



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Friday 16th October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening online from 1.30pm – school closes for all pupils from N-Y6 at 1.15pm

Wednesday 21st October – Year 6 Trip to Churchill War Rooms

Thursday 22nd October – Open Morning – 9.30am

Thursday 22nd October – RISE Theatre in school for Years 1-6

Friday 23rd October – Harvest Liturgy and Foodbank Collection

Friday 23rd October – Half Term – school finishes – 3.15pm

Saturday 31st October – Autumn Festival – 12.00-3.00pm

Monday 2nd November – return to school – 8.45am

Monday 2nd November – Year 5 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church

Tuesday 3rd November – Reception Reading Workshop – 2.45pm

Wednesday 4th November – Year 2 Class Assembly – 9.05am. Coffee Morning from 8.45am

Thursday 12th November – Open Morning – 9.30am

Friday 13th November – Children in Need MUFTI Day

Week beginning Monday 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week – 'Break the Silence'

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

RSHE Consultation

I am sure that you will have heard that there have been changes to the Relationships Education Curriculum for September 2026. I have written to you all with information about this. We are required to update our curriculum and our RSE policy, which has been done. These are available to view on our website. The RSE Policy is in the policies section in the Our School section and the curriculum overview and presentation for parents for consultation is available in the curriculum section on the Relationships Education page for those of you who were unable to attend the consultation session in school. A parent information leaflet has also gone out to all parents. Please make time to look through these materials and to go onto the parent portal. We have shared login details with you on the Relationships Education page on the website and in the letter that was sent out. If you have any comments about the curriculum or policy, please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk with the title RSE Consultation.

Secondary School Transfer

The closing date for applications for Secondary Transfer for September 2027 is 31st October 2026. See www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions for more information. If you have a child in Year 5 it is essential that you look out for Open Events at local secondary schools, which are all happening imminently. If you need any support with school applications, please arrange to speak with Mr O'Reilly.

Starting Reception September 2027 – closing date is Friday 15th January 2027.

See www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for more information.

RISE Theatre – Treasure Within

We are delighted to be welcoming RISE Theatre back to school next Thursday for a very special 'Treasures Within' interactive Day for Years 1-6. The day will include 2 theatre productions and workshops with the theatre crew as well as activities for the children to carry out in class with their teachers. Treasure Within's theatrical story by RISE Theatre follows a school child who is set a unique homework assignment - to find 7 treasures (Catholic Social Teaching principles) in 7 different locations, and apply them to their own lives. With a modern treasure map, the child invites the school to join them as they search for these treasures in some unlikely places such as in a junk shop, library, science museum and even a journey with some familiar saints!

Parents' Evening

This will be held online on Tuesday 20th October from 1.30pm onwards. Bookings are now live. Please sign up if you haven't already done so. It is essential that parents attend so that we are working in partnership to ensure that your child reaches their full potential for learning and development. Targets will be shared with parents. School will close for all pupils from Nursery-Year 6 at 1.15pm. AM Nursery children will go home at their usual time of 11.45am.

Sports News

A huge congratulations to all the children who competed in the cross-country races. We had some outstanding finishes and it was wonderful to see the children showing such amazing support for one another. Coach Kyle asked some children to think of a few things they enjoyed about cross country and what they learnt.

Sofia Year 3: "I finished 10th out of over 100 racers. However, I mostly enjoyed being able to run along the side-lines during the other races to cheer on other runners from our school and also children who were struggling."

Roman Year 5: "I was very nervous as being in Year 5 this year I had to do the longer race. I also knew I had to try extra hard as there were Year 6s in my race. I finished 3rd and have been awarded a place to run in a London Borough Race! I showed resilience and at the end of the race I was so tired."

Congratulations to Sofia and Roman and everyone who participated!

Harvest Foodbank Collections

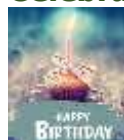
As we move through the autumn term, many families in our local area are facing ongoing financial pressures and rising living costs. To help make a difference, our school is launching a collection drive to support our local food bank. We are asking every pupil and family—if they are able—to bring in one non-perishable food items or household essentials to help stock the shelves for people facing hardship in our community.

Items that are needed – tinned soup, jams/spreads, jars of cooking sauces, porridge oats, breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, long-life juice/squash, tinned vegetables, biscuits, coffee, long-life UHT milk, shower gel, toothpaste, feminine care products, toilet rolls. Please bring the donations into school from next week and leave them in the Reception area. A box is available for you to leave donations in. Donations will be taken to the foodbank on Friday 23rd October. Thank you for your continuing generosity, the box is filling up nicely.

PTA Autumn Festival Saturday 31st October – 12.00-3.00pm

We are excited to be hosting our first PTA event in our new school hall. The PTA have been working tirelessly to plan an amazing afternoon for our families. There will be Face Painting, Pumpkin Carving, Refreshments, Crafts Area, Bouncy Castle, a Raffle with prizes which you can buy tickets for on the day, and of course, the Barbecue! Children (and adults) are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes on the day.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Gabriella (Y2) and Jude (Y4)

Star of the Week

Amal (YR), Ezra (Y1), River (Y2), Lily (Y3), Levaria (Y4), Larissa (Y5) and Quentin (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Nuhazet (YR), Zoe (Y1), Theo (Y2), Stefan (Y3), Orla (Y4), Ala (Y5) and Holly (Y6)

Reader Award

Amalia (YR), Androl (Y1), Mia (Y2), Adelaide (Y3), Jude (Y4), Ellie (Y5) and Thiago (Y6)

Sports Awards

Gabriella (KS1), Xander (LKS2), Nathan (UKS2)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher