



St Mary's Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 18th May 2026

Summer 1 week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at St Mary's as we reach the end of a very full half term.

There was great excitement amongst Year 6 this week as the children found out that this year's production will be The Lion King! Pupils took part in auditions with Miss Arwen and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their talents and enthusiasm. We are already looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic performance.

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils also enjoyed spending time gardening with Time Givers, continuing to care for and develop our outdoor spaces. These sessions provide such valuable opportunities for teamwork, responsibility and connecting with nature.

In sport, selected Year 5/6 pupils represented the school brilliantly at the Hammersmith and Fulham Basketball London Regional Qualifiers at Osterley Sports Centre with Mr Howell. We were incredibly proud of their determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event.

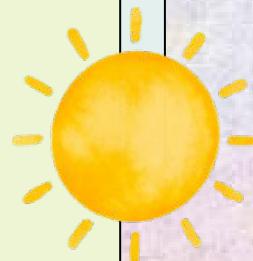
Meanwhile, selected boys from Years 5 and 6 took part in a cricket competition in Shepherd's Bush with Mr Bunga. The children demonstrated fantastic skill, resilience and enthusiasm, representing St Mary's wonderfully.

We ended the week with joyful Pentecost celebrations on Friday, including a lovely assembly led by our Reception class. The children shared their learning beautifully and helped us all to reflect on the coming of the Holy Spirit and the importance of courage, faith and community.

As we head into the half term break, I would like to thank all of our staff, pupils and families for another successful and rewarding half term. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break.

With every blessing,

Miss Black



Timegivers - Gardening

Today, the children spent time caring for our Mary Garden as part of our work with TimeGivers, learning about stewardship and the importance of looking after God's creation. They carefully removed weeds, protected the living creatures they found by placing them in safe areas, and reflected on how we can care for the world around us with kindness and respect.

The children also created seed balls using clay, compost, water and seeds, helping to encourage new life and growth within our environment.



“We were planting different things and I enjoyed digging the weeds up and then putting the seeds inside.”

Jeremiah Y5

Prayer and Liturgy



Reception took part in a reverent collective worship in Mary's Garden, where the children laid flowers and pictures as a sign of love and devotion to Mary. In addition, they joined the whole-school Mary's procession, singing hymns and saying prayers together in celebration of Mary's special place in our faith.



Karim - Year 1

We would also like to congratulate Omari on making his First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward on Saturday 16th May. May God continue to bless and guide him on his faith journey.

Mary Procession

During this month of May, dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, our whole school came together in a prayerful May Procession to honour Mary, our patron saint. Singing As I Kneel Before You, each class reverently processed to Mary's garden to lay flowers before her statue as a sign of love and devotion. Through prayer, reflection, and song, we gave thanks for Mary's example of faith, humility, and trust in God, uniting together as one school family in her honour.



"I read my prayer during the procession; which I loved. We sung hymns about Mary and laid flowers in front of her statue." Eldana Y4

"I liked putting down the flowers for Mary because it looked beautiful and she would be happy to the love being shown by our school."

Ezekiel Y3





Reception Class Assembly

Reception Class led a prayerful and joyful RE class assembly, sharing their learning about God's Creation and His love for the world. Through their beautiful artwork, the children reflected on the Seven Days of Creation, thoughtfully re-enacted the parable of the Good Samaritan, and shared the story of Pentecost with great confidence and reverence.

The children also sang a range of hymns beautifully, creating a calm and uplifting atmosphere for all who attended. We were incredibly proud of the way they expressed their faith so confidently and respectfully.



Jnr NBA 3x3 Regional Basketball Finals

Our Year 5/6 basketball team represented the school brilliantly at the Jnr NBA 3x3 West London Regional Tournament at Osterley Sports Centre, competing against the best schools from Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham.

The team showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day, including two very close matches – narrowly losing 8–7 in overtime to Little Ealing School and 7–4 to the eventual winners, Saulsbury. Well done to Oscar, Kamber, Ariana, Maria E and Oliver – we are very proud of you all!



Bute House - Y5/6 Athletics Competition

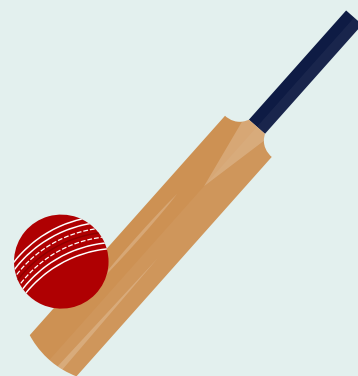
Our Year 5 pupils proudly took part in the first ever Bute House Athletics Competition, competing against Bute House Preparatory School, Sacred Heart Larmenier, St John's and Flora Gardens. The children competed brilliantly across a range of events including the 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump and standing throw, showing excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. A special congratulations goes to Oliver for winning the Year 5 boys' 100m and Giovanni for winning the Year 5 boys' 200m – a fantastic achievement!



Year 5/6 Boys Cricket Competition

The Year 5/6 boys had a fantastic day representing the school at the recent cricket tournament held at Shepherd's Bush Cricket Club. Throughout the competition, the team demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship, giving their all in every match and supporting one another from start to finish.

Although they did not bring home the trophy this time, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and remained positive and determined throughout the day. Between matches, they also had the opportunity to relax together in the sunshine on the deck chairs. Well done to all of the boys for their outstanding attitude and effort throughout the tournament.



“It is a good and intense competition. I enjoyed playing.” Giovanni Y5

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:

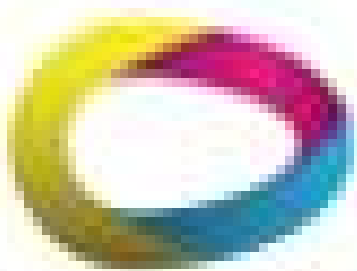
<https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/experience-lyc-day/>

You must sign up to take part.

Any questions?

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Text/Whatsapp/Call 07549 435 102



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Mary's Meals

A reminder to please return your Mary's Meals foreign currency donation envelope at the start of Summer 2 after the half-term break. Your spare foreign currency can help provide nutritious daily meals for children living in some of the world's poorest communities. Thank you for your continued support.

A graphic of a donation envelope for Mary's Meals. The top left corner features the logo 'mary's meals' in white on a blue background, followed by the tagline 'a simple solution to world hunger'. The main body of the envelope is white and contains the text 'SCHOOL+FOOD = HOPE' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Make a lasting impact with your leftover currency' and provides details on how to use foreign currency for donations. The envelope is decorated with circular photos of children and various international currency symbols like the Euro, Pound, and Yen. The bottom left corner contains the organization's contact information and registration details.

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St Mary's SUMMER FAIR



Games



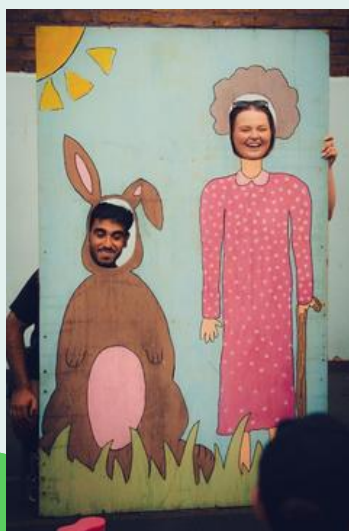
Face paint



BBQ



Bouncy
castle



Splat the
teacher



Fulham
football
club

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

3:30-6pm

£1 per family to enter

Pay at the door

Nursery

This week, Nursery enjoyed a special Pentecost celebration and created beautiful artwork inspired by the Holy Spirit. The children have also been honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary through daily hymns, prayers and the tradition of crowning Mary with flowers – Nela proudly shared, “I have roses for Mary!” Nursery also took part in collective worship about how the Holy Spirit helps us make good choices, and enjoyed reading our Book of the Week, Jasper and the Beanstalk.



This week, Reception enjoyed a fun Pentecost party and worked incredibly hard practising for their fantastic class assembly – we were so proud of their confidence and enthusiasm! The children also continued their learning through play, alongside whole-class phonics sessions, maths activities and lots of exploring, creating and collaborating across the classroom and in their environment.

Reception



Year 1

This week, Year 1 explored Cubism by creating colourful self-portraits using watercolours. The children enjoyed experimenting with shapes, colours and painting techniques to create their own unique pieces of art. We were very impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm!



Year 2

This week, Year 2 explored underground habitats, learning about rabbit warrens, mole burrows and the soil habitats of earthworms and other minibeasts. The children then took their learning outside, searching around the school grounds for minibeasts in their natural habitats.

Year 3

This week in Tennis, Year 3 enjoyed their final tennis lesson of the year, continuing to practise their forehand hits and underarm throws through a range of fun activities and games. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence throughout the session.



Year 4

Year 4 have been developing their scientific knowledge in their electricity topic. They explored complete and incomplete circuits, identifying what is needed to light a bulb successfully. The children also investigated different materials to discover which were conductors and insulators, showing excellent curiosity, teamwork and prediction skills throughout their experiments.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed baking bread and cakes in preparation for Friday's cake sale. The children worked well together, followed recipes carefully and really enjoyed taking part in a practical activity ahead of the event. It was also great to see so many pupils taking initiative by volunteering to manage the cash and cardless payments to help raise money towards their PGL trip next academic year.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a surprise visit from some lovely Year 7 girls from St Paul's School, who spoke to the children about life in secondary school and what to expect in Year 7. The girls kindly wrote encouraging cards for every child and answered lots of thoughtful questions with maturity and kindness. We greatly value our strong partnership with St Paul's School and appreciate the support and encouragement they continue to offer our pupils.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Y1 & Y4



House points

Totals for the Year

1st place TM 2,654
2nd place JF 2,373
3rd place A 2,205
4th place E 1,984



Punctuality
Y6



Green stickers
Y6



Awards



Armani Y5

Isaiah Y3

Ezekiel Y3

Zendeya Y3

Sharina Y3

Kyra Y4

Malaki Y4

Zylina Y5

Ahil Y4

Nicole Y5

Nicolas Y5



Star of the week



No star of the week due to Receptions class assembly



Charbel - Year 3

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 |