



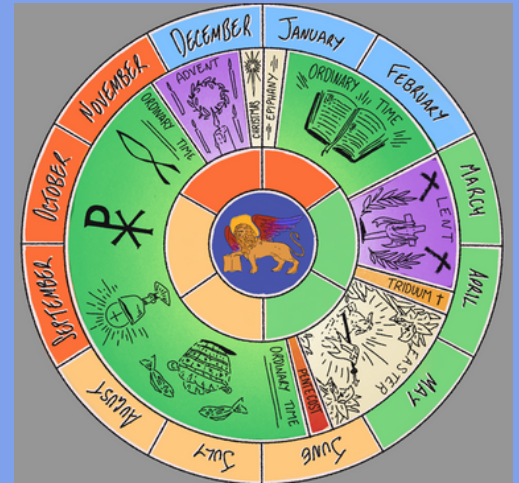
## November and December 2023

### MEETING WITH MARGARET CARSWELL

This week the staff came together to work on their Religious Education for the second half of Autumn Term. The content of the half term is guided by the Liturgical year: our waiting for Advent and Christmas. This year, the role of Old Testament prophets, to be taught about in Years 3-6, highlighted that sometimes waiting can take generations.

For all year groups, noting how we celebrate Christmas now will bring crafts, songs and plays: the real test will be whether pupils can sort out those which have retained their Christian message and those which have lost it.

Margaret Carswell - Working with the staff at St Mary's is a delight...planning for the Mass of Christ was the first of my gifts I think!



### EYFS

In Reception, we used Vincent Van Gogh's painting to learn about paint strokes, colour mixing and the colours we see in the night sky.



In Nursery, the children learnt about the story of Rama and Sita which is a story from the Hindu religion. They also drew some Rangoli patterns as part of their learning on Diwali.

### YEAR 2

This week we walked to Shepherds Bush Market to visit an independent library called Hone book galore. Here, the children were able to explore all the books, ask questions and purchase a book of their choice.



Ruby - I really liked this trip because I got to read and choose a book and I love reading books.

Zendaya - There was lots of colourful art to look at and I got to buy a book.

## YEAR 4

This week Year 4 had their first lesson of tennis. The children practiced their throwing and catching skills in partners.

Adam: We went to tennis at brook green park, we did some throwing and catching and we also did some warm ups. I liked it.



William - we did an exercise where we had to throw a tennis ball to our partner and they had to catch it. We practised this before using a tennis racket.

## YEAR 6

The children enjoyed their drumming session with Donald this week. During their Drumming sessions, they practice basic key rhythmic concepts of percussion music, along with the basic playing techniques on a variety of percussion instruments.



The children had their swimming session at St Paul's and practiced different techniques and tried to float on the water without support.

## CLASS TRIPS TO THE GURDWARA

The children went on a wonderful trip to the Gurdwara to learn about Sikhism as part of Faiths Week. The children were told about the history behind and the symbols that Sikhs use and recognise from their religion and the children were also able to identify similarities and differences between Christianity and Sikhism. At the end of the morning the children were very lucky to be served some traditional food before heading back to school.

Reya- I got to eat rice, lentil curry, cumpers and carrots , I really liked the food.

Giovanni - We were told that they had a sword to protect the precious things in the building and they wear a turban to be respectful. They carry a small comb to comb their hair and beard, the bangle represented a weapon they used to wear on their turban and a dagger, they wear a drawstring and don't cut their hair. These symbols are called the 5 Ks.





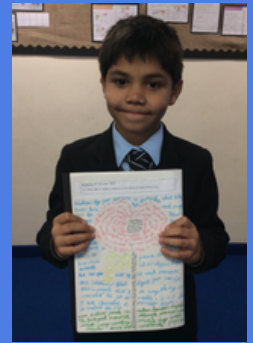
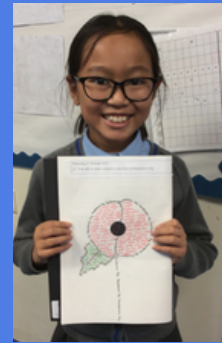
# REMEMBRANCE DAY

The School Council led an assembly about Remembrance Day. We remember those that lost their lives during the war and remember them on Remembrance Day with a two minute silence. The children also created a piece of art as part of their learning.



