



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 9th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week at St Mary's, filled with learning, celebration and community spirit.

We were pleased to welcome members of our governing body into school for a learning walk focused on Religious Education. Governors had the opportunity to visit classrooms and see RE lessons in action across the school. It was a lovely chance for them to witness the thoughtful discussions, engagement and understanding our pupils show as they deepen their knowledge of faith and scripture.

There was also plenty of excitement as we celebrated Dress Up Like a Scientist Day. The children arrived in fantastic costumes and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for science and discovery. The day sparked lots of curiosity and conversation about the amazing world of science and the important role scientists play in shaping our future.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our Mother's Day Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special time together in the school hall. It was a lovely way to celebrate the important mothers and mother figures in our children's lives, and we are grateful to our staff and helpers who made the morning possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Year 5 - St Vincent's Care Home Trip

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit St Vincent's Care Home with TimeGivers, where the other half of the class were able to volunteer and give back to the community by generously giving their time to the residents. During the visit, the children coloured shamrocks together, read stories, and enjoyed meaningful conversations with the residents, bringing smiles and companionship to many. The experience reflected Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the importance of community and participation and recognising the dignity of every person, as the children showed kindness, respect and care for the elderly members of our community.



“I had so much fun with the elderly people. I read with two people and they started telling me what stuff means and I helped them.”
Perla



Father Richard visits Reception

This week, Reception welcomed Father Richard from Holy Trinity Parish, who spoke to the children about the Good Samaritan and how we can show kindness and help others. The children shared their own ideas about being kind, such as helping someone who has fallen over or helping friends with their coats. Father Richard also talked about Lent and preparing for Easter, discussing Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, the people saying “Hosanna,” and how Easter celebrates Jesus coming back to life. The children listened beautifully and enjoyed sharing their ideas.



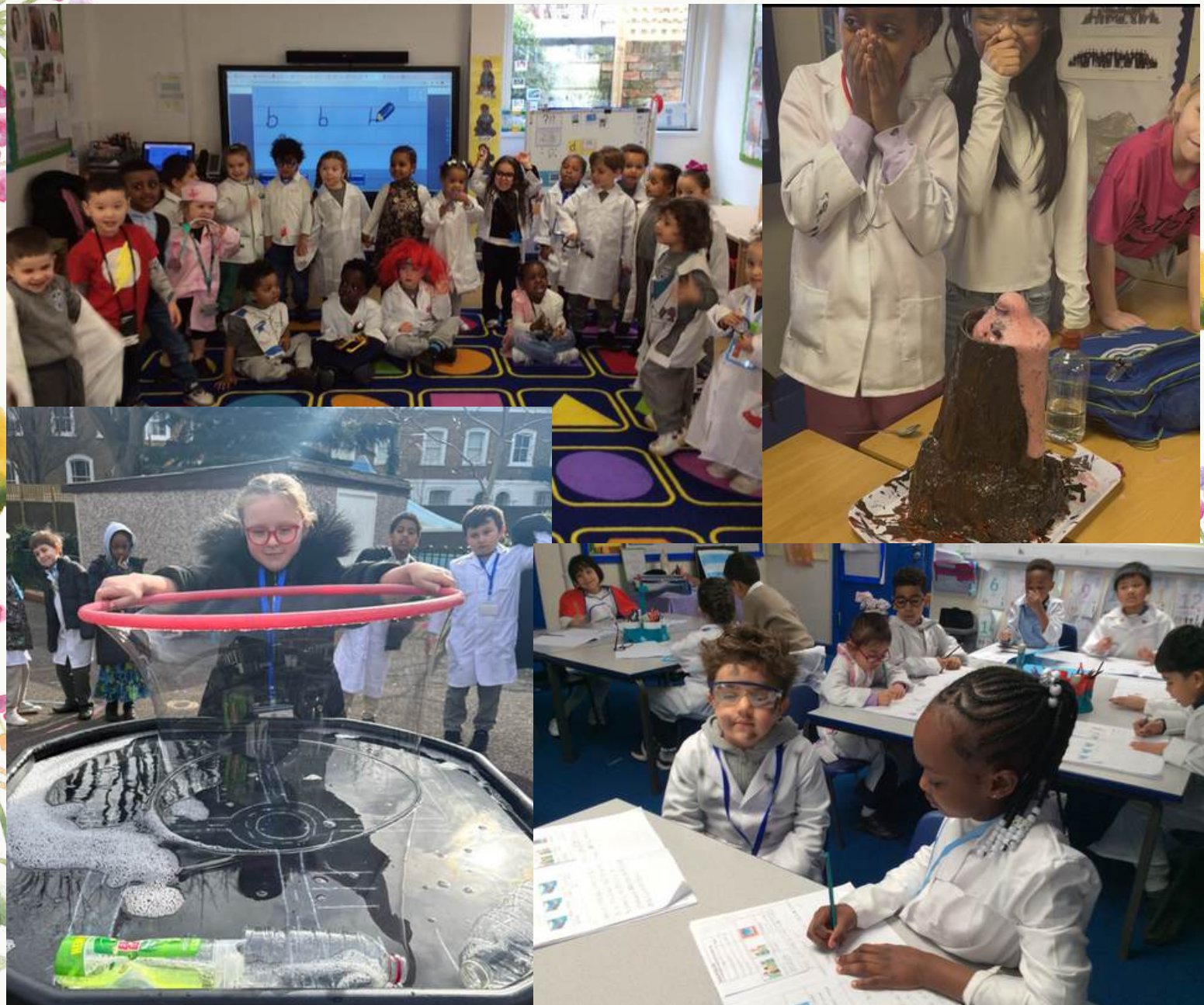
“The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus. What was the special word they said?” – Father Richard
“Hosanna.” – George

