



Spring 1 | Week 2

ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 12th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully full and enriching week at St Mary's, with many opportunities for our children to grow, perform and shine.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school superbly at the FC Foundation Cup Finals Day, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch. Alongside this, Year 5 enjoyed returning to the pool for their swimming lessons, building confidence and essential life skills.

Music has also been a real highlight this week. Year 5 and 6 took part in drumming workshops, while our Year 5 pupils had the privilege of performing as part of the Jupiter Music Project at St Paul's, an inspiring experience that celebrated their commitment and musical progress.

Academically, it has been encouraging to see our Year 5 and 6 booster sessions begin. These sessions are designed to build confidence, reinforce learning and support pupils as they continue to strive for their very best.

Finally, we were delighted by the Year 6 class assembly, which was a joyful reflection of their learning, faith and growing maturity.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Our Year 5/6 football team enjoyed a brilliant experience in the Fulham FC Foundation Cup, finishing a very respectable 4th out of 8 teams. After topping their group earlier in the year, the boys qualified for Finals Day, where they competed against other schools linked with the Fulham FC Foundation. The standard of football was extremely high, and our team rose to the challenge with determination and teamwork throughout. They represented the school with pride, consistently demonstrating the Premier League values of being fair, connected, ambitious and inspiring, both in their play and their conduct



Prayer Bags!
Welcome
done to
Venice

Y6 class assembly

Year 6 began the year with a beautiful assembly celebrating the Epiphany, also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. The children spoke confidently and performed with great reverence, helping us reflect on this important moment when Jesus our Saviour was revealed to the world.

“This assembly was very exciting because it was the first one of 2026 and our final morning assembly as Year 6,” shared Hirad.



“I loved the assembly because it felt like Christmas wasn’t over when I was holding the star,” said Auriel.

Y6 class assembly





Year 5 & Year 6 SATs Boosters

Our Year 5 and Year 6 SATs booster sessions began this week. Well done to all the children who attended – we were very pleased with their positive attitude and commitment. All Year 5 and Year 6 children are welcome to attend the sessions.

Booster timetable (8:00–8:40am):

- Tuesday: Reasoning Maths – Mr Howell
- Wednesday: Grammar – Miss Georgiades / Mrs Neter
- Thursday: Arithmetic – Miss Black
- Friday: Reading – Mrs Gleason

Children should enter school via the car park and go directly to the library.

Kaliyah impressed the class this week by bringing in real frankincense and myrrh to support our RE learning about the visit of the Magi. She helped the class understand that frankincense symbolises Jesus' divinity, while myrrh reminds us that Jesus is our Saviour. The children loved seeing and smelling the gifts, which brought the story to life and helped deepen their understanding of this important part of the Christmas story.



Y5 Jupiter Project at St Pauls

Year 5 are once again very fortunate to take part in the Jupiter Project in partnership with St Paul's Girls' School. Over the next four months, each child will learn a musical instrument—cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet or violin—guided by specialist staff and student mentors. The project will culminate in a final performance, and we are very excited for the children to enjoy this valuable opportunity to learn an instrument.



Year 5 and 6 launched their drumming lessons this week, showing great enthusiasm from the very start. The sessions focus on developing hand-eye coordination, concentration, creativity and confidence. As Honey shared, “This was the first time ever that I have played drums and I loved it.”



MOVIE AFTERNOON

Please make
£3 payment
on the school
gateway



Nursery and Reception
Thursday 22nd January 2026
10-11:30am

Children are to dress to school in their favourite PJ's and can bring a blanket and pillow.

In order to get entry for the movie afternoon, please make payment of £3 on the School Gateway by Wednesday 21st January .



Children will receive a drink and popcorn during their movie

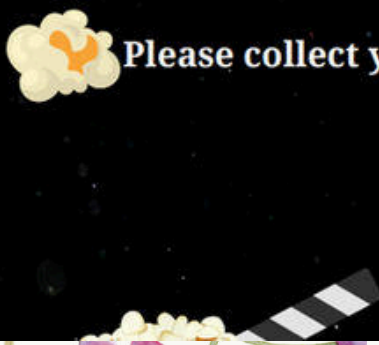
MOVIE NIGHT

Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 22nd January 2026
3:30-5pm

Children are to dress to school in their favourite PJ's and can bring a blanket and pillow.

In order to get entry for the movie night, please make payment of £5 by Wednesday 21st January.

Please collect your child at 5pm outside their classrooms.



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we explored our topic “The World Around Us”, learning about recycling and how different materials go into different bins. The children took part in observational drawing and colour-matching using a fruit bowl, and explored the story Jesus Feeds the 5,000 by drawing 5 loaves and 2 fish. We also focused on learning about the number 3 in Maths. A busy and enjoyable week of learning.



