



# The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This is the final Friday Flyer for this academic year, and what a great year we have had! It has been good to get back to normal and to be able to re-establish all of our St Mary's traditions.

We wish our Year 6 children success and happiness as they move on to their secondary schools. We bid farewell to Mr David Baker and Ms Carolini Felicio as they embark on the next chapter of their careers. Mrs Emanuela Cavallo steps down as an ISA but we will remain on staff as a midday supervisor. We thank these colleagues for the all that they have contributed to the life of St Mary's.

The staff of St Mary's are the most dedicated people that any headteacher could wish for. They work tirelessly, ensuring that the needs of the children are at the heart of all that they do. I am grateful to them, to Fr Ashley and to the governors for their unstinting commitment to the school.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents and supporters- it has been a pleasure to have been able to welcome you back into the school!

We close at 2pm on Thursday. Have a wonderful summer.

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)*

## Farewell to Year 6

Our Year 6 children move to these schools in September:

Bonus Pastor Catholic College	1	Bromley High	1
Bullers Wood School for Boys	1	Coloma Convent Girls' School	19
Croydon High School	1	Darrick Wood School	1
Eden Park	1	Fort Pitt Grammar School	1
Harris Academy Beckenham	2	Hayes School	3
John Fisher	3	Langley Park School for Boys	13
Langley Park School for Girls	2	Tring School of Performing Arts	1
London Oratory School	2	Newstead Wood School	1
Oasis Academy Arena	1	Ravensbourne	1
Trinity School	1	The Glebe School	1
Tonbridge Grammar School	1	Wallington Girls' Grammar	1

## On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck

French café  
Year 5 Gaelic Football taster session  
Year 1 at Broadstairs  
Year 6 adventure day at Beckenham Place Park

## Extreme heat next week



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You will be aware that there is an amber warning for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The DfE wrote to schools to say that they are not advising closures.

Please make sure that your child is fully protected with sun cream; that they have a hat (it does not have to be the school uniform hat) and a bottle of water. Year 6 boys may wear PE shorts instead of long trousers. We will ensure that the children are well-hydrated and that when they are outside, they are in the shade. PE lessons will not take place outdoors. This week we have purchased additional fans to keep classrooms as cool as possible.

### Parent Handbook

Thank you for all of your comments on the Parent Handbook, which we sent to you earlier this week. It is a working document and we will add to it over the course of next year. We intend to send it to you each half term, together with curriculum newsletters.

### French Café

The children enjoyed asking for their food in French on Wednesday. Thanks to Year 6 ambassadors for encouraging the lower years to speak in French. Also a big thank you for the donations of food; any unused food has been taken to the Living Well food bank.

Merci

Madame Batten



### Annual survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the annual survey. There were 102 responses in total and many of you used the free text box to expand on your views. On the whole, feedback was positive; a separate document accompanies the Friday Flyer with more detail.

The areas you value are:

- the sense of community,
- the commitment of the staff
- excellent standard of behaviour and evidence of this at events such as sports day

Areas you would like us to develop next year are:

- Making parents aware of what children will learn during the year
- Letting you know how your child is doing

I would like to form a 'task and finish' group to look at these areas in more detail. If you would like to participate, please, complete this form:

[Expressions of interest](#)

### Summer reading challenge

We like all of our children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library. The theme this year is 'Gadgeteers' and you will find information via this link: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Here is some information from the Summer Reading Challenge website.

*'Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving online and in your local library this summer.'*

*Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!*

*Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities... We're teaming up with Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity!*

*Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. The Challenge will be brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.*

*Are you excited to join the #Gadgeteers this summer? Keep an eye on our [blog](#) for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news.'*

### Keeping safe online in the summer holiday

UK Safer Internet Centre has produced this guide for parents which you will find helpful with the holiday approaching. It covers social media, screen time, sharing photos and putting family protocols in place.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

### Flute lessons

I have given demonstrations to years 1-4 over the last couple of weeks and there is availability for flute lessons in September. Contact the office for more details.  
Sarah Desbruslais- flute teacher

Next week at St Mary's	
Monday 18 July	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 19 July	Y6 TfL workshop Reception London Transport Museum virtual workshop Leavers' disco 6pm  7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Rec, 1&2
Wednesday 20 July	Year 4 GAA session with Michael Maher <b>No Hockey Club</b> <b>No Irish Dancing Club</b>
Thursday 21 July	End of term Mass at 9.10am- all welcome  <b>Close at 2pm</b>

### KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MONEY SAVER	
<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.	<b>IKEA</b> Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).
<b>ASDA CAFE</b> Kids eat FREE every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.
<b>DUNELM</b> One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.	<b>DOBBIES</b> Kids eat free with an adult main meal.
<b>YO!</b> Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.	<b>CAFE ROUGE</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.
<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.	<b>MORE TO COME!!</b> M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

**Appeal from St Edmund's**  
*The flower arranging team at St Edmund's are looking for new recruits! We are a very friendly group who organise the weekly flowers in the church and would like to expand the team further. Experience not necessary but an artistic flair would be beneficial. Lots of support given if you would like to give it a try. It's only a few hours once a month (or less if we have more volunteers) so it's not a huge commitment. Call Celia for a chat if you are interested: 07866 824097*