



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 23rd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and energetic first week back it has been! It has been wonderful to see the children return refreshed and ready to embrace new opportunities.

On Monday, our Year 1 pupils enjoyed their very first tennis lesson. There was great excitement on the court as they began developing their coordination and learning new skills. We look forward to seeing their confidence grow over the coming weeks.

Tuesday saw our netball team take part in a netball tournament, where they demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are very proud of the way they represented St Mary's. Sport continued to be a highlight later in the week.

On Friday, our boys' and girls' football teams competed in the Mayor's Cup 2025/26 fixtures, showing resilience and great team spirit. At the same time, four of our Year 5 pupils took part in a table tennis event at Wendell Park, embracing the opportunity with enthusiasm and focus.

It has truly been a week full of activity, teamwork and participation.

Thank you for your continued support in enabling our children to take part in such enriching experiences.

We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Earlier this week on Tuesday, eight lucky children had the wonderful opportunity to represent our school in a borough netball competition held at Godolphin and Latymer Girls' School. They took part in five exciting tournaments and showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout. It was especially pleasing to see the children confidently applying the skills and techniques they have been practising with Julia, our netball coach. We are very proud of their effort and sportsmanship!



RE Half-Term Projects

We were absolutely delighted with the RE Half-Term Projects that all the children completed. A huge thank you to our families for supporting the children and ensuring these were completed so thoughtfully. The projects focused on our Spring 1 topic, Galilee to Jerusalem, and they were a fantastic showcase of learning. It was wonderful to see such creativity and effort, with children presenting their understanding through artwork, posters, detailed written pieces and impressive 3D models. We are so proud of the care, knowledge and enthusiasm that shone through in every project – a truly celebratory display of learning!



Father Richard - Year 2 Visit

Father Richard visited Year 2 to talk about Lent. He reminded us that Lent takes place in spring, a time when the world begins to grow again. We discussed how Lent is a time to ask God for forgiveness and prepare for Easter, when Jesus was crucified and rose on the third day. Year 2 also reflected on the words of the Our Father: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”



Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful week celebrating Chinese New Year! The children enjoyed tasting Chinese food and learning about this special festival. In RE, we began learning about Ash Wednesday, and the children have also been busy with writing, phonics and maths activities. It has been a joyful and busy week of learning and celebration!



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week of learning! The children enjoyed their very first Spanish lesson, where they learned to name sea creatures in Spanish. In PE, they focused on coordination through listening games and animal movement activities, building their accuracy and control. Alongside this, the children have continued to work hard in phonics, maths and RE. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and growing confidence!



Year 1

Year 1 had their very first tennis lesson at St Mary's this week – and what a fantastic start it was! The children were super engaged and full of excitement as they began learning a range of new skills. They practised hitting the ball, using the racquet correctly, and even balancing the ball with great focus and determination. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and such brilliant enthusiasm as our youngest players took their first steps into tennis!



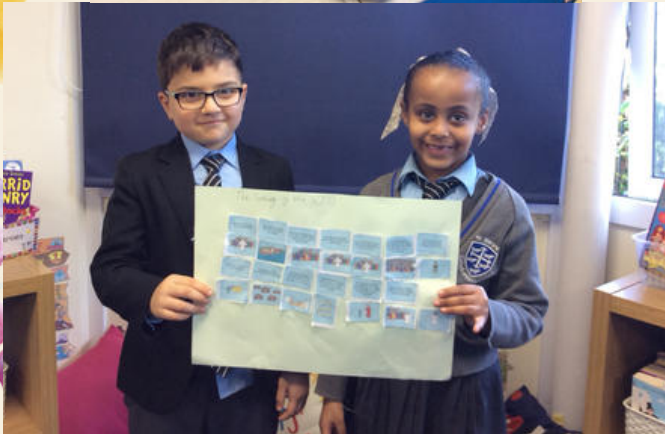
Year 2

This week in Year 2 Science, we began our new Plants topic. The children explored different types of seeds and bulbs that grow into flowers and food. We learned about germination and why it is an important part of a plant's life cycle. To bring our learning to life, the children have started germinating their own seeds and will be observing the process closely over time.



Year 3

In this weeks RE lesson, Year 3 explored the story of Jesus Christ feeding the 5,000. The children worked in pairs to sequence the key events so they could confidently retell the miracle. They then created detailed comic strips to illustrate what happened, helping them to secure the main parts of the story. This strong foundation will support them as we move on to exploring the deeper meaning of the miracle in our upcoming lessons.

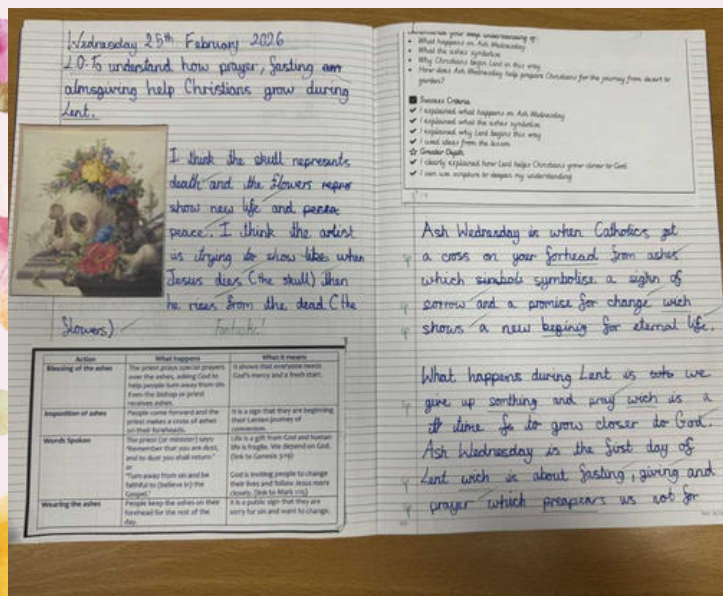


Year 4

Year 4 began their first cricket lesson of the Spring term with Coach Matt. After a quick warm-up to get moving, the children focused on developing their fielding skills. They learned how to stop and catch the ball using the correct technique – bending their knees and forming their hands into an “L” shape to create a secure catch. It was a great start to the term, with lots of enthusiasm and careful skill development on display.



Year 5



This week in Year 5 RE, we began our new Desert to Garden unit.

Across two lessons, pupils learned about what happens on Ash Wednesday and why Lent begins on this important day.

They deepened their understanding of how prayer, fasting and almsgiving help Christians grow spiritually during Lent. The children created thoughtful symbols to represent each of these practices and explored their meaning. They also evaluated a Gospel reading from Christian Art and finished the week by producing an extended piece of writing to demonstrate their developing understanding.



Year 6

This week in PE, Year 6 enjoyed a lesson focused on one of their favourite sports – football. The children had great fun while continuing to build and improve their skills this half-term. They explored and refined key techniques, including controlling the ball, dribbling, passing, defending, and attacking. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork on display throughout the session.



**DON'T
FORGET**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dress up as a book
character on Thursday
5th March.
Bring in £1
Prize for the most
creative outfit!



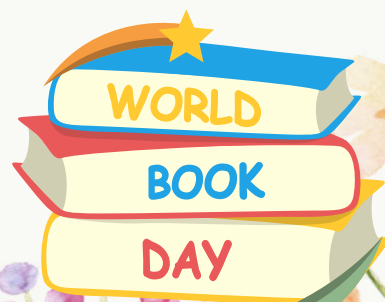
EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

Do you love to read in weird and wonderful places?
Send your photo to admin@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk
Prize for the most extreme and bizarre place!



Extreme Readers Challenge

Thank you to all the children who have sent in photos of their extreme reading challenge photos. They are great to see! Remember there will be a prize for the winning photo!



**DON'T
FORGET**



DRESS LIKE A SCIENTIST DAY!



It's Science Week! Come and join
in the fun and dress like a
scientist!

Thursday 12th March 2026
(Bring in £1)



**What type of scientist
will you be?**



Mother's Day Breakfast

We are delighted to be hosting a shared Mother's Day Breakfast in the school hall on **Friday 13th March**, and we warmly invite our families to join us for this special occasion. This will be a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate and give thanks for the love, care and support of the wonderful mothers and mother-figures in our children's lives. Any parents who would be willing to help us with serving on the morning would be very much appreciated. If you are able to support, please let the school office know in advance. We look forward to sharing this joyful celebration with you.



**MOTHER'S
DAY
BREAKFAST**

In honour of International Women's day and Mother's Day, we are inviting you to join us for breakfast

**8:00am onwards
Friday 13th March
in the school hall**



Prayer Bags!

Well done to Kaliyah and Amelia for sending in a beautiful photo of her prayer area at home.



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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Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y4 100%



Punctuality
Y6 99%



Green stickers and House points

House Points

1st place TM 218
2nd place JF 132
3rd place E 130
4th place A 112



Green stickers
No green stickers



Awards



Layla - Y1
Sabrina - Y3
Mariya - Y4
Bella - Y5
Elshaddai -
Y6
Mateo - Y6
Noah - Y6

Ahil - Y4
Livia - Y5

Giovanni -
Y5
Hassiet - Y5
Venice-
Rose - Y5
Rockella -
Y6
Honey - Y6

Head Teachers Award
Jasmine - Year 6



Star of the week

Nursery:
Muhammad
Reception:
Reuben

Year 1: Valentin
Year 2: Poppy
Year 3 Zeina
Year 4: Malakai
Year 5 Soraiya
Year 6 Angel

Important Dates

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	Friday 6th March
Mother's Day Breakfast	Friday 13th March
Parents Evening 1:30-6:30pm	Monday 16th March

[Please click here to see 2026-2027 term dates](#)