“How can we be like the Good Samaritan?” – Father Richard
“We can help people when they fall down.” – Kali



National Science Week

This week, the school enjoyed celebrating National Science Week. Classes across the school took part in exciting experiments, watched a live Science Week lesson and explored a range of scientific ideas together. The children showed great curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and investigating how things work. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning and so many budding young scientists in action!



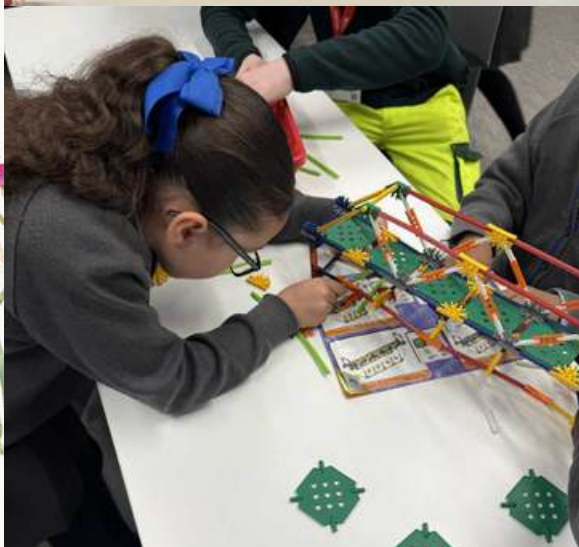
Year 6 Citizenship workshop

Year 6 visited Fulham Football Stadium for an engaging citizenship workshop run by Hammersmith and Fulham Council to help prepare them for secondary school. The children met professionals from the police, ambulance service, fire brigade and TFL, learning about how to stay safe in emergencies at home, on transport and in the community, as well as the dangers of illegal drugs and vaping. Nathan shared, “The workshop was great because it taught us what to do in an emergency either on public transport or at home,” while Malik added, “I learnt that some vapes can contain harmful illegal substances.”



Year 5 & 6 - Bridge Building Workshop

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting Civil Engineering STEM bridge-building workshop hosted at Bute House. Engineers and apprentices from Hammersmith and Fulham Borough and FM Conway supported the pupils as they explored structural engineering and learned about different types of bridges, as well as the important health and safety considerations involved in construction. The class worked in two groups, with one group building a real bridge structure while the other designed and constructed bridge models using K'NEX before swapping activities. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that inspired curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving. 🏗️🔧



In Bridge Building, we got to do two things. In my group we did K'NEX first and my group held 2.5kg. I heard that someone else's held 10kg in theirs. My favourite part was when we were building the real bridge and we actually got to walk across it. Mr Howell was the test dummy to test the bridge." Naod



“I loved the workshop at Bute House because we got to build a real bridge with slabs and rods. We also got to walk over it! Our own K’NEX construction held 3.7kg.” - Oscar Year 6

“My group worked as a team we were building our K’NEX bridge. We held 1.5kg. My group was helping my understanding how to connect the blocks that we needed.” Jasiah



Healthy snacks at school

A gentle reminder that St Mary's is a school lunch only school, so children should not bring sandwiches or other lunch items from home.

