



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear St Mary's Community,

As we reach the end of the summer term and another successful academic year, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making this year so special. It has been a year filled with learning, growth, achievement, and wonderful memories, and we are incredibly grateful for the support of our whole school community.

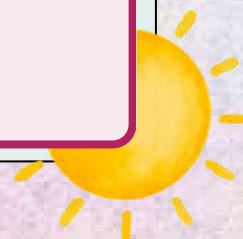
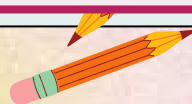
To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your support has been invaluable and has helped our children thrive.

To our amazing pupils, thank you for your enthusiasm, resilience, and hard work. We are so proud of everything you have achieved and the kindness, determination, and joy you bring to our school each day.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your commitment, care, and tireless efforts in creating such a positive and inspiring learning environment for every child.

In this newsletter, we celebrate some of the highlights from the summer term and reflect on the many successes and memorable moments that have brought this academic year to a wonderful close. We wish all of our families a safe, happy, and restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year at St Mary's.

God bless from all of us at St Mary's.



Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Eight lucky children had the wonderful opportunity to represent our school in a borough netball competition held at Godolphin and Latymer Girls' School. They took part in five exciting tournaments and showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout. It was especially pleasing to see the children confidently applying the skills and techniques they have been practising with Julia, our netball coach. We are very proud of their effort and sportsmanship!



Chicks

We are delighted to share that six chicks have now hatched from our ten eggs. Some families were even able to witness this special moment during today's stay-and-play session, making it a truly memorable experience. The children have been fascinated, eagerly observing the chicks throughout the day. We are hopeful to share more exciting news as the remaining eggs continue to hatch.



Y4 Assembly

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Year 4 Mural

Year 4 have kickstarted their 2-term art project that they will be doing with St. Pauls Girls School (SPGS). The class popped over for a visit and took part in an art session with the SPGS Year 9's. Children had a go at drawing everyday objects that were propped on the tables. They also tested their drawings skills when they had to shadow drawings using two pens attached to a wooden stick.



Art Trip

Year 3 enjoyed a highly enriching visit to The British Museum, where they explored a range of significant historical collections and artefacts. The visit provided a valuable cross-curricular opportunity, linking both Art and History, as the children deepened their understanding of Ancient Egypt, the Stone Age, and the Parthenon sculptures. Pupils made meaningful connections to their learning across the year, enhancing both their historical knowledge and artistic appreciation.



Geography across the school!

Across the school, pupils have engaged in a broad and purposeful range of geography learning that has developed their knowledge, enquiry skills and understanding of the wider world. In Key Stage 1, children explored the countries and features of the British Isles, building early map-reading skills and recognising key human and physical landmarks. In Year 3, pupils took part in an engaging scavenger hunt to research and gather facts about Scandinavian Europe, encouraging collaboration, curiosity and independent geographical enquiry.

Geography learning was further enriched through the celebration of Earth Day, where pupils reflected on environmental responsibility and sustainability. This linked closely to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Care for Creation, helping children to understand their role in protecting God's world and acting as responsible global citizens.



History across the school!

Across the school, pupils have taken part in a rich and engaging programme of history learning that has deepened their understanding of the past and its influence on modern society. In Year 1, children explored the foundational systems that have shaped Britain today, including the monarchy and parliament, helping them to understand key institutions and their significance. In Year 2, pupils brought their learning to life through a practical exploration of the Great Fire of London, including creating their own small-scale fire demonstration to support understanding of how the event spread and changed the city. In Year 3, pupils further enriched their historical learning through an educational visit to the British Museum. During the trip, children had the opportunity to observe a wide range of historical artefacts first-hand, making meaningful links to topics studied in class. Year 4 were able to explore the Tower of London on a trip that helped them secure their knowledge of the Tudor period. The visits encouraged curiosity, questioning and discussion, while helping pupils to develop a deeper understanding of how evidence from the past is used to learn about ancient civilisations and significant events. It also provided a valuable cultural experience, broadening pupils' awareness of Britain's role in preserving and presenting world history. In Year 6, pupils undertook a thoughtful study of the First World War, examining its causes, impact and legacy, while developing empathy and respect for those affected by conflict.



