



St Mary's Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 20th April 2026

Summer 1 week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely second week back at St Mary's, and it has been wonderful to enjoy some sunshine as we move further into the Summer Term.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that your child is now coming to school in summer uniform, with all items clearly labelled.

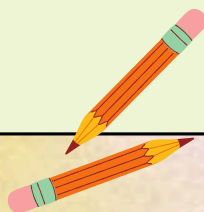
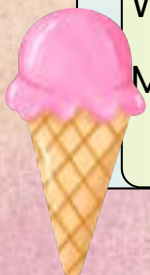
We have had lots of exciting learning opportunities across the school this week. The whole school took part in activities linked to Earth Day, reflecting on how we can better care for our planet and live out our responsibility as stewards of God's creation. It was encouraging to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with this important message.

Year 4 enjoyed their first swimming lesson, building confidence and developing essential life skills in the water. Meanwhile, Year 5 continued their rehearsals at St Paul's as part of the Jupiter Project, working hard in preparation for their upcoming performance in May.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With every blessing,

Miss Black



Earth Day

Across the school, all classes came together to mark World Earth Day in thoughtful and creative ways. From Year 2 designing and making Earth models using balloons, to Year 6 engaging with the BBC Live Assembly, pupils demonstrated a shared commitment to caring for our planet. Year 5 produced particularly reflective work, writing letters from the perspective of the Earth and making meaningful links to 'Laudato Si' and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the option for the poor. These activities provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore their responsibility for Creation, with many classes also engaging in discussions, outdoor learning, and creative tasks. Collectively, this highlights our strong whole-school commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship of our common home.



Skipping Workshops

We had a fantastic time celebrating National Skipping Day on Friday 24th April, with workshops and a whole-school assembly for Years 1–6. This nationwide event highlights the importance of daily exercise in a fun and accessible way, helping children build fitness, coordination and confidence. Led by Skipping Workshops, the children had an amazing time enjoying active learning in the sunshine while developing healthy habits for life. A big thank you to our PTA for funding this opportunity, and to Mr Howell for organising such a successful event.



“We really enjoyed the skipping workshop. It was fun and also challenging. We learnt crossover and Double Dutch.” Ariana & Emelia - Y6



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Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 gave a wonderful performance in their class assembly on Friday, confidently acting out the Feeding of the 5000, Pentecost, and the Parable of the Sower. Through their drama, they showed a clear understanding of the meaning behind each story, reflecting the learning they have been doing in RE. The children should be very proud of their efforts –well done for such expressive and thoughtful acting!



“I enjoyed the part where Kaliyah, Jax, Sharina and Annabelle were the flowers. They were the seeds in our performance of the Parable of the Sower.” Isla-May - Year 3

Father Richard - Year 4 Visit

The class were delighted to welcome Father Richard from Holy Trinity Parish, who spoke to them about how Peter denied Jesus. He shared the story in an engaging and thoughtful way, and the children impressed him with their strong knowledge, confidently recalling what they had learned in RE. Many were eager to contribute, creating a real sense of enthusiasm, and Father Richard's warm approach made it an enjoyable and memorable visit for everyone.



Year 6 explored the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Dignity of Workers, learning that work is not just about earning money but using our talents to contribute to society. They created thoughtful posters showing how to live this out. Noah especially enjoyed discussing real-life examples, such as strikes, and understanding issues like fair pay and working conditions.

Mary's Meals

We will be sending home an envelope next week to collect foreign currency donations for Mary's Meals, a registered charity that provides nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children, encouraging them to attend school and gain an education.

With 78 million primary school-aged children out of school worldwide, your spare foreign currency—often left in drawers, wallets, or jars after holidays—can make a real difference. Every donation helps provide school meals that give children the energy to learn, grow, and build brighter futures.

Thank you for your support. Please return your envelope after the Summer Term half term.

