

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

**Information for parents with children for Nursery
and Reception entry in September 2024**



Our children

St Mary's Catholic school aims to educate our pupils to be independent, resilient, confident, respectful and polite children.

We support them through the national curriculum to achieve their potential. They will be willing to have a go, unafraid to make mistakes and learn from them, learn from others around them with a positive attitude and confident to work in a team.

We will fully prepare them for the transition to secondary school at the age of 11.



Catholic Ethos

Learning Together in Faith and Love



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School exists to serve the Roman Catholic families of the Parish of Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Kensal New Town and other local parishes.



At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we recognise that we are all part of God's wonderful creation and therefore are all special. We learn to respect one another as we prepare for the life in the wider world. Our school community is united by our faith in Jesus, whose message we live by and teach. We recognise, respect and celebrate our diversity.

At St Mary's we encourage everyone to learn, grow and flourish in Faith and Love.

Your New Nursery!

These are some of the photos from our Nursery. With your application pack, you will also receive a 'Your New Nursery' sheet. It has photos of your child's new classroom, the Nursery team, the playground and other things they may want to know so that you can show them and talk about it in the lead up to starting.



Our Nursery Timetable

The classroom door is opened at 9.00am and closed at 9.15am. Children arriving after this time will need to be taken to the office and will be marked as late on the register.

- **Morning session:** 9.00am - 11.30am
- **Fruit snack time:** 10.00am - 10.15am
- **Lunchtime and playtime:** 11.40am – 1.15pm
- **Afternoon session:** 1.15pm - 3.00pm
- **Bread snack and milk:** 2.45pm – 2.55pm
- **End of school day:** 3.15pm

The Nursery gate is opened at 3.15pm and a teacher will release your child to their parent/carer at the Nursery door.

Our Reception

- 30 pupils in a class
- 1 class teacher supported by experienced support staff
- One large, well equipped classroom
- Dedicated outdoor learning area
- Learning follows the EYFS Curriculum
- Regular assessments and support ensure pupils are ready for Key Stage 1



Special Educational Needs



- Our ethos is based on inclusion, we aim to help **every** child to reach their highest potential.
- If a child has special educational needs, parents and school work together to ensure they are supported in an individual way to ensure they make maximum progress and achievement.
- We work with many outside agencies to make sure we give the right support to each individual:
- ☆ Early Years and Autism Team ☆ Intervention Team Primary ☆ TBAP ☆ Early Help for Families ☆ CAHMS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) ☆ Social Services ☆ School Nurse ☆ Speech and Language Therapist ☆ Play Therapist ☆ Occupational Therapist ☆ Educational Psychologist ☆ TOD (Teacher of the Deaf) ☆ Art Therapist ☆ West London Zone key worker

EAL (English as an Additional Language)

At St Mary's school we are very proud of its diversity...

Our children speak over 25 different languages and come from all over the world.

We offer specialised support to ensure that these children can achieve their full potential.



Enrichment



St Mary's makes the most of the opportunities available to us to expand our pupil's experiences, by arranging off-site trips to extend the curriculum. For example:

✳ Into University ✳ PGL ✳ Theatre trips ✳ Royal Albert Hall ✳ Maths Challenges
✳ Tri-Borough Sports Events ✳ Tri-Borough Music Hub ✳ Thomas Foundation ✳
Everyday Magic Storytellers ✳ Mission Together ✳ Caritas ✳ CAFOD ✳ West
London Zone ✳ QPR Outreach Programme

St Mary's Site

For a school in inner London, we are very fortunate to have access to extensive grounds that can be used for many purposes. Please take time to explore our outdoor play areas and see for yourself.





St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

End of Year Results 2022-2023



Early Years Foundation Stage (GLD)

Overall GDL
72%

St. Mary's Phonics Screening Results

Year 1	Year 2
90% (29 Pupils)	33% (3 Pupils)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Below are the official pupil scores published on 26th June 2023.

