



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 9th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, we reflect on another week rich in learning, creativity and community spirit.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Jupiter Project Music event at St Paul's, an inspiring opportunity to perform, collaborate and experience the joy of music beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they showed – they represented St Mary's beautifully.

This week we also marked Children's Mental Health Week with a whole-school assembly led by Connect-Ed. The children engaged thoughtfully with important messages about wellbeing, resilience and the importance of speaking up when we need support.

In Reception, pupils explored the miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000, bringing the Gospel story to life by making their own bread. It was wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity as they connected faith with hands-on learning.

We also ended the half term on a high with our fantastic Valentine's Disco. The children had a wonderful time dancing and celebrating together. A huge thank you to the staff and parent helpers who gave their time to make the event such a success – we are very grateful for your support.

Thank you for your continued partnership this half term. I wish all our families a restful and joyful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

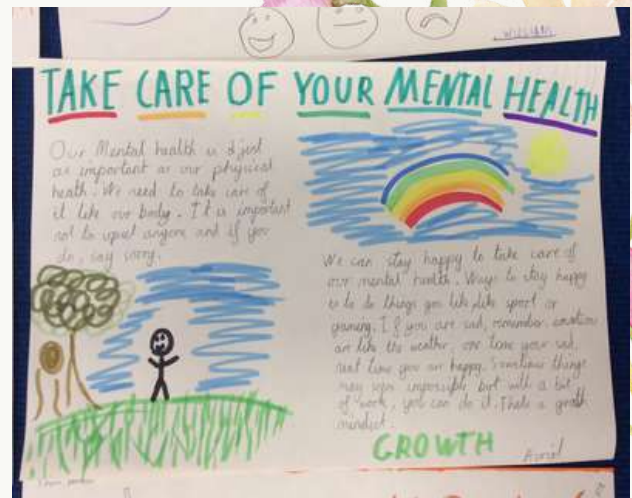
With every blessing,

Miss Black

Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week

For Children's Mental Health Week, the children took part in a special assembly led by ConnectEd, where they explored practical strategies to help them manage their feelings and navigate challenges with confidence. In addition, each class completed a dedicated lesson this week to further develop their understanding of mental wellbeing. It was a fantastic initiative, and the children were highly engaged throughout.



“I enjoyed the story that was shared because it taught me how to calm down. Now I know it is important to look after your mental health.”
Adam Year 6



Valentines Disco!

The children had a fantastic time at the St Mary's Valentine's Disco! Our Early Years pupils enjoyed their special celebration in the afternoon, while Years 1-6 brought lots of energy and excitement to the after-school disco. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces on the dance floor! A huge thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered their time to help set up and run stalls – we truly appreciate your continued support in making events like this so successful.



Mixed Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5/6 mixed basketball team who won the 3x3 Basketball Tournament held at Fulham Cross Girls School on 12th February. The team played superbly throughout the competition, finishing first in their group with skill, teamwork and determination. In a thrilling final that went into overtime, they held their nerve and secured a fantastic victory! A huge congratulations to Oliver (Year 5) and Maria E, Ariana, Oscar and Kamber (Year 6) for representing the school so brilliantly. What an outstanding achievement—well done, team!



“We played five matches and made it to the finals. It was competitive but also great fun—a really good experience.”
Maria E Year 6

“Basketball was great fun! We passed to each other as a team. Although we were quite stressed, we still managed to win.” – Kamber, Year 6

Eco-Warriors Phoenix Farm Trip

Our KS2 Eco Warriors had a fantastic trip to Phoenix Farm in White City. We held and fed chickens, collected eggs, tasted fresh honey from the farm's bees, and made clay animals. We even went digging and found millipedes and lots of wriggly worms!

The day reminded us that God calls us to care for His creation (Genesis 2:15). As Eco Warriors, we are learning to look after the world He has given us. 🌍



“I enjoyed when we got to feed the chickens! I also liked digging up the worms for the chickens.”
Ezekiel Year 3

Nursery

In Nursery this week, the children enjoyed lots of play-based learning while developing their early maths and phonics skills. We talked about Lent as a special time to be kind and make good choices. Noah said, "Valentine means who do you love," and Whilemina shared, "I will give something to my brother." A lovely week of learning and kindness.



Reception

Reception have had a busy week! In RE, we learned about Lent as a special time to prepare for Easter by being kind, helpful and sharing with others, linking this to The Feeding of the 5000. In PE, the children practised passing and moving, showing great teamwork, while continuing to build confidence in phonics, maths and their outdoor learning through hands-on play.



Year 1

Roman said, "I liked it when Zacchaeus said, 'If I have cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times.'"



This week in Year 1 RE, the children listened to the story of Zacchaeus and thought carefully about its message. As we passed the candle around, each child shared what they liked about the story and how it made them feel. Our learning objective was to respond to the stories of Jesus, and the children did this beautifully through their thoughtful reflections and discussion.

Year 2

This week for Children's Mental Health Week, Year 2 explored the important theme of belonging. The children discussed how they belong in their community, at home with their families, and at school with their friends. They then created thoughtful drawings to represent the places where they feel they belong, with some choosing to include flags, their homes, or clubs that are special to them.



Year 3

In Year 3 Drama this week, the children began with a lively warm-up game of “Do This, Do That” before using their bodies to create different letters of the alphabet. They showed great imagination, teamwork and confidence as they explored shape and movement.



“I liked how we got to play fun games in Drama.”
Annabelle

Year 4

In Year 4, the children explored expressionism through artwork inspired by The Scream, creating their own bold paintings to convey mood and emotion. They also designed layered cardboard landscapes, experimenting with colour and texture. The class showed excellent focus and creativity, producing imaginative pieces with growing artistic confidence.



