were learning about Holy Week and this morning at St Charles, I attended a very moving Holy Week

presentation by Year 5. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended and congratulations to the children and their class teachers, Miss Manion, Miss Hanley and the Year 5 team for their wonderful hard work and effort. You are truly brilliant.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our parents' groups across the Federation who ensure that our children not only experience the joy of the resurrection, but also have some Easter fun. Pupils enjoyed taking part in the Easter tombola, cake sale and Easter Egg Hunt thanks to the kind donations from parents/carers and staff and the hard work of the parent volunteers. Thank you for giving up your time so generously.

Yesterday, we had our first Federation coffee morning at St Mary's. Thank you to all those who attended and a special thank you to Carmen from our local Family Hub, who was on hand to answer any general questions and queries. The coffee morning will take place every month for an hour at St Mary's and will have a particular theme, based on the feedback that we have received. We will confirm the theme nearer the time. The next coffee morning is scheduled for Thursday 30th April 2026 so we look forward to seeing you there.



We are delighted to see that pupils' attendance and punctuality is improving and we will be introducing a new award at assembly for significant improvement in both areas. We hope this continues next term. Well done everybody.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and your on-going commitment to the Federation. Wishing you all a very restful and joyous Easter break, and looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April 2026

Best Wishes,

Ms Hampton



Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Station of the Cross Liturgy

This week we had Stations of the Cross Liturgy in EYFS & KS1 and KS2. Both Liturgies were very moving. Children took part with respect and reverence and growing understanding of the meaning and importance of Lent and Easter.



6th Sunday of Advent

The 6th Sunday of Lent is **Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)**, marking the start of Holy Week. It features two Gospel components: the procession reading of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (see: **Matthew 21:1-11**) and the long form reading of the Passion narrative (see: **Matthew 26:14-27:66**).



Key Themes of the Readings:

Procession Gospel (Entry into Jerusalem): Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by crowds shouting "Hosanna," fulfilling prophecy as a humble king.

The Passion Gospel: The narrative shifts to the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and the trial, suffering, and crucifixion of Jesus.

Our School Value for this half term is **Honesty** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is **Participation (Rights and Responsibilities)**.



The Catholic social teaching principle of Participation (Rights and Responsibilities) for children emphasizes that all individuals, regardless of age, have a right to contribute to their communities and a responsibility to promote the Common Good. Children are encouraged to be active, caring members of society by practicing solidarity, treating others with dignity, and helping the vulnerable.

Key aspects of Participation (Rights and Responsibilities) for children include:

Active Engagement: Children are called to participate in their community and take responsibility for its well-being.

Rights & Responsibilities: Human dignity requires that rights (such as education and care) are protected while corresponding duties (such as treating others with respect) are fulfilled.

Practical Application: Our school engage with programmes and activities using organisations like CAFOD, Mission Together and Catholic Children's Society, where children learn through, for example, supporting local foodbanks (we did this in the Autumn Term) and fundraise for those less fortunate than us in our local area (Lent almsgiving)

Common Good: Children learn that their actions, even small ones, contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

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[Click here](#)

Please click on the link below to read this #WakeupWednesday guide on what parents and staff need to know about Streaming Services:

[Click here](#)

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[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.



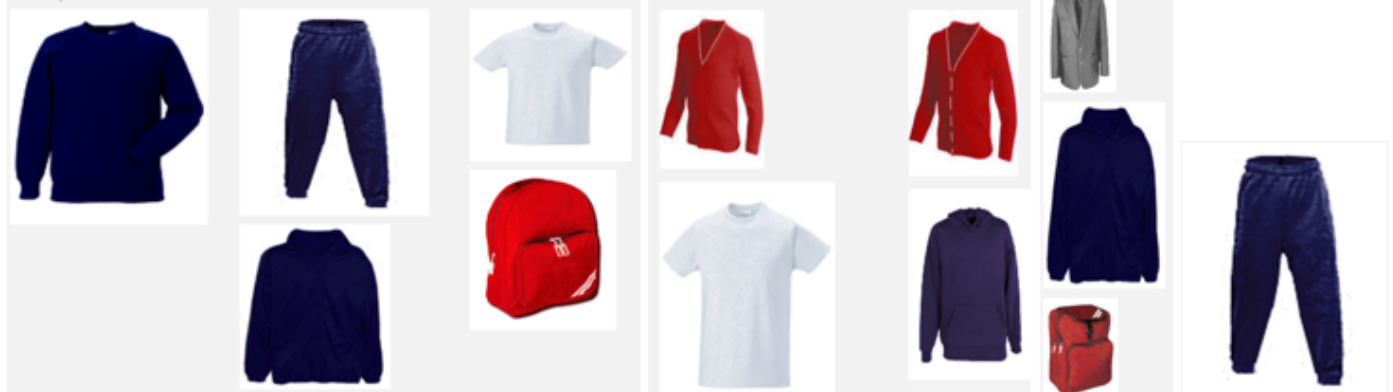
New diary dates will be provided in the New Summer Term 1