24 pupils took the test in early June. Maximum score 25/25

Average Score	Percentage who achieved 25/25
22	40%

Key Stage 1 SATs Results

	Reading			Writing			Maths		
	Below ARE	ARE +	Above ARE	Below ARE	ARE +	Above ARE	Below ARE	ARE +	Above ARE
St. Mary's									
Year 2	17%	83%	24%	17%	83%	7%	14%	86%	17%

Key Stage 2 SATs Results

	Reading		Writing		Maths		SPAG		Combined RWM	
	ARE +	Above ARE	ARE+	Above ARE	ARE +	Above ARE	ARE+	Above ARE	ARE	
Year 6 St. Mary's	78%	22%	78%	14%	86%	30%	83%	55%	75%	
Percentage of pupils achieving expected standard nationally	73%		71%		73%				59%	

School Dinners

All children in St Mary's have the option of a freshly cooked nutritional and wholesome lunch, which they can eat in the dining room with their friends.

- Meals are prepared in our own kitchens
- Salad bar and vegetarian options
- Healthy desserts and fruit available
- Allergy requirements can be catered for



Extra-curricular Provision

- Years 3 & 4 Football
- Years 5 & 6 Football
- EYFS & KS1 Gardening
- Met Police – The Awareness Project
- Reception – Year 6 Dance
- Piano lessons
- Ukulele lessons
- School Choir

West London Zone

- Drama Club
- Reading Club
- Art Club
- Sports Club
- Circus Skills Club
- Steel Drums Club



Wrap Around Care

We have an affordable breakfast club, running from 8 o'clock every morning.

Children are served cereals and toast or a hot breakfast, and have the opportunity to play and interact with friends until the school begins at 9 o'clock.

After school, Tea Time Club run a homework club and fun activities from 3:30 to 5:30. Please contact the school for details.



Music provision at St Mary's

- We have a wonderful Music provision at our school, led by a very enthusiastic and passionate Music Teacher. In addition to the Music curriculum, pupils are encouraged to learn a musical instrument in school from year 3 onwards.
- Twenty pupils passed ABRSM music exams in the last four years, **with three children achieving a distinction and seven children a merit!** Grades 1 to 4 were taken on the piano.
- There are currently pupils taking music lessons in St Mary's, and every year they perform for the school community in Christmas and Spring concerts and at Assemblies.



St Mary's Choir

St Mary's school provides ample opportunity for children to gain confidence in singing and performing through our school choir.

The choir performs regularly, especially around Christmas and Easter, in assemblies, at Masses, in The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Christmas Festival and at local churches and care homes.



Keeping Healthy

- St Mary's is committed to helping our children to stay healthy and have respect for the environment around them. We have the Bronze Award for Healthy Schools and are now working towards the Silver Award.

We have support from various specialists:

- Be Kind to Your Mind Programme
- QPR Joy of Movement Programme
- Healthy Eating Campaigns
- The Gardening Programme

In the St Mary's garden, children are encouraged to plant fruit and vegetables and look after them until they are fully grown.

Our chef, Patrice uses some of the vegetables and herbs whilst cooking the school lunches.



News from St Mary's

If you want to keep up with the latest news from the school, or for information about term dates and admissions, visit the St Mary's website: www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk



How to Find Us

St Mary's is located in East Row in North Kensington, close to Golborne Road and Ladbroke Grove.

It is a short walk from Kensal Rise, Kensal Green and Ladbroke Grove Tube Station.

Stations: Ladbroke Grove
Westbourne Park
Kensal Rise

Buses: 52, 452, 295, 7, 18
70, 23, 295, 316



“Thank you for your interest in our school. I hope we have been able to demonstrate why St Mary’s is popular and successful with our parents and pupils alike.

If you have any questions or need further information, or would like to apply for a place at St Mary’s, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.”

Thank You!

Ann Slavin, Executive Headteacher of St Mary’s School



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