Reception

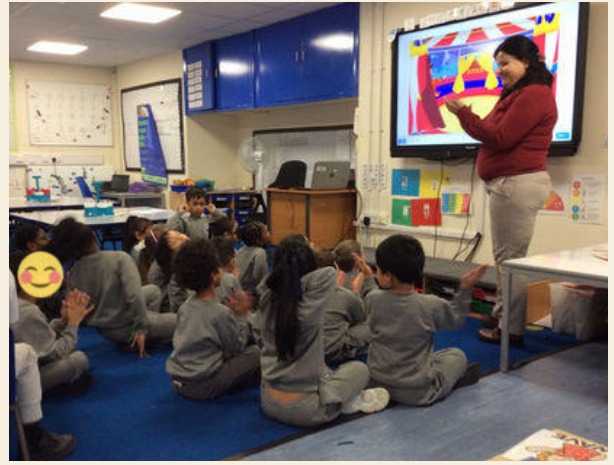
Reception have had a busy and exciting start to the term. In RE, they learned about the Epiphany and retold the story of the Three Wise Men, supported by creative artwork. In Understanding the World, the children explored fruit and vegetables, discussing colours, shapes and where food grows. They also developed their maths skills through counting activities and continued to build confidence in writing and phonics by practising letter sounds and forming simple words.



Year 1

Year 1 had an energetic PE lesson where they worked in teams to practise passing and moving. The children improved their accuracy by passing the ball and running to the next cone, while carefully following instructions for underarm, overarm and chest passes. They showed excellent teamwork and lived out our Gospel values.

After PE, the children enjoyed their Spanish lesson, where they learned about circus animals and practised the phrase “¡Bienvenidos al circo!”, which means welcome to the circus.



Year 2

This week in RE, Year 2 learned about the Baptism of Jesus and explored the meaning of the symbols of water and the dove. They discussed how water represents a fresh start in the Catholic faith and the dove shows the presence of the Holy Spirit. The children created beautiful watercolour artwork inspired by the baptism. As Joseph shared, “The water washes away the sins so people have a fresh start in their Catholic life.”



Year 3

This week, Year 3 turned into scientists as they explored pushes and pulls through fun, hands-on investigations with toy cars. They tested how different strengths of push affected how far the cars travelled and discussed their results like real scientists. The children also learned about Sir Isaac Newton and how his curiosity led to the discovery of gravity. It was an engaging lesson that encouraged curiosity, investigation, and excellent scientific thinking.



Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed a hands-on afternoon creating their own sandwiches. With a wide variety of ingredients to choose from, each child was able to add their own personal touch. Alongside the fun, pupils were reminded of the importance of good hygiene and staying safe when preparing food for themselves and for others. It was a valuable and enjoyable learning experience for all.



“I really enjoyed doing this, I think mine was the best!” - Kaleb



Year 5

Year 5 had their first swimming lesson of the year this week and got off to a great start. Children were assessed on key water skills such as blowing bubbles, breathing, floating and basic strokes so they could be placed into the most suitable groups.

They then worked in their groups, focusing on individual needs ranging from building confidence and safety in the water to developing more advanced swimming strokes.

Swimming and water safety are essential life skills, and the children showed a positive and enthusiastic attitude throughout.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic start to their tennis sessions this week. The children enjoyed a lively warm-up game before learning how to hold the racquet correctly and where to strike the ball. They then practised these skills through a range of fun challenges, building accuracy and control, and finished by working in small groups to keep a rally going. The warmer weather made it an even more enjoyable session!



“Today in tennis we did three challenges and each level got harder and harder and we had to do it in pairs. I thought it was fun but tiring.”

Maria P

SPELLINGS

At St Mary's, we follow the Spelling Frame Programme. Spelling Frame helps children learn:

- **Spelling rules and patterns**
- **Tricky words**
- **How to apply spellings in their writing**

Using Spelling Frame at Home

- Log onto your child's Spelling Frame account
- Click on 'Active Tests'
- Click on 'Go to Tests'
- Practice the spellings using the different games

🏠 How Else You Can Help at Home

- Look, Cover, Write, Check
- Write sentences with the words
- Say the word → sound it out → spell it
- Write spellings on paper, whiteboards, or even in the air!

Helpful Spelling Tips

- Break words into syllables
- Look for patterns in words
- Talk about tricky parts together
- Encourage effort – mistakes help us learn!

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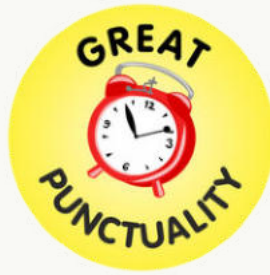
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Sentence Word 1 / 7

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance

Y4 100%



Punctuality

Y4 99.4%



Green stickers and House points

House Points

1st place JF 86

2nd place A 83

3rd place TM 53

4th place E 49



Green stickers

Y5 and Y6



Awards



Manuel Y1 Maria E Y6

Kaliyah Y3 Sasha Y6

Kaleb Y4

Cameron Y4

Amelia Y6

Hussna Y6

Star of the week



No Star of the Week due to Year 6 Assembly



Head Teachers Award

No Head Teachers award due to Year 6 Assembly



Important Dates

Into University – Y6 – Engineering focus week	Monday 19th -Friday 23rd January
Movie night EYFS 1:30-3pm Movie night Y1 – Y6 3:30-5pm	Thursday 22nd January
Y2 Assembly	Friday 6th February
Valentine Dsico EYFS 1:30-3pm Valentine's disco Y1-Y6 3:30- 5PM	Thursday 12th February

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