Exciting Experiments

This term, Science has been full of exciting, hands-on experiments across the school. Pupils have been investigating light by creating colour wheels to explore how white light is made, and testing how light travels. Others explored forces through fun experiments with fidget spinners and toy cars, discovering how pushes and pulls affect movement. In addition, children have been observing and experimenting with plants, from studying seeds and germination to sketching and identifying plants in our school environment. It has been wonderful to see pupils thinking and working like real scientists through practical, engaging investigations.



Computing across the school

We have improved the consistency of teaching computing with the majority of classes completing the various curriculum objectives from our scheme Teach Computing (apart from Year 6 who will complete after SATS). In KS1 we are teaching the younger children the basics of how to turn on a computer, move the mouse and access web browsers. Up the school they learn about various networks, programming and media.



EYFS Stay and Play

This term, the EYFS team hosted a Stay and Play session for parents and carers. The event was very successful, with an excellent turnout from families. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning environment with their parents and engaging in play activities together within the provision. The session provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen home-school relationships and celebrate the children's learning and development



Gardening

Year 4 spent time caring for our Mary Garden as part of our work with Time Givers, 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.



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our St Mary's Summer Fair! It was a fantastic day with a wonderful turnout from the community. There was something for everyone, from delicious food and fun-filled activities to plenty of smiles as the children enjoyed themselves throughout the day.



Father's Day

We were delighted to once again host our annual Father's Day Breakfast to celebrate all of our wonderful dads, grandads, stepdads, and the special father figures in our children's lives. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying breakfast together and spending quality time before the start of the school day. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a special morning!



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.



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.



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.



Year 5 – Into University Focus Day

Year 5 had a fantastic day at their IntoUniversity Astronomy Focus Day, building on their science learning from Summer 1. Through a range of engaging carousel activities, pupils deepened their understanding of our solar system and explored the challenges of life beyond Earth. Working collaboratively, they designed and created models of homes on Mars, Neptune or Jupiter, using the scientific knowledge they had gained throughout the day. It was wonderful to see such creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm as the children applied their learning in exciting and imaginative ways.



Year 1 – Trip to Westminster

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to central London, where they explored famous landmarks including Buckingham Palace, St James's Park, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. The visit brought their learning to life, linking closely with their writing based on

The Queen's Hat and their History topics on kings and queens, Parliament and prime ministers. The children were excited to spot so many well-known sights and enjoyed learning more about the people, places and events that have shaped Britain's past and present.



Year 5 Class Assembly

The Year 5 class proudly performed their class assembly all about the French Revolution, bringing one of history's most significant events to life. Through drama, narration and music, the children retold the story of the growing inequality in France, the Storming of the Bastille, the fall of King Louis XVI, the rise of Napoleon and the Battle of Waterloo, while encouraging us to reflect on themes of fairness, dignity and leadership. Every child learnt their lines brilliantly and performed with confidence, expression and enthusiasm. The class also created an impressive range of props, including a cardboard Bastille, ships, swords and shields, which added to the performance and showcased their creativity. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, teamwork and maturity shown by every child—it was a truly memorable performance and a wonderful celebration of their learning.



Year 6 Trip - Into University

Year 6 took part in a transition consolidation day. It takes into account all their learning from the programme during their time at St Mary's. The children had a fantastic morning discussing and talking through all eventualities at Secondary school as a form of preparation for the changes that are imminent. They talked about how their school day will change, the subjects they will become more specialised and they will meet a variety of teachers everyday. Also most of the schools they are headed to will have 180 pupils in a year group. They played a series of games to test their learning from the programme and their knowledge about secondary school expectations.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 wrote, produced and performed their very own Leavers' 2026 Assembly, marking the end of their special journey at St Mary's. It was an emotional occasion, filled with tears of sadness, happiness and gratitude for the wonderful friendships and memories made over the years. The children confidently shared their own memories, poems and heartfelt reflections, performed a fantastic dance and watched a special memories PowerPoint featuring photographs from throughout their time at St Mary's. It was a beautiful celebration of how much they have grown and achieved. Well done, Year 6 – we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next chapter!



KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Our children showed fantastic enthusiasm and resilience during Sports Day, taking part in sprints and a range of exciting activities, including obstacle courses, sack races, long jump, javelin and football skills. Despite the very hot conditions, they approached each event with determination, encouraged one another and demonstrated the importance of being active, showing kindness and being a good sport. A huge thank you to our PE Lead, Mr Howell, for organising the event, with the fantastic support of Mr Bunga and Coach Justin, as well as all staff who ran activities and supported the children throughout the day. Thank you also to our wonderful families who came along to cheer and celebrate the children—it was wonderful to see our whole school community come together for such a memorable day!



Y6 Prom

Our Year 6 Prom was an absolute success and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of primary school! The children looked incredible, arriving in beautiful dresses and dapper suits that made the evening feel extra special. With great music, plenty of dancing, laughter, and lots of fun, everyone had a fantastic time making memories with their friends.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support in helping make the evening such a memorable celebration for our amazing Year 6 pupils.



EYFS Sports Day

Our EYFS children enjoyed a truly special Sports Day, with Nursery celebrating their very first Sports Day! Despite the hot conditions, the morning was filled with laughter, excitement and countless memorable moments as the children enjoyed a wonderful range of activities alongside their friends, including egg and spoon races, obstacle courses, sack races, football skills and more. It was particularly lovely for families to see the children having fun, cheering one another on and proudly showing all they could do. A huge thank you to everyone who came to support and create such a joyful atmosphere, especially those who enthusiastically joined in with the much-loved parents' races! We are also incredibly grateful to all our staff and helpers whose care and support helped make the morning such a happy and memorable occasion.



Year 6 Production

What a fantastic way to end the year! Our Year 6 children gave an outstanding performance of The Lion King, showcasing incredible singing, acting, dancing, and confidence on stage. Their amazing costumes and enthusiasm brought the production to life, and they truly should be proud of everything they achieved. A huge well done also goes to our Year 5 children, who supported the performance beautifully as a wonderful choir, adding so much energy and magic to the show. Congratulations to everyone involved on such a memorable and spectacular production!





GOODBYE

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Howell, who will be returning to Australia. During his time at St Mary's, Mr Howell has made a valued contribution to our school community through his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our students. He has been a supportive colleague and an inspiring teacher, building positive relationships with both students and staff while encouraging everyone to achieve their best. His enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to contribute to school life have been greatly appreciated, and he will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with and learning from him.

We sincerely thank Mr Howell for everything he has done for St Mary's and wish him every success, happiness, and fulfilment as he begins this exciting new chapter back in Australia.



At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Rosie as she retires after 18 years of dedicated service to St Mary's. Rosie has been a much-loved member of our school community, known for her warmth, kindness, and genuine care for everyone around her. Her friendly smile, compassionate nature, and unwavering support have touched the lives of countless students, families, and colleagues. She has played an important role in making St Mary's such a welcoming and caring place, and her presence will be greatly missed.

We are incredibly grateful for Rosie's dedication and the lasting impact she has made over the past 18 years. On behalf of the entire St Mary's community, we thank her for everything she has done and wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.



A letter from the Governors

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes St Mary's such a special place. It has been wonderful to see the children flourish throughout the year, not only in their learning but also in the way they live out our school's Gospel values each day. Their enthusiasm, kindness and resilience continue to make us incredibly proud.

We would like to thank Miss Black, the leadership team and all the staff for their continued dedication, care and hard work. Their commitment to providing the very best opportunities for every child is evident in all aspects of school life. We are also grateful to our parents and carers for your ongoing support and the strong partnership you have with the school. Together, we create the nurturing community that helps our children thrive.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every happiness and success as you begin the next stage of your education. You leave St Mary's with wonderful memories and many achievements to be proud of, and we know you will continue to shine.

Finally, we wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Mary's.

With our very best wishes,

The Governing Body

Happy **LAST DAY**
 **OF SCHOOL** 
 Hello **SUMMER** 