



St Mary's Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 11th May 2026

Summer 1 week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and meaningful week at St Mary's, with many opportunities for learning, reflection and achievement.

This week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs, and we could not be prouder of the way they approached the week. They showed resilience, maturity and determination throughout, tackling each test with a positive attitude and giving their very best effort. We would like to thank our staff and families for the support and encouragement given to the children during this important week.

On Thursday, the children also took part in some brilliant Judaism workshops, which provided an engaging opportunity to deepen their understanding of another faith tradition. The sessions were interactive, thoughtful and informative, helping pupils to explore similarities and differences with curiosity and respect. It was wonderful to see the children asking such insightful questions and engaging so positively in their learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With every blessing,

Miss Black



Y5 – Jupiter Project

What a wonderful evening at St Paul's Girls' School on 22nd April for the Year 5 Jupiter Project performance. Over the past four months, our Year 5 pupils have been learning instruments including the cello, violin, flute, trumpet and clarinet. They proudly performed with confidence alongside other partnership schools in a special celebration of music. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, and we would like to thank St Paul's Girls' School for making this fantastic opportunity possible.



“The Jupiter Project was fun because we got to learn new instruments. The concert was grand!”
Nicole Year 5



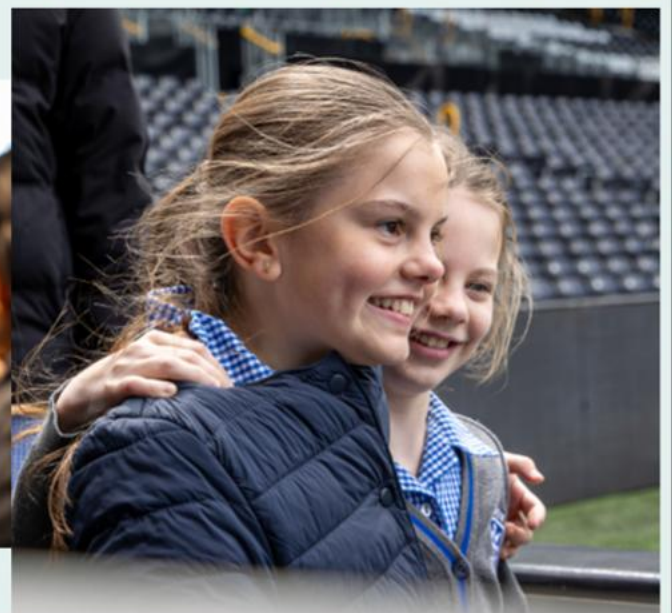
FULHAM FC Foundation

BUILDING BETTER LIVES
THROUGH SPORT



“I enjoyed doing a tour of Craven Cottage and I met two Fulham Football players and we came equal 1st in the World Cup quiz.” Ariana Y6

Our Y5/6 girls' football team, alongside Mr Howell, had an unforgettable day at Craven Cottage with the Fulham FC Foundation 🏆🏆 One of only 3 schools invited, the girls toured the stadium, explored Premier League values, and met Fulham players Issa Diop & Kenny Tete – even receiving signed player cards! A truly special experience ❤️



Prayer and Liturgy



Year 6 took part in a therapeutic, thoughtful and calming prayer session using the following prayer to St. Thomas Aquinas the patron saint of students. We especially prayed for our intellect and mental clarity at the start of this highly stressful week. All of year 6 took part and it really helped to calm us putting us in the spiritual zone to accept help from St Thomas Aquinas. It took place in the Mary's Garden so we we also asked for the guidance of Mary our patron saint.



“It was so calming and peaceful and made me ready for SATS.”
Elshaddai
Year 6



The Nursery children visited the role-play church in the Reception area, where they reverently re-enacted the Baptism of a baby. Through their role play, they explored the signs and symbols of this special sacrament.

Whole School Mass

On Thursday, the children gathered reverently in the school hall to celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Ascension. It was a particularly special occasion as we were delighted to welcome our parish priest, Father Richard, from Holy Trinity Church, who came to our school to lead the celebration. We would like to thank the Year 6 children who confidently proclaimed the readings and presented the offertory gifts, as well as the Year 5 pupils who prayerfully led the bidding prayers. The children participated beautifully throughout the Mass, singing joyfully and reverently, helping to create a truly prayerful and reflective atmosphere for our school community.



“I think it was calming and I enjoyed reading and listening to the bible and singing hymns.”
Ethan Year 6



Reception visit to Holy Trinity Church

As part of their Pentecost learning, Reception visited Holy Trinity Church, our local parish church, to learn more about how the Church began when the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and shared the Good News. The children explored the different features of the church and reflected on why it is a special place of worship and prayer. They spoke beautifully about Baptism and becoming part of God's family, with Kali explaining, "You get water poured over your head." It was lovely to see the children showing such reverence and enthusiasm throughout the visit.



Judaism Workshops

As part of Other Faiths Week, we were delighted to welcome the wonderful Ruth into school to lead a special Judaism assembly and workshops for Nursery through to Year 6. As a Catholic school, this was a valuable opportunity for our children to develop their understanding and respect for other faiths. The day began with a whole-school assembly where Ruth introduced key aspects of Judaism and shared important artefacts including the Torah, a kippah and challah bread. Throughout the day, each year group took part in engaging workshops exploring Jewish traditions, prayer, Passover and Shabbat. The children enjoyed hands-on activities, thoughtful discussions and discovering similarities between different faiths. It was a wonderful day of learning that inspired curiosity, reflection and respect across the whole school community.



“It was enjoyable because there were lots of activities like writing your name in Hebrew.” William Year 6



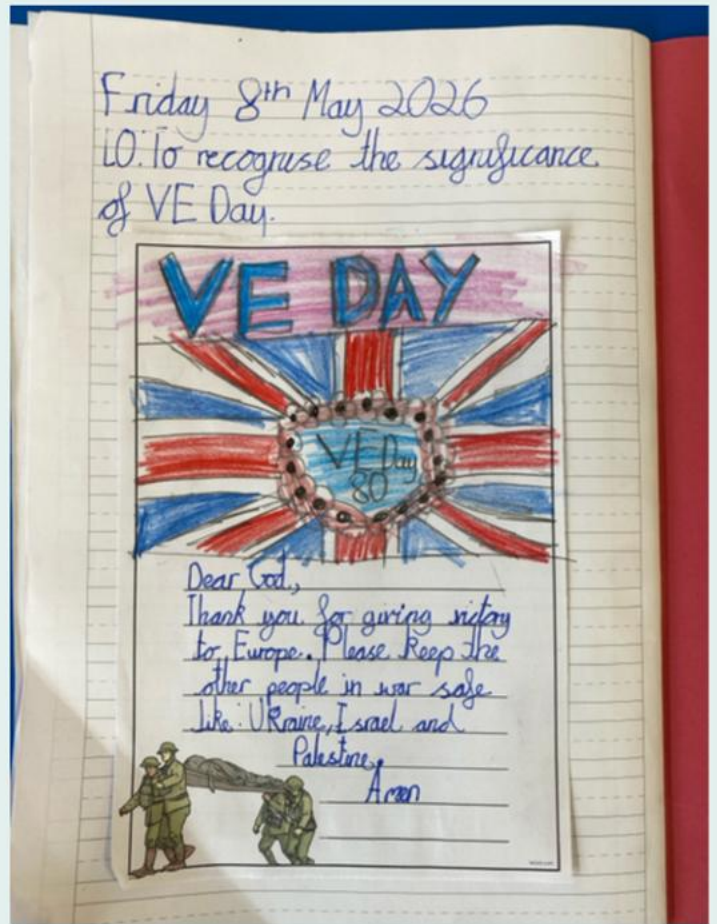
VE Day

Last week, we celebrated VE Day with a range of meaningful activities and discussions. Children across all year groups learned about Victory in Europe Day and reflected on the end of World War II in Europe on 8th May 1945. Through photographs, artefacts, historical sources and artwork, the children explored how the war affected ordinary people, including evacuation, rationing and the Blitz, as well as the celebrations that took place when peace was declared. They also created commemorative posters and artwork inspired by themes of hope, peace and new beginnings.