A promotional flyer for Mary's Meals. The top section has a blue background with the text 'mary's meals | a simple solution to world hunger'. Below this, on a white background, is the slogan 'SCHOOL+FOOD =HOPE' in large, bold letters. To the right of the text are three circular photos of children eating meals, surrounded by various international currency symbols like the Euro, Pound, and Yen. The bottom section contains text about making a lasting impact with leftover currency, contact information, and charity registration details.

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A gentle reminder to parents and carers to be mindful when using mobile phones during drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly ask that any music or videos are kept at a low volume and that content remains appropriate while on school grounds. Thank you for your support in helping maintain a calm and respectful environment for all.



2026

St Mary's SUMMER FAIR



Games



Face paint



BBQ



Bouncy
castle



Splat the
teacher



Fulham
football
club

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

3:30-6pm

£1 per family to enter

Pay at the door

VE Day

Victory in Europe Day will be commemorated on Friday 8th May.

We would love to make this a meaningful occasion for our children and warmly invite any grandparents or members of the community to visit the school and share their stories or experiences. If you are interested in taking part, please let the school office know or email us at admin@stmarysrc.lbhf.sch.uk





Nursery

We had a fun and engaging week in Nursery. We shared the story of Pentecost, learning that the Holy Spirit brings love, courage and kindness. The children enjoyed observing a baby snail with a magnifying glass and exploring minibeasts in our insect garden. We also celebrated St George's Day by learning about St George and joining in with lively Morris dancing. Alongside this, we continued practising phonics and exploring numbers 1 to 5 through playful activities.

Reception

We've had a creative and enjoyable week in Reception. The children built houses, made crowns and took part in lots of enthusiastic writing, proudly sharing their creations. We explored Palm Sunday and retold The Three Little Pigs. In gymnastics, the children moved like animals to build core strength and develop control and fluency. We also continued developing maths and phonics through fun activities.



Year 1

Year 1 had a wonderful experience day to inspire their writing this week. The children imagined what it would feel like to be the Queen when her hat suddenly blew away, just like in our class story *The Queen's Hat*. They explored her thoughts and feelings in a fun and creative way, using drama and discussion to bring the moment to life. We are very much looking forward to seeing the fantastic writing they will produce in Summer 1!



Year 2

This week, Year 2 practised the important skill of finding Bible passages using references. They learned how to locate the correct book, chapter, and verse, and approached this task with care and respect. This work is helping them grow in confidence and deepen their understanding of how the Bible is organised as a sacred text.



Year 3

In Geography, Year 3 began their new topic on Northern Europe, focusing on the five countries: Norway, Finland, Iceland, Denmark and Sweden. In our first lesson, we went on a fun scavenger hunt to find key information about each country, including their capital cities, populations and the languages they speak. This helped us build a strong foundation of knowledge as we begin to explore this region further.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 had their first swimming lesson of the Summer Term. The instructors assessed the children's confidence and ability in the water and organised them into three groups to ensure everyone is supported at the right level. It was a positive first session, with the children showing enthusiasm and beginning to build their water confidence.



Year 5



“I like batting. I’m quite good at it and can hit the ball really far.”

Soraiyah

This week, Year 5 have been developing their cricket skills, focusing on batting, throwing, catching and teamwork. To practise these skills, they played rounders—a striking and fielding game where players score points by hitting the ball and running around four posts. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow, as well as their communication and teamwork during matches.

Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring light—its sources, how it travels, and how it enters our eyes to help us see. They learned that light travels in straight lines and that sunlight, known as white light, is made up of all the colours of the spectrum. The children created and tested colour wheels to see how these colours combine to form white light.

“I learned that rain doesn’t make the colours in a rainbow—it helps us see them.” – Artan



SAVE THE DATE

Skipping workshop - all children to wear PE kit

Friday 24th April

EYFS Parent Stay and Play

Wednesday 29th April

Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 1st May

SATS week

Week beginning Monday 11th May

Break for Summer Half term

Friday 22nd May

