



Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all managed to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are happy to be back at school, learning and playing with their friends. The staff at St Mary's look forward to working with you and your child this year.



Mrs Lavelle

We are so excited to welcome our new Executive head teacher, Mrs Lavelle to St Mary's. What a wonderful week it has been! The children and staff have really enjoyed getting to know Mrs Lavelle.



Dear parents,

I am delighted to be working with the wonderful team of teachers and support staff at St. Mary's this term.

I have been made to feel very welcome by both the children and staff, and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

St. Mary's is a school close to my heart. Having studied my undergraduate degree and teaching degree at St. Mary's University College in Twickenham, I owe much to this University.

St Mary's College was established in 1850 by the Catholic Poor Committee, originally set up as a teacher training school on Brook Green, under the charge of the Brothers of Christian Instruction. In 1925 the teacher training aspect of the school transferred to Strawberry Hill in Twickenham, following which St Mary's primary school was born.

When approached last academic year to support the wonderful team at St. Mary's, I couldn't help but think that the Holy Spirit had a plan bringing me back to my educational roots.

This is a great school, with a committed staff and I am excited to be a part of the team.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lavelle

Executive Headteacher

New Staff!

We welcome three new staff members this year. Miss Harris is our Year 1 teacher, Mr Howell is our Year 4 teacher and Miss Kaczmarek is our year 5 teacher.



Miss Kaczmarek



Miss Harris



Mr Howell

Donations wanted!

Thank you to all of the families who have donated to the Early Years environment. Your generous contributions will help us to build the strongest provision for our EYFS children. Please see attached the list of items we are looking for. There is also a fundraiser on our school gateway, we would be enormously grateful for contributions.



First Week Back!

We have all had an excellent first week back, the children have settled into the routine of school life and have been getting to know their new class teachers.

Myla Y6- *"I've enjoyed meeting the new teachers and new pupils! In year 6 this week we've been re-capping what we've learnt in year 5"*

Emelia Y4 - *"I was so excited to come back to school for harder learning!"*

Artan Y4 - *"I was so happy to see all of my friends"*

Eldana Y2- *"I love my new teachers and she even gave us times tables because we're in year 2!"*

Music

Lizzie Howard, our new music teacher, joined this week. She spent the day getting to know each class and the children thoroughly enjoyed their first music lesson with her.

Kamber Y4 - *"music was so fun because we had a guessing game of guessing which sound each musical instrument made!"*

Eve Y5- *"I loved the music lesson especially when we had to listen to different clips of music and guess which country they were from!"*



New Arrangements

Starting from Monday 11th September 2023, our school day will begin at 8:45 am, rather than the current time of 8:50 am. The school gates will be open from 8:30am and Y3 to Y6 will line up on the playground at 8:45am. The teachers will collect Y3-Y6 from the playground at 8:45am and make their way to the classrooms. Rec, Y1 and Y2 will need to be dropped off by a parent to the classroom door at 8:45m. Nursery will continue to enter through the Nursery gate on Masbro Road at 9:00am.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will now enter through the car park on Masbro Road. They will be escorted to class at 8:45 by the staff.

WhatsApp Groups and Instagram

If you are not apart of your class' WhatsApp group, please email the school office and request to be added with the mobile number you would like to be added.

Please scan the code below to follow our school Instagram page:



@STMARYSW14

Teacher emails

Miss Weston	sweston@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk
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Miss Tekle	misstekle@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk
Miss Griffin	agriffin@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk
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Miss Kaczmarska	skaczmarska@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk
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After School Clubs

These will start the week beginning 18th September. A note outlining the clubs on offer will be sent home early next week.

Diocesan Fund

The Diocesan Fund for the Autumn Term should be paid by the end of September. £15 for one child and £20 per family is the amount we are asking for. All money goes to the maintenance of our school building.

Uniforms

It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week looking smart in their school uniform. All children should be wearing their summer uniform. We will keep an eye on the weather and let you know in advance when it is time to change into the winter uniform.

Scholastic Book fair

It's time to start getting ready for a reading celebration! There will be a book fair held in the week beginning of Monday 18th September, in the school hall. Please take the time to pop by as there will be many books to choose from! Below are the days and times.

Tuesday 19th	8:30-9:00
Wednesday 20th	8:30-9:00 and 3:15-3:30
Thursday 21st	8:30-9:00
Friday 22nd	8:30-9:00 and 3:15-3:30

Secondary Transfer Meeting

I will be holding a Secondary School Transfer meeting in the Y6 Classroom on Monday 18th September at 6.00pm to go through this process. Please enter through the school's car-park. I hope you are able to attend and that you find this information helpful.

Dates to Remember:

Mon 11 th Sept:	Nursery children start school
Mon 11 th Sept:	Tennis starts for the Year
Mon 11 th Sept:	Drumming starts for Y5/6
Thurs 14 th Sept:	Beginning of term mass
Mon 18 th Sept:	6pm Y5/6 Secondary Transfer Meeting
Mon 18 th Sept:	After school clubs begin this week
Mon 18 th Sept:	Scholastic book fair begins
Tues 19 th Sept:	9am PTA coffee morning
Fri 29 th Sept:	National Teaching Assistant's Day
Thurs 5 th October:	National Teacher's Day

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