



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 29 Friday 1st May 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11th – Friday 15th May – SATs Week
Monday 11th May – Asthma and Anaphylaxis Training for staff – 3.30pm
Thursday 14th May – Ascension Thursday – 10.00am Mass – Y2 – 5
Week beginning Monday 18th May – Walk To School Week
Tuesday 19th May – Year 1 Trip to Hogarth House
Tuesday 19th May – Governors' Visit and Learning Walk
Thursday 21st May – Year 5 and 6 TED Talk Finals
Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June – Other Faiths Week – Islam
Monday 1st June – Year 4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Friday 5th June – World Environment Day
Monday 8th June – Year 3 First Holy Communion Celebration mass – 10.00am at Church

Mini Marathon

This week St Mary's participated in the TCS Mini London Marathon! Children from Reception to Year 6 completed 2 miles during their PE lessons. Each year group was divided into 4 teams. Before the event we had a special Assembly with Coach Kyle, where he explained what the marathon was, how it would take place and the values which underpin it. Children were encouraged to use their 'tree' values – teamwork, respect, effort = excellence (and enjoyment). The children also designed their own running bibs and were given personalised running numbers. This challenge is all about improving fitness and wellbeing while having fun. We were so proud of the determination and effort that they all displayed. Coach Kyle is tallying scores and will share these with us next week. We will receive a trophy for taking part. Thank you to Coach Kyle and Mrs Appleton for organising. This is set to become an annual event.

Visit from Neal Zetter, Poet

The poet Neal Zetter came to visit our school this Thursday. It was a truly uplifting event. He performed poems from his books and spoke to the children about being a poet. The

feedback was that he and his poems were very funny, with 'Peanut Butter Nutter', 'Banananana' and 'Dodo Dodo' being firm favourites. Neal signed and sold books after school and kindly donated some for our Library. The children were excited and enthused after the sessions and eager to read more poetry. This is so encouraging, poetry is one of our 'five plagues of reading' and comes under the resistant texts category. It is wonderful to see the children eager to buy the books and enjoying the joy of discovering new reading material, thus widening their reading diet. We will be having more reading events during this National Year of Reading. Thank you to Mrs Norris for organising.

Marian Liturgy – Wednesday 6th May

As part of our Marian celebrations, we will be holding a special liturgy on Wednesday 6th May, led by Fr Jakub and our Gift Team.

We warmly invite children to bring in flowers on the day. These will be placed on the prayer table in the hall and will form a meaningful part of our collective worship.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a beautiful and prayerful celebration.

May Rosary in the Prayer Garden

In this special month of May dedicated to Our Lady, we will be coming together in prayer to honour Mary, our school patron saint.

Each Tuesday (5th, 12th and 19th May), we will be leading a decade of the Rosary in our prayer garden (weather permitting), or in the school hall if needed.

Parents are warmly invited to join us from 2:45pm as we gather as a school community in prayer. Children are encouraged to bring their rosary beads and take part in this peaceful and reflective time together. Fr Jakub is hoping to join us also.

We look forward to sharing these moments of prayer with you.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Flora (YR)

Star of the Week

Ezra (YR), Zachary (Y1), Stefan (Y2), Timur (Y3), Unum (Y4), Anais (Y5) and Daniel (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Liya (YN), Sofia (Y1), Jack (Y2), Ebuka (Y3), Israel (Y4), Archie (Y5) and Melanie (Y6)

Reader Award

Esa (YR), Mia (Y1), Yara (Y2), Raphael (Y3), Naya (Y4), Leksi (Y5) and Rosa (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher