



Spring 2 | Week 4

ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Week beginning Monday 16th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enriching week at St Mary's, with many opportunities for learning, partnership and wider experiences.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening on Monday 16th March. It was wonderful to see such strong engagement and to share in the children's progress and achievements. These conversations are so valuable in supporting each child's journey, and we greatly appreciate your time and partnership.

We were also delighted to welcome Time Givers into school, who worked with our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils in the garden. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and learning about caring for our environment. Experiences like this help to bring our values to life in a meaningful and practical way.

This week we also celebrated British Science Week, which was a real highlight. On Wednesday, all pupils took part in a full day of exciting workshops delivered by Spark2. The sessions were engaging, hands-on and inspiring, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm across the school. It was fantastic to see the children so immersed in scientific thinking and discovery.

A gentle reminder that next Wednesday is our Easter Bonnet Parade. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children's creative designs and celebrating together as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Science Workshops - Spark2!

This week, children across the school enjoyed an exciting visit from Spark2 as part of British Science Week. The interactive workshop brought science to life through hands-on experiments and engaging demonstrations. Pupils explored the science of bubbles, learning how light creates rainbow colours, alongside investigating inertia, insulators and conductors, and sodium polyacrylate—the absorbent material used in nappies. Artan shared: “I learned so much about bubbles—how they are created, why they are so fragile, the layers they have, and even how you can make them harder to pop. I also loved the experiments with the bazooka and the smoke.” A big thank you to Miss Sheehan, our Science Lead, for organising such an enjoyable and enriching experience.



Year 5/6 St Pauls Partnerships - Netball Competition

This week, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a friendly netball tournament at St Paul's Girls School, competing against six other schools. Supported by their coach, Julia, it was a first competition for some of the children.

Although they did not win overall, they showed great teamwork and determination, gaining valuable experience. One team achieved second place in their pool, with pupils demonstrating a range of skills such as dodging, spinning and quick movement to evade defenders.



William said: "The games were really fun and we played lots of different schools. My team came second in Pool B and I received a 'Player of the Team' certificate. We used different moves, like dashing and spinning, to get away from defenders."



Timegivers Gardening - Years 3,4,5

This week, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils gave their time to care for Mary's Garden alongside Sam and Lily. Using trowels and hand rakes, they worked hard to remove weeds and keep the garden clean and well maintained, benefiting the whole school community.

The children carefully identified plants, referring to photos and asking for guidance when unsure, and learnt the importance of removing weeds from the root. They also showed great care for the environment by safely disposing of weeds and protecting wildlife, relocating earthworms so they were not harmed. This work reflects Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the call to care for God's creation and to serve the common good, as the children took responsibility for looking after the environment and supporting their school community.



“We were taking out all of the weeds and after this we will planting new flowers to grow.”
Venice-Rose Year 5



CONFIDENCE THROUGH CREATIVITY



SUPPORTING WELLBEING THROUGH CREATIVITY

CREATIVE CONFIDENCE WORKSHOPS OFFER PUPILS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE IDEAS AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH ENGAGING, HANDS-ON CREATIVE ACTIVITIES. THROUGH GENTLE PROMPTS AND THE USE OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS, CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPERIMENT, REFLECT AND RESPOND TO IDEAS IN THEIR OWN WAY.

THESE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO NURTURE CREATIVITY WHILE SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, HELPING PUPILS TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND CREATIVE VOICE.



25TH APRIL, 2ND, 9TH AND 16TH MAY 2026

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 09:30 – 10:30

YEARS 3,4,5 & 6 10:30-11:30

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



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CONFIDENCE THROUGH CREATIVITY

EACH WORKSHOP BLENDS CREATIVE AND MINDFUL ACTIVITIES THAT INVITE CHILDREN TO EXPLORE COLOUR, TEXTURE, IMAGERY AND MATERIALS, FOCUSING ON CURIOSITY, EXPERIMENTATION, AND PERSONAL RESPONSE RATHER THAN A FINISHED OUTCOME. CHILDREN WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE, USING CREATIVITY TO REFLECT, EXPRESS THEMSELVES, AND BUILD CONFIDENCE. THESE SESSIONS PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE SPACE WHERE CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP EMOTIONAL AWARENESS, NURTURE IMAGINATIVE THINKING, AND DISCOVER POSITIVE WAYS TO PROCESS AND COMMUNICATE THEIR FEELINGS.