Children are welcome to bring a small healthy snack for morning break, such as a piece of fruit or vegetables. To help keep things simple and healthy, sandwiches, crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other lunch items should not be brought into school for break time.

Thank you for your support in helping us encourage healthy eating habits for all our pupils.



As we continue our journey through Lent, we kindly invite families to support our Lenten Appeal by encouraging children to continue raising money where possible. Your generosity reflects the spirit of compassion and service that this sacred season calls us to. Thank you for your continued support.

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. 🏆📸



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Buddies at St Mary's

Reception enjoyed their reading buddy session with Year 6 this week, sharing stories and reading together. 📖



Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children explored short and long by measuring and comparing their shoes to see which were longer or shorter. They also guessed which friends might be taller or shorter than them. Dressed as scientists for British Science Week, they enjoyed playful investigations and curious conversations. In Phonics, the children practised the “b” sound, and in RE they listened to the story When Jesus Rides In, learning about Palm Sunday and how people welcomed Jesus with palm leaves and shouts of “Hosanna!”.



Reception

This week, Reception had lots of fun celebrating National Science Week, dressing up and taking part in exciting activities and investigations. The children enjoyed exploring and discovering during their continuous provision, especially outdoors, where they asked questions and experimented like little scientists. Alongside this, they continued developing their phonics and maths skills through playful learning and hands-on activities. It has been a busy and joyful week of learning!



Year 1

Year 1 pupils have been developing their fundamental football skills by practising passing and catching with a partner. They focused on controlling the ball, aiming their passes accurately and catching safely with their hands. Working together helped them build teamwork and cooperation, remembering that we are all God's children and should support and encourage one another. ⚽



Year 2

To celebrate National Science Week, Year 2 explored their curiosity through fun bubble experiments. The children asked thoughtful questions and investigated why bubbles could form with a hula hoop and how the wind affected the results. They made observations, shared ideas and tested their thinking, just like real scientists. It was a fantastic way to develop their curiosity while having lots of fun learning together.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 practised acting out the Stations of the Cross as they prepare to perform it for the whole school. The children showed great focus and respect as they rehearsed each station, working together to bring the story to life. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learn their roles and support one another. We are very proud of their thoughtful preparation and look forward to sharing their performance with the school soon.



Year 4

In RE, Year 4 have been learning about the Works of Mercy and what it means to show mercy through kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Pupils worked in pairs to explore images and identify which of the seven parables they represented, helping them understand how Jesus taught us to care for others. This learning also links to the Catholic Social Teaching Option for the Poor, which reminds us that Christians are called to prioritise helping those most in need through actions such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and visiting the sick. ✨



Year 5



For National Science Week, Year 5 revisited their Geography learning about volcanoes by building their own models. The children brought in a variety of materials from home and worked collaboratively in groups to construct their volcanoes before making them erupt. After watching a video to understand the process, they followed the steps carefully and had great fun observing the reactions and seeing their creations come to life. It was a fantastic hands-on way to combine science and geography while encouraging teamwork and curiosity. 🌋🔬

Year 6

This week in RE, the children learned about Jesus' act of love and humility when he washed the feet of his disciples, including Peter who at first refused. They explored how Jesus was leading by example, teaching that we can grow closer to God by living a life of service to others. Mrs Gleason recreated this moment in class, which encouraged thoughtful discussion among the children about humility and serving others. Ariana reflected, "I felt a little embarrassed when Mrs Gleason washed my feet because she is my teacher, but I understand the meaning behind it. She was showing us that everyone should be humble like Jesus."





WINNERS OF OUR EXTREME READER CHALLENGE!

RECEPTION: JACOB



YEAR 1: AZAIAH



YEAR 3: LUCAS



YEAR 4: MALAKI



YEAR 5: LIVIA



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



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y2 97.9%



Punctuality
Y1 98.75%



Awards



Marharyta - Y3 Malaki - Y4
Adam - Y3
Timofei - Y3

Green stickers and House points

House Points

1st place	JF	76
2nd place	TM	71
3rd place	E	55
4th place	A	32



Green stickers
Year 4



Star of the week



Nursery: Boiken
Reception: Teddy



Year 1: Ines

Year 2: Natari

Year 3 Zain

Year 4: Ruby

Year 5 Naod

Year 6 Oscar



Important Dates

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](#)

