St Mary's Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 4th May 2026 **Summer 1 week 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at St Mary's, filled with music, preparation and community spirit.

A particular highlight was the wonderful finale performance by our Year 5 pupils at St Paul's, showcasing the musical talent they have developed through their participation in the Jupiter Project. The children performed with great confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism, and we were incredibly proud of all they achieved. It was a fantastic celebration of their hard work and commitment throughout the project.

Year 6 have also had a very focused and hardworking week as they prepare for their SATs next week. We are extremely proud of the maturity, resilience and determination they have shown. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best and remind them to simply try their best and be proud of all they have accomplished.

Across the school, children have also been enjoying hymn practice as we prepare for our upcoming Mass next week. It has been lovely to hear the children singing so joyfully together in preparation for this important celebration of our faith.

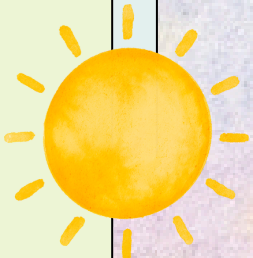
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With every blessing,

Miss Black







Year 2 Trip Natural History Museum

This week, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum! The children enjoyed an exciting workshop exploring minibeasts and their habitats, linking perfectly to our current Science topic. They were amazed to see the creatures up close and loved using the microscopes to investigate them.

Afterwards, the children explored the museum and enjoyed discovering the many fascinating animals on display. It was a wonderful day full of curiosity and excitement!

“I didn’t want to leave the museum — it was the best place! We found so many bugs to look at under the microscope!” – Joseph









Year 2 - Timegivers visit

This week, Year 2 welcomed Lily from TimeGivers to help give back to our community. The children created toys for cats at a local animal shelter using pom-poms, tassels, and bells. They also coloured beautiful rainbow pictures with kind messages to be delivered alongside the toys. The children thoroughly enjoyed this creative and thoughtful activity!







"It was fun giving back to the community. The toys were making animals happy." Naod

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Our Year 5/6 girls' football team, alongside Mr Howell, were honoured to be invited by the Fulham FC Foundation for a special visit to Craven Cottage. Our school was one of only three across the Foundation to receive this exciting opportunity. The girls enjoyed a tour of the stadium, including the new Riverside Stand, and took part in a session exploring Premier League values through our involvement in the Premier League Primary Stars programme.

The children also enjoyed a special World Cup quiz supported by Issa Diop and Kenny Tete, who helped the groups and presented the girls with signed player cards. We are very grateful to Fulham FC Foundation and Mr Howell for their continued support in promoting girls' football. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

Prayer Books



Thank you to the children completing prayers in their class prayer books. Please use the prayer bag to create a home altar and share photos with the school office. It is wonderful to see such reverence in their prayer life.



Gabriella - Year 3



"We need to be kind to each other, to follow Jesus's footsteps." Alice

This week, Year 5 led a beautiful Collective Worship, prayerfully guiding others through reflections on kindness and compassion. Through thoughtful prayers and readings the children helped create a calm and reverent atmosphere for worship and reflection.

Whole School Hymn Practice

This week, the whole school came together to practise hymns in preparation for our upcoming Mass led by Father Richard. The children sang beautifully and reverently, filling the hall with joyful worship and reflection as they prepared to celebrate together in faith.



Father Richard Year 3 Visit



"I liked how Father Richard spoke to us about the ascension. He explains everything really well."
Sammy

This week, Year 3 were delighted to welcome Father Richard to support their RE learning. He spoke to the children about Jesus' ministry, the Ascension, and the Great Commission, helping them to understand how the disciples were called to spread God's message to the world.

London Youth Choirs

London Youth Choirs are hosting a FREE music workshop during the May half term. Please do share the below message to parents/carers in your school.

LYC Experience Day - 1:30pm-5:30pm, Friday 29 May
Westminster City School, 55 Palace Street, Victoria, London SW1E 5HJ

A free half term event with London Youth Choirs (LYC) open to children aged 6-11 from all over London who have never been in LYC before or sung in a choir. As well as lots of singing, fun warm ups and energetic games led by our expert team, the afternoon session will include tips on preparing for an audition and how to build confidence in your singing:

SIGN UP HERE:
https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/experience-lyc-day/

You must sign up to take part.

Any questions?
engagement@londonyouthchoirs.com
Text/Whatsapp/Call 07549 435 102

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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.



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May Procession



Wednesday 20th May

Please send your child in with flowers for our May Procession to honour our Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Congratulations

It is with great joy that we share some very special news from our St Mary's staff team. Mrs Neter is expecting a baby later this year! This is wonderful news for her and her family, and we are all so delighted for her. Her daughter, Eliana, is already looking forward to becoming a big sister and proudly shared the baby scan with us. I am sure our whole school community will join us in offering their warmest congratulations and best wishes as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.





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

This week in Nursery, the children enjoyed learning through free-flow play, maths and creative activities while building their confidence and independence. They practised writing their names, learned the “l” sound using “down the long leg,” explored gymnastics apparatus with enthusiasm, and proudly took home their chick crafts. The children also enjoyed a collective worship about weddings and love before marking Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) in a meaningful and child-friendly way.

Year 2

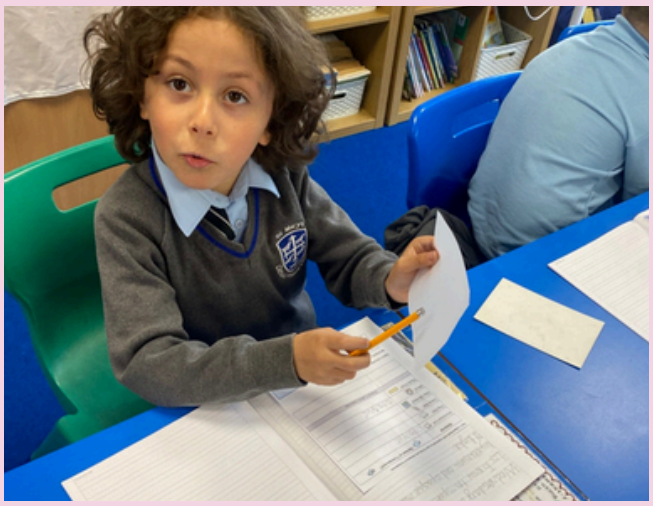
This week in RE, Year 2 created a beautiful class tree to represent the Fruits of the Spirit. The children reflected thoughtfully on how they can show these fruits in their own lives, especially by being peacemakers like Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Óscar Romero, and Saint Teresa of Ávila. Through prayer and discussion, the children explored ways to show kindness, peace, and love to others each day.



Year 3

This week in Science, Year 3 explored light by investigating whether materials were transparent, translucent, or opaque. Using torches and careful observation skills, the children discovered how light travels through different objects and how shadows are formed. Marharyta explained that “most objects are opaque because most objects cause a shadow,” showing a fantastic understanding of the topic.







“I really like swimming because the coaches are really nice and it is really fun and we get to learn swimming skills.” – Youssef

Year 4

This week in Year 4 swimming, the children continued developing their confidence and swimming techniques in the water. They practised floating on their backs, used front crawl, and worked on kicking and gliding across the shallow end using floats. The children also enjoyed learning new skills and building their confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

Year 5



Year 5 have enjoyed developing their cricket skills during PE this term. The children have been practising their batting, bowling and fielding whilst learning the rules of the game and showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Armani said, “It would be nice to play against Year 6!” We are very proud of the enthusiasm and determination shown during these sessions.

Year 6

This week in RE, Year 6 reflected on how faith in the Resurrection is a personal choice. Through reading the story of Thomas in the Bible, the children explored how faith and doubt can exist together and discussed the importance of trust and belief. The class responded thoughtfully, sharing that sometimes faith feels strong and at other times people look for proof to help them believe. Ethan reflected, “I think I would believe without evidence because in the Bible it says, ‘Everything is possible with God.’”





Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance

Y5 95.7%



Punctuality

Y4 100%



House points

1st place E 76
2nd place TM 74
3rd place JF 63
4th place A 29



Green stickers

Y5





Joel Y2
Maria A Y4
Adam Y6



Roman Y1
Zain Y3
Zeina Y3
Omari Y3
Lucas Y3
Charbel Y3
Yilkal Y4
Hirad Y6



Ayden Y1
Abigail Y3
Jax Y3

Star of the week

Nursery: Cyprien
Reception: Whole class
Year 1: Azaiah
Year 2: Stevan
Year 3:Jamal
Year 4: Eldana
Year 5 Alannah-Rose
Year 6 Hirad



Adam - Year 5



Auriel - Year 6

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