



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, we celebrate the feast day of St Raphaela Mary, foundress of the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1968, the Handmaids opened St Mary's and the sisters are still involved in our community today.

St Raphaela Mary and her sister Dolores started the first community in Madrid on 14 April 1877. The Order lived a life devoted to the Eucharist and the Christian education of children and this mission continues today. They have convents and schools across the world including India, the Philippines, USA and across Europe.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May, we mark their feast day with our May procession, and thank them for their

selfless generosity and the gift of our school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



*St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at [safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk)*

## Mrs Furzer

We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Penny Furzer who leaves us this week. She joined our staff as a TA in October 2011 and has supported countless children in her years here. We wish her well for the future and thank her for everything she has done for St Mary's.

## May Procession

Please join us for our May Procession on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Your child will need one, unwrapped flower to place at the foot of the statue of Mary;



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this can be a wild flower from your garden.

It is a lovely St Mary's tradition and we hope to see you there.

### Next week at St Mary's

Monday 16 May	Eco drama workshop Reception- Year 2  3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 17 May	Boys' football final at Watford  7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 18 May	May procession at 9am Feast Day of St Raphaela Mary Standards committee meeting at 5pm Resources committee meeting at 7pm  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 19 May	Spotlights- Y1&2 -3.15pm- 4.45pm & 4.45-6.15pm:
Friday 20 May	May devotions at 8.30am Year 5 Mass Year 6 transition workshops led by Bromley Y Year 1 forest school  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y1-6

### Football champions!

Huge congratulations to our boys' football team who performed brilliantly at the U11 Schools' 7-a-side at Coventry City on Friday. They are the winners of an enormous trophy and we are so proud of them and Mr Verga- their teacher. Well done Nacho, Ted, Rafa, Lennie, Jacob, Ollie, Jake, Louis, Ciaran, Harri and Mr Verga.



### Reading

#### Little Wandle phonics update

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have started using the Little Wandle (LW) phonics program in their classroom phonics practice. Next week, will start to introduce the LW phonics reading books in classroom reading practice and are aiming to start using the ebooks from week commencing Monday 23rd. Until then, children will continue to bring home a phonically-appropriate reading scheme book or a sharing book to read together at home. The sharing book will be chosen by your child and will include words they cannot yet read - the aim of this book is to provide a book that they will enjoy reading with you at home. More information on the importance of sharing books can be found on the leaflet attached at the end of the Friday Flyer.  
Mrs Woods

### Bromley SEND engagement events

Dear Parents,  
Please find attached to this week's Friday Flyer an information leaflet published by the Bromley SEND department. It advises parents of engagement events to explore the proposed changes to SEND through the government green paper for SEN reform.

Thank you,  
Mrs Durand

### PTA news

Hello everyone,

We have teamed up again with The Flaming Wolf Candle Co again to bring you a special St Marys First Holy Communion Candle.

The special candle will be £7 each. (All profits made from these beautiful handcrafted candles will go back to the school).

The scent is Fairy dust - soft floral and powdery....a bit like talcum powder. This will be a beautiful reminder for the children as they celebrate their special day or given as gifts to grandparents/ godparents. They are now on parent pay to buy until the 17th June.

For all the children in the school making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks, the PTA congratulate you all on this special sacrament and pray that you will continue to feel God's light, God's warmth, and God's love within you.

### **Parking on Westgate Road**

Please be considerate of residents when parking on Westgate Road. There is a small area of kerb between numbers 97 and 99; if cars park there, residents cannot exit their drives. I have been sent photos and registration numbers of vehicles obstructing the area and ask for your cooperation.

### **Safeguarding**

This week's safeguarding factsheet is 'What parents need to know about inappropriate content'.

It accompanies the Friday Flyer.

### **Covid**

Children who test positive for Covid are advised to isolate for three days. For ease of reference, it is as follows:

- Day 0: day of positive test (at home)
- Day 1: at home
- Day 2: at home
- Day 3: at home
- Day 4: return to school if well enough to do so

*All policies are available from the school on request.*