IN PARENT SESSIONS ADULTS LEARN ABOUT SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL REGULATION AND PICK UP HELPFUL TIPS TO CALMLY NAVIGATE FAST- PACED FAMILY LIFE.



Sian Bradshaw, Head of Bute House, is a passionate educator with a deeply nurturing approach. She believes that emotional regulation is at the heart of children's wellbeing, giving both children and their families the tools to build healthy attitudes, strong relationships and resilience in everyday life.

Through her commitment to community and a holistic view of education, Sian has led the development of emotional regulation practices within her own school and extends this work through partnerships and outreach. In this four-week programme, she will work closely with parents to share practical strategies that can be used at home to support children's emotional growth and confidence.



With over 15 years of experience teaching Design and Technology in London schools, and holding a certificate in Therapeutic Arts and Counselling Skills with IATE, Tatiana has a deep-rooted appreciation for the power of creativity in education; one that extends beyond the traditional curriculum, whilst perfectly complementing it. Tatiana is passionate about helping children explore their imagination, build confidence, and unlock their creative potential.



Priscilla Bacon works as a child psychotherapist and parenting coach and loves helping parents and their children live happy and healthy lives where there is a lot of fun and as little stress as possible. By building routines, strong loving connections and open communication, families can create a way of life that runs smoothly and easily!



Active Champions



Easter Holiday Camp

- ★ Ages 4+ -11
- ★ Multi-activity
- ★ 5 Star Rated



March 30th - April 2nd
April 7th - 10th
8:30am - 3:30pm



Team Sports  | Tennis coaching  | Muay Thai  | Fitness 
Yoga  | Gymnastics  | Arts & crafts  | Circus Skills 

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Nursery

Nursery have had a fun-filled week! In PE, they enjoyed practising football dribbling with Coach Justin, showing great enthusiasm. They also took their RE learning outdoors, listening to the story of The Last Supper and the Betrayal and exploring it through engaging role play. In phonics, we have been learning the 'r' sound (down his back and curl over his arm), and we are very proud of their first writing attempts. The children have also loved exploring all areas of the nursery through their play—what a fantastic week of learning, fun and discovery!



Reception

Reception have had a great week! In Spanish, they practised introducing themselves and learning sea creatures. In RE, they explored solidarity and peace, thinking about helping others and feeling calm and safe. The children enjoyed creating art with natural materials and developing their observational painting skills. They were also excited to find a spider, placing it in the bug hotel and observing it with a magnifying glass—what a fantastic week of learning and discovery!



Year 2

To conclude our Science unit on plants, Year 2 had a wonderful time planting their sweet pea seeds. They have carefully observed the journey from germination to sprouting seedlings, and are now excited to continue watching them grow as they begin to create their very own sweet pea tepee.

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To celebrate Ramadan, Sofia and Michael led a thoughtful and engaging lesson, teaching their classmates about how Muslims observe this special time. They shared meaningful aspects of the celebration by bringing in a tasbeeh to demonstrate how Muslims pray, as well as dates, explaining their significance in breaking the fast at sunset.