“I learnt about WWII and how the Germans invaded Britain during the Blitz and how ordinary people found shelter. I enjoyed doing the art because we got to experience both sides to the war.” Isla Year 5





“I enjoyed learning about the history of the war and the importance of VE Day.” Auriel Year 6

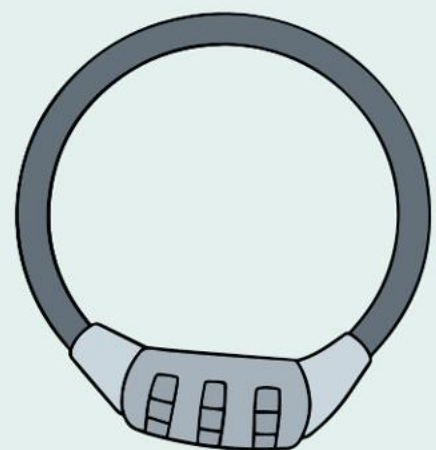
Bicycle Security Reminder

We would like to remind all families to ensure that bicycles and scooters brought onto the school site are secured with an appropriate lock when left in the bike racks.

Unfortunately, we recently experienced an incident where two bicycles were taken from the school premises outside of school hours. Whilst we have CCTV on site, it is not always possible to clearly identify individuals or recover stolen property.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to support us in keeping belongings safe by ensuring bikes and scooters are locked securely at all times. Bicycles and scooters should also not be left on the school site overnight.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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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music hub



St Mary's Catholic
Primary School

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

Raising money for **PGL 2026/27!**



All cakes are nut-free.



FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

3:00 PM - 3:25 PM



Outside
Year 5



Outside
Year 1



**WE ACCEPT
CASH AND CARDLESS PAYMENTS!**

Come and grab a tasty treat and help us reach our PGL goal!

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 poster for Mary's Meals. The top left features the logo 'mary's meals' in white on a blue background, followed by the tagline 'a simple solution to world hunger' in white. Below this, the text 'SCHOOL+FOOD =HOPE' is displayed in large, bold letters, with 'SCHOOL+FOOD' in blue and '=HOPE' in brown. The main body of the poster is white and contains the text: 'Make a lasting impact with your leftover currency', 'Your kindness will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries.', 'You can also add UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.', and 'If you have any questions, we'd be happy to help. Contact us at info@marysmeals.org or on 0800 698 1212.' At the bottom left, it provides contact information: 'Mary's Meals UK Headquarters: Craig Lodge, Dalnally, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR' and 'Registered charity: SC022140 | Limited company: SC265941'. The poster is decorated with circular images of smiling children eating and icons of various international currencies (Euro, Yen, Dollar, Pound) and blue mugs. The word 'Title' is printed at the bottom center of the poster.

mary's meals | a simple solution to world hunger

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Title



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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St Mary's SUMMER FAIR



Games



Face paint



BBQ



Bouncy
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Splat the
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Fulham
football
club

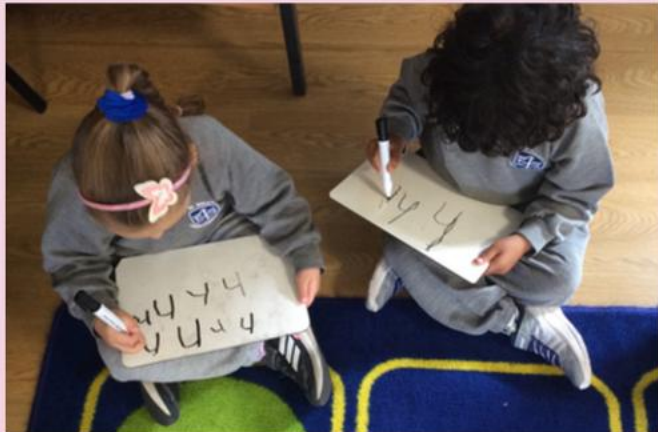
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

