



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter - 15th Dec 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 5 of our school Newsletter!

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Choosing St Mary's

Mrs Cummings and Mrs Lazaroo are meeting nursery parents on Wednesday, December 20th to discuss the admissions process for pupils starting primary school in September 2024. They will be available at the beginning and end of the day!

Today, we would like to ask you to recommend our school to parents with young children who are considering a primary school for their children.

Christmas

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Nursery and Reception who performed their first Christmas show on Wednesday, December 13th.

They sang beautifully and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our school hall for such an occasion.

On Monday December 18th the boys and girls in Key Stage 2 will present their Christmas Carol Service in our parish church, Our Lady of the Holy Souls at 2pm. You are all very welcome to attend.



Thank you to Miss Alena for organising the wonderful music and to Mr Larke for coordinating the event.

On Wednesday, December 20th, the children in Key Stage 1, Years 1 and 2, will present their Christmas show at 2pm in the hall.

Huge thanks to all the teachers and support staff who make all of this possible.

You will appreciate the time, thought and energy that goes into such productions. Thank you everyone!

On Thursday last, the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch. The dining hall looked very festive with children wearing their Christmas jumpers. It was lovely to hear the children sing along to their favourite Christmas songs.

Next Tuesday, December 19th, we are looking forward to welcoming Father Christmas to St Mary's!



Parking safely

We all strive to keep our children safe on the road.

Could I please remind you that you must not park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

If you are driving to school, please be considerate of other road users so that we do not block the road. East Row is a public road and needs to allow access at all times for emergency vehicles.

Pets

Can you please make sure that all dogs are on a short lead at all times near the school.

Some children are afraid of dogs and in order to prevent an accident please be aware of the whereabouts of your dog as we want to avoid a small child running on to the road in order to avoid a dog.



CITY HARVEST FOOD DRIVE IMPACT REPORT



Thank you for supporting City Harvest and making an impact on the lives of hundreds of Londoners facing food poverty

Mary's Primary School's contribution will mean nutritious food can be delivered to City Harvest's network of London community partners, free of charge. Your food drive donations equal:

**252 KILOGRAMS
FOOD PROVIDED**



to City Harvest London



600 MEALS DELIVERED



to community partners feeding
the city's most vulnerable

Big Thank you ...

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You can see the full impact report on our website:

<https://www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk/school-impact-report>

Nursery

We were very busy in Nursery with all our preparation for Christmas



Children were really excited having Christmas Lunch wearing their amazing Christmas jumpers



Attendance

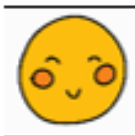

Thank you to the vast majority of our pupils who attend school every day. There is no doubt that there is a strong correlation between attendance and progress.



Mr Larke and Miss Slavin regularly scrutinise our attendance and report these figures to our governors,

They will be meeting parents in the New Year where attendance has slipped and is causing concern.

Well Done to **Year 2** on having the best attendance over the past week.

% Attendance 11 th Dec – 15 th Dec		
Nursery	85.59%	
Reception	90.18%	
Year 1	89.65%	
Year 2	93.00%	
Year 3	89.24%	
Year 4	92.29%	
Year 5	92.44%	
Year 6	91.59%	
Whole school	91.00%	

School



Breakfast Club & Tea Time Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am daily. The cost per child is **£4.00** per day. Booking is essential and is done through **SchoolGateway**.

We have a Tea Time Club, which runs daily from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on St Mary's premises. The daily cost is £11.00 per child. The provision includes an afternoon snack. If you are interested in a place for your child, please book and pay through SchoolGateway. Unfortunately, children cannot attend unless a place is booked and paid for.



★ Stars ★ Of the Week

Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week** awards on:

Star of the Week winners for Friday 15th Dec:

Rec: The Whole Class

Y1: Maria

Y2: Azai

Y3: Bonnie

Y4: Yael

Y5: Sebastian

Y6: The Whole Class

Star Readers:

Rec - The Whole Class

Y1 - Lola

Y2 - Teddie

Y3 - Alby

Y4 - Zamarah

Y5 - Layla

Y6 - Darci

Handwriter of the Week:

Rec- Pippa

Y1 - Anya

Y2 - Isla

Y3 - Cali

Y4 - Beza

Y5 - Nina

Y6 - Mat

Congratulations to all the Stars!

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term – 2023 First Half Term

Staff Training – Mon 4th & Tues 5th September - School Closed

First Day of School – Wednesday 6th September

Last Day of School – Friday 20th October

Half Term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 30th October

Last Day of School – Thursday 21st December - 1.30pm - School Closed

Christmas Holiday – Friday 22nd December – Friday 5th January 2023

Spring Term - 2024

First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 8th January – School Closed

First Day of School – Tuesday 9th January

Last Day of School – Friday 9th February

Half Term – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 19th February

Last Day of School – Thursday 28th March - 1.30pm - School Closed

Easter Holiday – Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Summer Term – 2024 First Half Term

Staff Training – Monday 15th April – School Closed

First Day of School – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Last Day of School – Friday 24th May

Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Second Half Term

First Day of School – Monday 3rd June

Staff Training – Monday 24th June – School Closed

Last Day of School – Wednesday 24th July - 1.30pm - School Closed

Upcoming dates:

Monday 18th December at 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Concert in the parish church

Tuesday 19th December Father Christmas visiting the school

Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm KS1 Christmas Play in the school hall

Thursday 21st December: last day of term; **school closes at 1.30pm**

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us through this year. It is only by working collaboratively that we are able to achieve all we do.

We will welcome the children back to School at 8.50am on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I hope you and your families have a lovely, restful weekend!

With the very best wishes

Ann Slavin

Executive Headteacher

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