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Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



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. Courtele
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

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Term - Friday 27th March 2026**

Star of the Term:

N - Noah

Reception - Vanessa

Y1 - Ayda

Y2 - Mai Mariam

Y3 - Zoe

Y4 - Aislie

Y5 - Nathaniel

Y6 - Regina

Fantastic Musicians:

EYFS - Lela, George

Y1 - Cecilia, Valentin

Y2 - Aniyah, Noel

Y3 - Maria, Major

Y4 - Savannah, Ricardo

Y5 - Cali, Esey

Y6 - Layla, Carlos

Piano Star Award:

Y3 - Mia

Y5 - Alessia

Improved Attendance Award:

Rec - Matilda

Y4 - Teddie

Y6 - Layla

Look what we have been doing - Keystage 2

Year 3 had the chance to see some wonderful Science Experiments, presented by Sarah and her Dad, to celebrate Science Week. A real sense of wonder was felt by all!

Year 3



In History, we have been exploring the question: "How did the Romans change Britain?"

We all know that "All Roads Lead to Rome", but how so? Well, in this lesson the children presented their reasons to Emperor Claudius (aka, Miss Walsh) as to why he should invade Celtic Britain.

Year 4

Reasons included: to make him more powerful; to gain access to resources – farmland, tin and gold; and to prevent the Celts from supporting the Romans' enemies, the Gauls.



In our maths lesson, Year 5 were extremely busy with fractions, decimals and percentages - BUT we had a great idea to incorporate our learning with SMARTIES! (We promise- we didn't eat any!).

The children really enjoyed, guessing, counting and working out the fractions, decimals and percentages. The children thought this was a fun way of approaching fractions!

Year 5

In assembly, we celebrated The Stations of the Cross which is a 14-step devotion that follows Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death. The children reflected on Jesus' suffering and love through images, prayers and singing.

The Easter Egg Treasure Hunt was organised by our lovely PTA and Mrs Walsh. What lovely treat for our children and we really appreciate the dedication and commitment from the PTA who work tirelessly to support our school.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU!



This week has been extremely busy and productive, with pupils showing a consistent focus on their learning. The highlight was our visit to the TfL Junior Citizenship Event at the Natural History Museum.

Year 6

The children engaged brilliantly with a range of interactive workshops; learning about how to stay safe and responsible as they grow into more independent members of the community. They showed excellent maturity, asked thoughtful questions and represented the school positively throughout the visit.

Back in the classroom, we have continued to work hard across all subjects, building on our learning and supporting one another in the run-up to the holidays.



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 2:15 PM. The route takes approximately 10 minutes, with arrival at The Avenues by 2:45. The journey includes four key crossing points, featuring a small crossing on East Row, 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 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

TERM	TIME	AGE	TYPE	LOCATION	CONTACT
SPRING	15:30 - 18:00	6-11	CLUB	THE AVENUES	0181 708 1000
SUMMER	15:30 - 18:00	6-11	CLUB	THE AVENUES	0181 708 1000
AUTUMN	15:30 - 18:00	6-11	CLUB	THE AVENUES	0181 708 1000

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 6-11 that runs every Monday to Wednesday, from 15:30 to 18:00.

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

HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM
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

AUTUMN TERM
15:30 - 18:00
15:30 - 18:00
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
April 3-10
15:30 - 18:00
15:30 - 18:00
15:30 - 18:00

BOOKING
0181 708 1000
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www.avenues.org.uk

Akvtia 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

First Day of School – Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

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