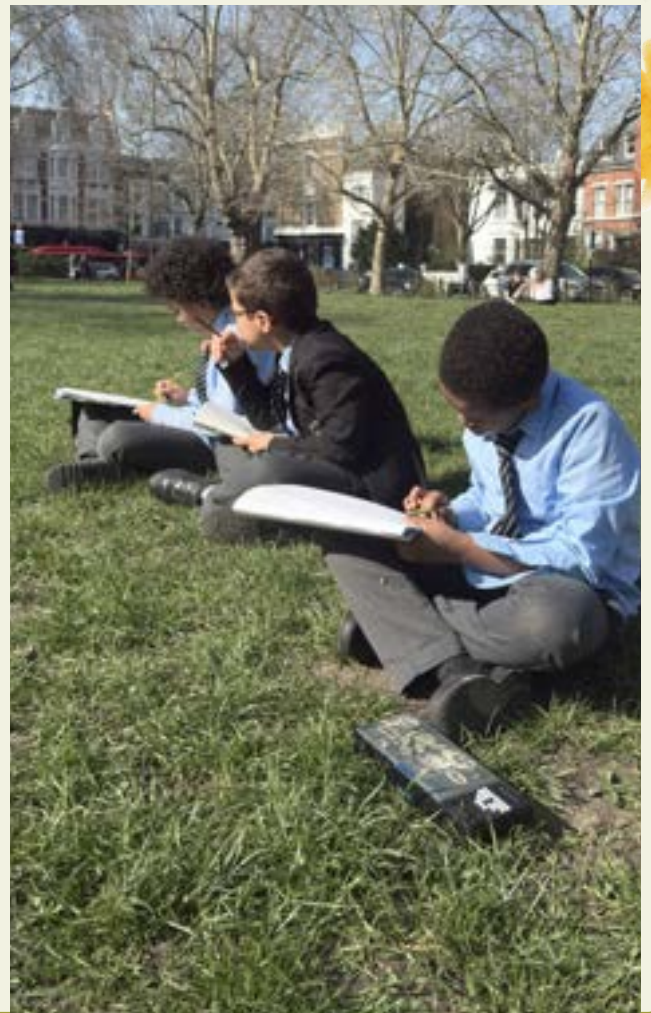
Year 3

This week, pupils learned about Nefertiti and explored the famous bust of her, discovering what a bust is and why she is an important figure in Ancient Egypt. They looked at how historians recognise her by her distinctive crown and explored the patterns and features of traditional Egyptian collars. The children then created their own collars using pasta and paper plates, ready to paint and finish next week.



Year 4

Year 4 took their art lesson outdoors, bringing their sketchbooks to explore and draw the local area. They carefully observed buildings, pathways, plants and everyday scenes, focusing on capturing small details in their drawings. Working outside encouraged them to slow down, look closely and think creatively about their surroundings. This session has helped to inspire ideas and build confidence as they begin planning their Summer mural for the school wall.



Year 5



This week in Science, Year 5 continued exploring forces in a fun and practical way. The children really enjoyed making their own fidget spinners, helping them to see how pushes, pulls and spinning movements work in real life. They then carefully drew and labelled their creations, practising how to present their work clearly like real scientists. It was lovely to see everyone so engaged and proud of what they had made!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 rehearsed the hymns they will be singing at our Holy Week Mass at Holy Trinity next week. The children practised with enthusiasm, reflecting on how the music links to the meaning of Lent.

Elshaddai shared, “I liked what we sang because of the melody and also because it links with Lent.”



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y4 98.8%



Punctuality
Y2 100%



Green stickers and House points

House Points

1st place TM 147
2nd place JF 109
3rd place A 96
4th place E 83



Green stickers
Years 3 & 4



Awards



Molly-Rose - Y1
Kyra - Y1

Karim - Y1
Salina - Y1
Jude - Y1
Sasha - Y6

Star of the week



Nursery:
Perseverance.
Reception:
Anastasia



Year 1: Jessica
Year 2: Sofia
Year 3: Ezekiel
Year 4: Ahil
Year 5: Nicolas
Year 6: Noah



Headteacher award



Alix - Year 5

Pen License



Abigail - Year 3
Gabriella - Year 3

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
Easter Mass at Holy Trinity at 9:30am	Thursday 26th March
School closes for Easter Holidays at 1:15pm	Friday 27th March

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

