



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 2nd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at St Mary's has been filled with memorable experiences that have supported our children's learning, personal development and faith.

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting and enriching visit to the Tower of London, bringing their history learning to life and deepening their understanding through first-hand experience. Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils took part in a very special visit to St Vincent's House Care Home, where they showed great kindness, respect and compassion, living out our Catholic values by giving their time and companionship to others.

Across the school, pupils benefited from Digital Life Skills workshops, which supported them in learning how to stay safe, confident and responsible online – an increasingly important part of modern life. We were also grateful to welcome Fr Richard, who visited Year 4 at 2.15pm to support their RE learning.

It was a pleasure to welcome families to the Year 2 class assembly, where the children confidently shared their learning on forgiveness.

In addition, our gymnasts represented the school in a gymnastics competition, showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement. Weeks like this truly highlight the rich and varied experiences we strive to provide for all our children.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Headteacher

St Vincents Care Home Visit

Half of year 5 visited St Vincent's Care Home with the Timegivers team, showing exemplary behaviour and genuine compassion. Through drawing, reading stories and meaningful conversations, the children brought joy and connection to the residents. This visit beautifully live out Catholic Social Teaching, especially the call to human dignity, solidarity and loving service to others.



We drew hearts for Valentines Day with the residents. I enjoyed we got to spend time with the elderly as they usually don't get to leave the care home." Alannah-Rose



Collective Worship - Candlemas



This week, Reception took part in a joyful Collective Worship for Candlemas. The children heard the story of Mary and Joseph taking baby Jesus to the temple, where Simeon called Jesus the Light of the World. A candle was lit as the children reflected on where they can talk to Jesus and how they can share his light by being kind, caring and loving to others.



During Year 5's collective worship for Candlemas, the children listened thoughtfully to the Word, read prayers clearly, and responded reverently together. They shared mature reflections, explaining that the light of the candle reminds Christians of Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope and guidance.

Year 4 Trip - Tower of London

This week, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting history visit to the Tower of London. The children explored the famous landmark, learning about its history, past monarchs and its role as a fortress, palace and prison. They were especially fascinated by the stories of the Tower's past and enjoyed seeing the Crown Jewels, bringing their history learning to life. Evie said, "My favourite part was when we climbed the Tower."



"It was fabulous; we learnt about merchants and piracy." Cameron

Digital Life Skills Workshop

Years 3-6

This week, we were delighted to welcome OpenView Education to deliver an engaging Digital Life Skills workshop for Years 3–6. Through a range of drama scenes, pupils explored online behaviours and learned practical strategies for handling different situations they may encounter online. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for funding this valuable workshop.



“It was really helpful with our future life and how we interact in a digital world.” Noah

Year 5



“We were learning about online safety. We got to do lots of acting and act out different scenarios. I really enjoyed the acting.”
Nathan - Year 6

"We done activities and had to act as different items that we would use on the internet, so fun"

Nursery

What a fun week in Nursery! The children loved our book of the week, Jack and the Beanstalk, joining in with “fee, fi, fo, fum” and acting out the story. They enjoyed a small-world tuff tray, creating beanstalks with playdough and real leaves, and dressing up to retell the Bible story Feeding the 5000. A week full of play, creativity and happy learning!



Reception

This week, the children focused on Maths and RE. In Maths, they explored numbers 6, 7, and 8 and investigated capacity by making and testing boats to see which containers floated or sank. In RE, they took part in a Candlemas collective worship, reflecting on the message that God welcomes me. Alongside this, the children showed excellent teamwork and patience while collaboratively building and extending an obstacle course and cheering each other on.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 shared a beautiful class assembly all about forgiveness, with lovely acting as they retold The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Gospel of Luke 15:11–32). The children learnt their lines beautifully and spoke with confidence, clearly sharing a wonderful message about forgiveness, love and second chances.



Year 2

This week in PE, Year 2 have been learning how to pass and move safely and effectively. The children practised passing the ball to a partner, identifying where to stand to receive it, and then running to the next cone. Zach particularly enjoyed passing the ball and running. The children worked well together, showing teamwork and cooperation as God's children.



Year 3

This week in RE, pupils explored the Parable of the Sower and the parable of the yeast. Through a hands-on activity, they watched yeast grow, bringing Jesus' teaching to life. The children learned that in God's Kingdom, small beginnings and patience can lead to great growth, and reflected on how even small acts of love can grow over time, sparking thoughtful class discussion.



“Both parables teach us patience and that small things grow.”
Charbel

Year 4

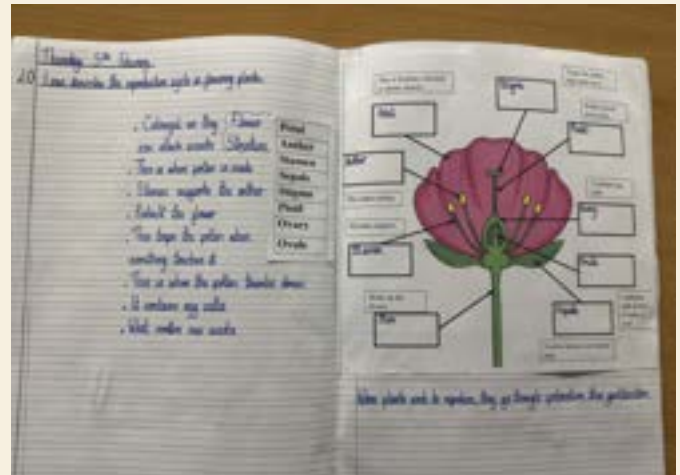
Father Richard came to visit our Year 4 class and spoke to us about Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. He told us about some of the amazing miracles Jesus performed along the way, such as healing the sick and helping people in need, which showed his kindness and love. Father Richard also shared some interesting facts about Jesus' life, including how he taught people through stories called parables and travelled with his disciples. The visit helped us understand more about Jesus' journey and why his teachings are still important today.

"This was very nice and relaxing." -
Kaleb

"We learnt lots of fun facts about Jesus." - Malakai

Year 5

This week in Science, Year 5 learned about the reproduction cycle of flowering plants. They identified and correctly used key scientific vocabulary, including anther, stamen and stigma, and labelled the main parts of a flower. The children also ordered the stages of the reproduction process, developing a clear understanding of how flowering plants reproduce.



“I loved learning about how plants reproduce and what happens if they don't fertilise.”
Hassiet

Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed another music lesson with Miss Howard this week, learning a new note on the ukulele. They explored the parts of the instrument and discussed how it differs from a guitar. Ethan commented that the ukulele feels similar to the guitar he plays, while Hussna shared that it was a completely new experience for her.



Prayer Bags!

Thank you to William in Y6 for sending in a beautiful photo of his prayer altar this week. We hope you enjoyed using the prayer bag with your family.



William

Ludovico Carta – London Marathon!

We are incredibly proud to share that one of our St Mary's parents, Ludovico "Ludo" Carta, is running in the 2026 TCS London Marathon to raise vital funds for the MS Society. Ludo is taking on the 26.2-mile challenge on 26th April 2026, supporting research, awareness and care for those affected by Multiple Sclerosis – a condition that currently affects over 150,000 people in the UK. Every donation, big or small, helps fund breakthroughs in treatment, equipment and support services that make a real difference in people's lives. So far, Ludo has raised over £4,300 towards his £10,000 target, with generous support from friends and family – and he'd love our St Mary's community to get behind him too!

Thank you for supporting Ludo and this important cause – we wish him every success and will be cheering him on all the way!



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Thank you Miss Howard!

Next Thursday will be Miss Howard's final day at St Mary's, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school over the past two years.

During her time with us, Miss Howard has inspired a love of music across the school. From singing and performances to instrumental work and whole-school celebrations, her passion, energy and commitment have enriched our curriculum and brought great joy to our children.

She has helped many pupils grow in confidence and creativity, and her impact will be long remembered.

We are incredibly grateful for all that Miss Howard has given to St Mary's and wish her every success and happiness in the next chapter of her journey. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y4 98.8%



Punctuality
Y2 100%



Green stickers and House points

House Points
1st place TM 81
2nd place A 78
3rd place JF 49
4th place E 37



Green stickers
Year 4



Awards



Zendaya Y4
Adam Y5
Jasiah Y5

Ruby Y4

Star of the week

No star of the week due to Year 2 assembly

Head Teachers Award

No Head Teachers Award due to Year 2 Class Assembly



Important Dates

Y5 Jupiter project 9.30am to 11.20am	Tuesday 10th February
Valentine Dsico EYFS 1:30-3pm Valentine's disco Y1-Y6 3:30-5PM	Thursday 12th February
Last day of Half term	Friday 13th February
First day back after Half term	Monday 23rd February
Netball competition - Years 5/6 Godolphin and Latymer school (Selected Children)	Tuesday 24th February
Dodge Ball Dodgeball Years 5/6 - Sacred Heart - Selected Children	Wednesday 25th February
MAYOR'S CUP 2025/26 - Boys/Girls - Selected children	Friday 27th February
Character Book Parade	Thursday 5th March
Year 1 Class Assembly	

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