



# ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 2nd March

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*What a wonderfully full and uplifting week it has been at St Mary's!*

*We were delighted to share Year 6 secondary school news with our families this week. This is always an important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of our pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. They have approached this transition with maturity and positivity.*

*Our love of reading was truly on display during Thursday's Character Book Parade. The costumes were absolutely fantastic – creative, thoughtful and full of personality! It was a joyful celebration of literature and a powerful reminder of how deeply reading enriches our school community. Alongside this, we have launched our Extreme Reader Challenge, encouraging children to continue exploring books in imaginative and adventurous ways.*

*In music, we warmly welcomed our new music teacher, Mr D, who started with us this week. We are excited for the children to begin this new chapter in their musical journey.*

*Year 4 enjoyed attending a workshop at St Paul's called "Living Library", which gave them the opportunity to learn more about a range of fascinating topics and hear from different voices and experiences. It was an enriching and thought-provoking experience.*

*It has certainly been a busy week, filled with celebration, achievement and new beginnings. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.*

*With every blessing,*

*Miss Black*

# Year 5/6 Girls Powerleague Football Tournament

The Year 5/6 girls' football team represented the school brilliantly at the Powerleague tournament. They finished second in their group after securing two excellent wins and narrowly losing 2-1 to St Stephen's, which saw them progress to the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, they were knocked out by a very talented St Augustine's side. The progress this team has made has been truly commendable, and we are very proud of their effort, teamwork and determination throughout the tournament and the academic year. A special thank you to Mr Howell for coaching and supporting all of our sporting teams at competitions. 🏆👏

## Year 5/6 Table Tennis



Last Friday, a group of pupils were invited to take part in a table tennis tournament at Wendell Park Primary School. The children showed excellent sportsmanship and were very supportive of one another during their individual games. Ethan performed brilliantly and finished in second place after a thrilling final against Alex from Wendell Park.

"I liked winning my games and it was very competitive. It was challenging and the other schools were really good. I feel confident and proud of myself." Ethan Year 5

# Year 4 Living Library

Year 4 visited St Paul's Girls' School this week to take part in a "Living Library." Instead of borrowing books, the children had the opportunity to "borrow" students who acted as the "living books," sharing their knowledge and interests through short discussions. The children spoke with several different students, learning about a variety of topics such as sport, science, music and history. It was an engaging experience and Year 4 had a wonderful time learning in a new and interactive way.



"The activities were amazing, especially 'the day of the dead'"  
- Eldana

# Year 5 - Into University Trip

On Friday, Year 5 visited IntoUniversity for an engaging morning session. The children were extremely well behaved and showed great focus throughout the activities. They learned about what a university is, explored different courses and study options, and discussed types of accommodation along with their advantages and disadvantages. They also discovered how clubs and societies allow students to pursue their interests. It was a wonderful experience, and the class will return later in the Summer term for a special Focus Day on a university topic.



“I enjoyed doing the activity with Mr Howell about different types of accommodation at University and the advantages and disadvantages.” Isla

# Billy the Badger visiting St Marys

Billy the Badger, the mascot for Fulham Football Club, will be visiting St Mary's on Thursday 19th March from 2:45–4:00pm. During the visit, families will also be able to find out more about local football opportunities available to pupils, including mid-week and Saturday morning Skills Clubs, Player Development Centres (PDC) and Girls Development Centres (GDC). Parents and pupils will have the chance to meet Billy, take photos, and enjoy a fun moment with Fulham's mascot. 🏈📸



**BECOME A SUPPORTER OF THE FOUNDATION  
TODAY AND HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD  
BETTER LIVES THROUGH SPORT**



## Nursery

Nursery have had a busy and enjoyable week taking part in a range of activities. In maths, the children explored the concepts of tall and short, and in phonics they continued practising their sounds and listening skills. They also enjoyed creative art, imaginative play and outdoor learning. In RE, as part of the Desert to Garden topic, the children made their own Lenten journey maps, learning that during Lent we are walking closer towards Jesus.



## Reception

Reception have had a wonderful and busy week! In RE, the children began learning about parables in their Desert to Garden unit, discovering that a parable is a short story told by Jesus that helps us learn how to love, share and make good choices. They also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, continued developing their maths and phonics skills, and had great fun exploring and creating in the outdoor mud kitchen during playtime.



## Year 1

Year 1 worked very hard this week practising their lines and speaking in loud, clear voices for their class assembly. The children confidently shared the story of St Patrick, learning about who he was, his faith and his commitment to helping the community. It was a wonderful assembly and the children did a fantastic job.