3:30-6pm

£1 per family to enter

Pay at the door

Nursery



This week in Nursery, the children enjoyed lots of exciting learning through free-flow activities. They practised the h sound using the mnemonic, “down his head to the hooves and over his back,” and loved exploring the role-play church in the Reception area, where they re-enacted baptising a baby. As part of our learning about Judaism, the children listened to a story about Hanukkah and created their own Hanukkiah candles with Ms Sharon. They also enjoyed a special craft activity to celebrate the Month of Mary.

This week in Reception, the children enjoyed creating doves for the role-play church to celebrate Pentecost and explored 3D shapes using everyday objects and construction blocks. In Talk for Writing, they have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and practised writing words and phrases from the story. For Other Faiths Week, Reception welcomed a special visitor, Ruth, who taught the children about Judaism and the Star of David. After their church visit today, the children ended the day with a peaceful collective worship, sharing prayers written by two children.

Reception



Year 1

This week in Art, Year 1 began exploring Cubism. The children spent time in our mushroom area creating still life cubist drawings inspired by the nature around our school grounds. They enjoyed experimenting with shapes, lines and different viewpoints to create imaginative artwork whilst developing their observation skills through outdoor learning.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning how to read the time. After confidently mastering o'clock and half past, the children are now focusing on quarter past and quarter to. They used clocks to challenge each other and explain their understanding. Michael said, "When the minute hand is on the 3 it is quarter past and when it's on the 9 it is quarter to."



Year 3

This week in Writing, Year 3 took part in an exciting Writing Experience Day focused on advertising and persuasion. Using our class text, *The Lost Thing*, the children explored different types of adverts before working in groups to create their own radio adverts inspired by the story.

They focused carefully on expression, intonation and persuasive language to make their adverts engaging and convincing.

Sharina said, "I loved having to focus on my voice and getting to use sound effects."



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to St Paul's Girls' School as part of their exciting mural project. The children explored different painting techniques, practised colour mixing, and experimented with creating shadow silhouettes using lights. On Thursday, staff and students from St Paul's also visited our school to lead creative activities with the children. It was a wonderful experience, and the pupils came away inspired and full of ideas for their mural work.

Year 5

In RE this week, Year 5 learned about the Ascension of Jesus and why it is important in the Catholic faith. The children explored Scripture from Matthew 28 and discussed Jesus' mission to His disciples before returning to Heaven. They then carefully recreated a religious artwork inspired by the Ascension, reflecting on how Christians today are called to live with faith, kindness and service to others.



Year 6

A huge well done and congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. The children have shown incredible dedication, resilience, and maturity throughout the year, and they should be very proud of all they have achieved.

Their hard work during their time at St Mary's, and especially this year with Mr Gleason in Year 6, has been wonderful to see. We are extremely proud of the determination and positive attitude they have shown throughout the SATs period.

A heartfelt thank you also to all of the staff and families for their continued support, encouragement, and care throughout the year.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y6 100%



House points

1st place E 128
2nd place JF 77
3rd place TM 68
4th place A 45



Punctuality
Y6 100%



Green stickers
Y1 & Y3



Awards



Leo Y2

Amayah Y2

Joseph Y2



Layla Y1

Sonny Y1

Mariya Y4



Karim Y4

Maria E Y6



Giovanni Y5

Sabah Y6



Star of the week

Nursery: Zarina

Reception: Penny

Year 1: Molly-Rose

Year 2: Marcon

Year 3: Isaiah

Year 4: Karim

Year 5 Armani

Year 6: Whole of Y6



Headteacher award



Tedros - Year 5

SAVE THE DATE

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| 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 |