Max - I enjoyed the assembly and learnt how soldiers committed their lives to save their country.

Isabelle - It was really fun learning how to do a piece of art called a calligram. We put words to fill the poppies relating to Remembrance Day.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th November: Odd socks day for Anti-bullying

Tuesday 14th November: Individual photos and class photos to be taken

Wednesday 15th November: International Evening from 5pm-7pm

Friday 17th November: Y5 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Monday 20th November: Parent's Meetings from 2pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 21st November: Y5 and Y6 trip to see Cinderella at the Lyric Theatre

Friday 24th November: Y6 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Wednesday 29th November: Prosecco and Painting for parents from 5:30pm-7pm

Friday 1st December: Y2 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Thursday 7th December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 10:30am

Monday 11th December: Y1 and Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Tuesday 12th December: Carol Concert for Y3 - Y6 from 6pm-7pm at Holy Trinity Church

Friday 15th December: Christmas Fair from 3:30pm-6pm

Wednesday 17th January: Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 29th January: Y3 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 5th February: Y4 morning trip with Urbanwise

Friday 9th February: Valentine's disco from 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 15th May: Y6 morning trip with Urbanwise



Parent Meetings:  
Autumn term



Parent meetings will be taking place in the school hall on Monday 20th November from 2:00pm until 6:30pm. You will be able to book a time online to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress and targets. You will receive a letter next week telling you how to book your ten minute slot.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Natari

Y1: Lucas

Y2: Link

Y3: Livia

Y4: Grigoris

Y5: William

Y6: Jaden



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to:  
Lieleawit in Y5!



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Y5 97.8

Punctuality Y1 99.5%

## HOUSE POINTS AND GREEN STICKERS

1st place TM 177

2nd place JF 124

3rd place A 117

4th place E 78



Green stickers  
Y2 & Y4

## AWARDS

Well done to:  
Chiara in Y5 for earning her  
pen license!



Well done to:

Isla May in Y1 for receiving Bronze  
Zeina in Y1 for receiving Bronze



Please book for Painting and Prosecco evening on the school gateway!

## Photo Day

On Tuesday 14th November, school photos will be taken. Please make sure that children are wearing the correct winter uniform!



## Parent Governor

Thank you for voting for our new parent governor. We have counted the votes cast and Mr Walter Moscatelli has been elected. We look forward to welcoming him to the governing body.



## Odd Socks Day

Please wear odd socks on Monday 13th November as part of Anti-Bullying Week







**St Mary's Brook Green**  
**Stay and Play**

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- MUSIC SESSION
- CONSTRUCTION
- PUZZLES
- TOYS
- BOOKS

**£1**

ST MARY'S  
MASBRO ROAD  
W14 0LT

ENTER THROUGH THE  
SCHOOL CAR PARK

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

**0-3 YEARS**  
**10-11:30am**

**Every Friday**  
**Starting 24th**  
**November**  
**Term time only**

### Stay and Play

Come and join our new stay and play for 0-3 years old from 10-11:30am, starting from Friday 24th November. We look forward to seeing you there!

### School Fundraising

The Little Recyclers is a school fundraising programme based on clothing recycling. Please gather and donate clothes that are no longer of use to you. Please make sure the clothes are undamaged.

### Donation Drive

If you have any toys that you can donate, please drop them off at the school office.



**THE LITTLE RECYCLERS**

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISING**

More clothes - more funds for your organisation. It's £0.55 / kg

**YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED FOR**

**14th of December**

FILL ANY BAGS WITH UNWANTED CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL. WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

**WE ACCEPT**

- Good quality clean clothing (adults & children's)
- Paired shoes
- Accessories, bags, belts
- Swimwear
- Lingerie
- Clean underwear & socks
- Jewellery
- Soft toys

**WE DON'T ACCEPT**

- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Single shoes
- Duvets & pillows
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Hard toys, stationery
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear & uniforms
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Stationery
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

**PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!**

**RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES**

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**Jigsaws**

**St Mary's Brook Green**

**Jenga**

**DONATION DRIVE**

If you are having a clear out, please keep us in mind!

**Toys**

**Cars**

**LEGO**

**Books**

**Tuff trays**

Have unused toys or books? Drop them off to our school office to make a child smile today.

### 1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.



*With every blessing,  
Miss Black and the staff  
of St Mary's*