Year 5

This week in Year 5, we spent time reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching, focusing on Solidarity and Peace. The children considered prayerfully what it means to stand together in unity and to be instruments of peace in the world. They reflected on the scripture, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons and daughters of God” (Matthew 5:9), and responded with thoughtful and reverent insights about how they can live out this calling in their words and actions.



“We were learning about peacemakers in our Catholic Social Teaching Lesson - for example: God, our families.” Perla

Year 6

In Year 6 Science this week, the children explored simple electrical circuits and identified their key components, including bulbs, wires, switches and batteries. They observed a real circuit in action, recorded their findings and drew conclusions about what makes a complete circuit.



“We made circuits on the Chromebooks and it told us if we got it right or wrong. When we did something wrong, it would alarm us and tell us to correct it.” Nathan


Prayer Bags!



Rory



Joel



Thank you to Joel in Y2 and Rory in Y1 for sending in a beautiful photos of their prayer altar this week. We hope you enjoyed using the prayer bag with your family.

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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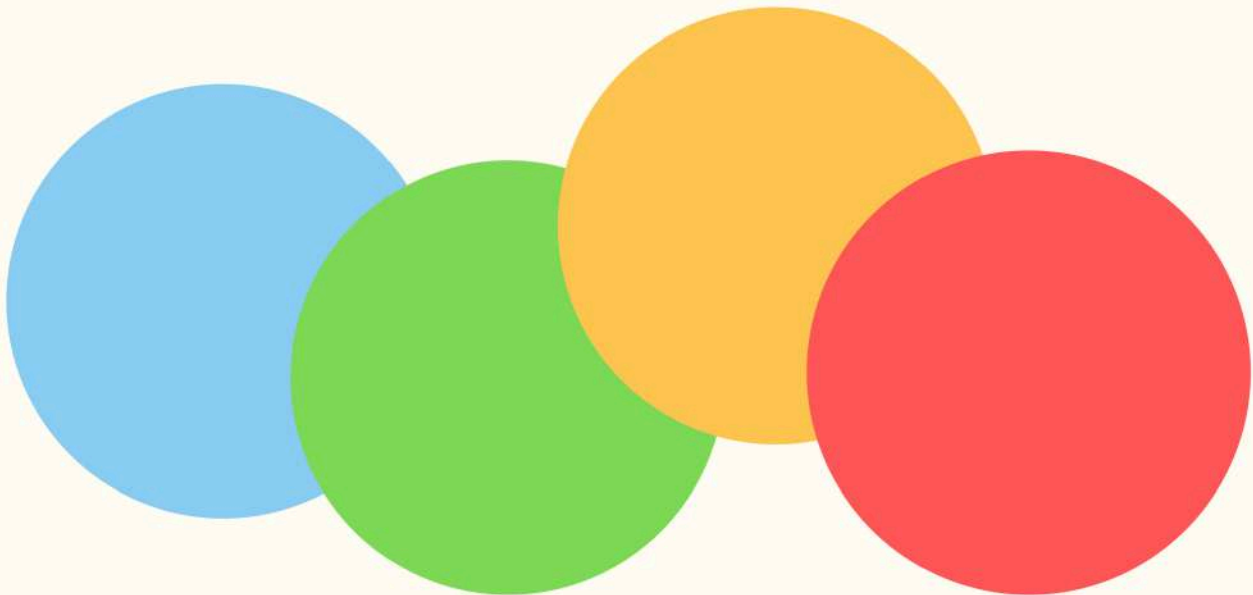


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PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

CALM, CONFIDENT, IN CONTROL: BUTE HOUSE INVITES YOU TO A FREE 4-WEEK WORKSHOP EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS, BUILD FOCUS AND STRENGTHEN SELF-REGULATION SKILLS.



28TH, 21ST FEBRUARY AND 7TH, 14TH MARCH

SATURDAYS 09:00 – 10:00

BUTE HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL'S SENCO.



BUTE HOUSE





WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

OVER FOUR WEEKS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN WILL EXPLORE THE ZONES OF REGULATION IN LINKED SESSIONS DESIGNED TO BUILD EMOTIONAL AWARENESS AND SELF-REGULATION SKILLS.

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS: LEARN TO RECOGNISE AND MAKE SENSE OF DIFFERENT FEELINGS, AND HELP YOUR CHILD DO THE SAME.

STAYING CALM & FOCUSED: DISCOVER PRACTICAL TOOLS TO SUPPORT SELF-REGULATION IN EVERYDAY SITUATIONS.

STRATEGIES FOR HOME & SCHOOL: EXPLORE EASY-TO-USE APPROACHES THAT WORK BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE CLASSROOM.

CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE: SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN FEELING CAPABLE, EMOTIONALLY STRONG, AND READY TO FACE CHALLENGES.

INTERACTIVE PARENT & CHILD SESSION: IN THE FINAL SESSION, PARENTS AND CHILDREN COME TOGETHER TO PRACTICE AND EXPLORE WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED IN A FUN, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.



BUTE HOUSE



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Reception 98%



Punctuality
Y1 100%



Green stickers and House points

House Points

1st place TM 1659
2nd place A 1554
3rd place JF 1449
4th place E 1160



Green stickers
No green stickers



Awards



Star of the week

Nursery: Lea
Reception:
George

Year 1: Ezra

Year 2: Leo

Year 3 Sharina

Year 4: Alex

Year 5 Alice

Year 6 Mateo

Head Teachers Award

Thierry - Reception



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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