We are very proud of them! 🍀



## Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful first music lesson with Mr D this week. The children began with some fun warm-up games to get their voices and bodies ready for singing. They then learned and sang the song “I Met You At The Cross,” practising listening carefully and singing together as a class. Year 2 are already looking forward to their next music lesson with Mr D!



## Year 3

This week in Art, Year 3 explored Anglo-Saxon art and learned about the Bayeux Tapestry. Inspired by its colours and storytelling style, the children created their own collages of Anglo-Saxon ships using small pieces of felt, carefully selecting colours similar to those seen in the tapestry. The class showed great creativity and focus while producing their artwork.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been making great use of the Chromebooks whenever possible this week. In their science lesson, the children used them to research different microhabitats and learn more about the animals that live in these environments. They discovered many fascinating facts while exploring how animals adapt to their habitats.

Youssef shared, "I've learnt so much about sperm whales!" while Dolly was surprised to find out, "I didn't know Antarctica was a desert."



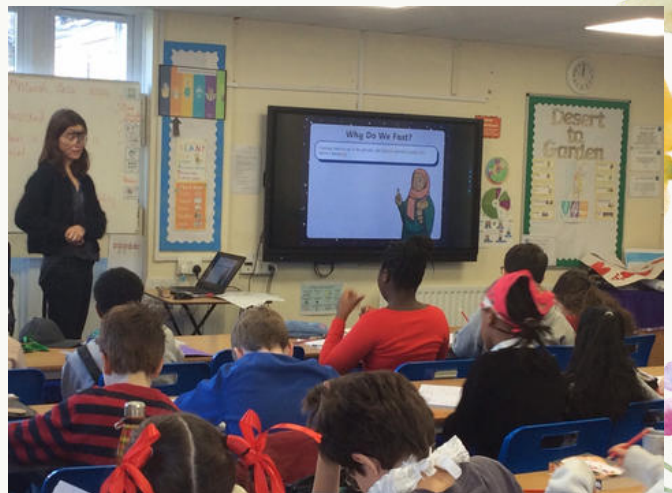
## Year 5



As the Spring term swimming sessions draw to a close, Year 5 have been building their confidence and skills in the water. The children have been practising essential techniques such as controlled breathing and floating on both their fronts and backs, before progressing to gliding through the water, exploring different strokes and even trying out diving. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and determination grow with each session.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about Ramadan as part of their work on different faiths. They discovered that it is a special month for Muslims, when many people fast from dawn to sunset, pray more and give to charity to grow closer to God (Allah). The children also learned that Ramadan follows the Islamic lunar calendar, so the dates change each year. This year it began on 17 February and will end on 19 March with the celebration of Eid. Maria E shared: “This is the month that the Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad and it follows the moon’s appearance, not the sun.”



# Asthma Friendly Award

We are also very proud to announce that we have achieved our award to become an Asthma Friendly School. This recognition reflects our commitment to ensuring that all pupils feel safe, supported and able to thrive.



## Asthma Friendly School Certificate of achievement

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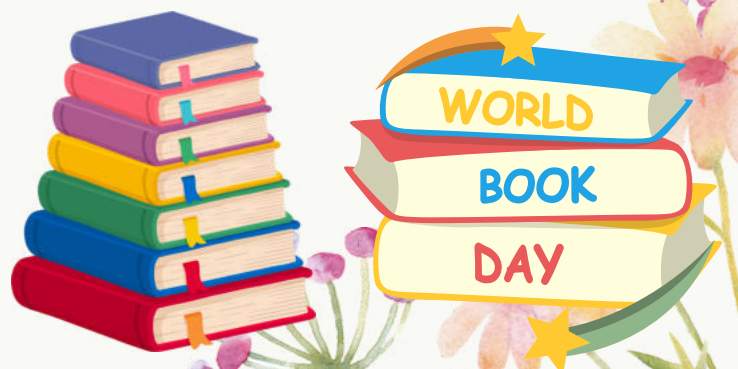
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Academic year 2025/26



# World Book Day

We had a wonderful celebration of World Book Day across the school as teachers swapped classes to share some of their favourite stories. Mr Howell travelled from Year 5 to Year 1 to read the much-loved Australian tale Wombat Stew, bringing the story to life for the younger children. Mrs Gleason also left Year 6 to visit another class and read (book title to be added). It was a joyful way to share a love of stories and celebrate reading together across the school. 📖✨



# 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!



# Extreme Readers Challenge



★  
WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
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**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?**



# IntoUniversity

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Providing local learning centres where young people are inspired to achieve



## What do we do?

We are a social mobility organisation focused on bridging the gap in education. We have centres across the country that work with local schools and provide a space for students to reach their potential.

## The FOCUS Programme

A series of workshops and trips aimed at broadening students' horizons, enhancing their academic performance, and preparing them for higher education or career paths.



## Primary Academic Support

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Free sessions for Years 5 to 6 to help with their numeracy and literacy skills through our own curriculum. Resources: Access to computers, books, and one-on-one support from trained staff and volunteers.

## Hammersmith Centre

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St Andrews Church, W14 9SA

**Phone:** 020 73811 1637

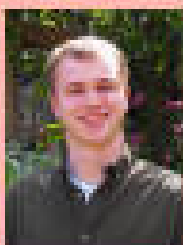
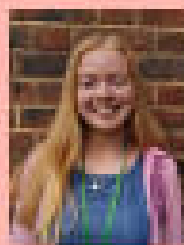
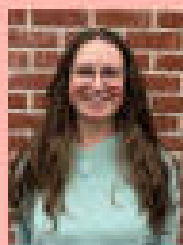
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Contact us or scan the QR code us to register your student!

**Register Here:**



## Hammersmith Staff



# IF YOU SEE UNKIND MESSAGES OR BULLYING IN A GROUP CHAT YOU CAN...



## STOP

**Don't reply. If the unkind messages are about someone else, don't join in. If you respond, sometimes it can make it worse. When you stop, it allows you time to make a better choice.**

**If you receive unkind or unwanted messages you can block the person who is sending them. When you block someone, this stops them from sending you any more messages.**

## BLOCK

## SCREENSHOT

**You can take a screenshot of the unkind messages in the group chat and show it to a trusted adult.**

**If anything happens in a group chat that you feel worried about, you can take a screenshot and talk to a trusted adult about it.**

**If you're in a group chat and other people are sending unkind messages, or saying things that you don't like, you can make the choice to exit the group.**

## EXIT

# 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**



# PTA Update

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have supported Friends of St Mary's over the years and helped make our school events so enjoyable for the children and wider community.

Following recent discussions, we will be moving away from the formal Friends of St Mary's charity structure. In practice, very little will change – our much-loved events, such as the Christmas Fair and Summer Fair, will continue to take place, organised by the school with the support of our fantastic parent community. Any funds raised will continue to go directly towards enriching school life for the children, supporting activities, resources and experiences across the school.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the time and enthusiasm parents give to help make these events possible, and we would love for anyone who is able to volunteer or lend a hand at future events to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support of St Mary's. Take a look below at what we have bought through our fundraising efforts.

## New storage for our PTA Shed

The children did a wonderful job of clearing out and organising the PTA shed.



# Fundraising efforts!

Take a look below at what we have been able to purchase for the school through our fundraising efforts, this includes the money raised from the Movie night and the Valentine's disco. Thank you all so much for helping us to improving the resources on offer to our student.

**A new rug for our EYFS**



**New Furniture**

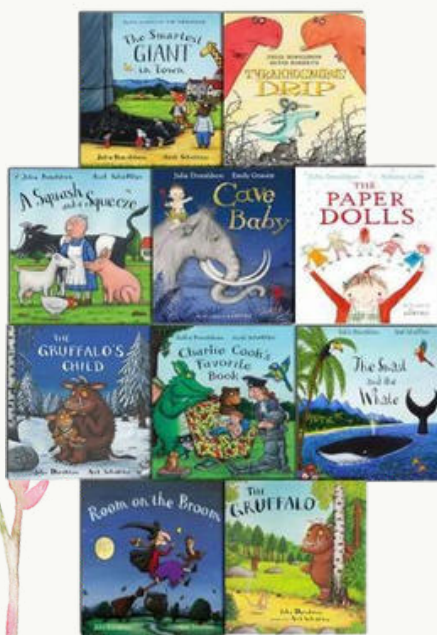


**A mud Kitchen for our little ones!**



**Storage baskets for the classrooms**

**Prayer cards**




**New books for the library**

**Two new water trays**



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## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance  
100% Year 1



Punctuality  
100% Year 1



## Green stickers and House points

### House Points

1st place JF 132  
2nd place A 91  
3rd place TM 65  
4th place E 32



Green stickers  
Year 5



## Awards



Ines - Y1    Mai Mai - Y1    Dolly - Y4  
Sammy - Y3    Valentin - Y1    Bella - Y5  
Youssef - Y4    Ayden - Y1    Giovanni - Y5  
Alex - Y4    Sharina - Y3

## Star of the week

No star of the week due to the Year 1 class assembly



## Important Dates

Dress Like a Scientist Day	Thursday 12th March
Mother's Day Breakfast	Friday 13th March
Parents Evening 1:30-6:30pm	Monday 16th March
Easter Production for Y3 at 1:45pm	Monday 23rd March
Easter Parade at 9:15am	Wednesday 25th March

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

