



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 32 Friday 22nd May 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
School begins – Monday 1st June – 8.45am
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
Week beginning Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9th June – Year 6 Tennis Trip
Wednesday 10th June – Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival
Week beginning Monday 15th June – Science Week
Week beginning Monday 15th June – EYFS Fathers' Story Week
Wednesday 17th June – Peer Challenge
Thursday 18th June – Year 2 Trip to Science Museum

Year 5 and 6 TED Talks

As part of our Oracy programme, our Year 5 and 6 children have been delivering TED Talks to their peers on the topic of climate change for the past few weeks. The questions they could choose to deliver their talks on included - How can we be plastic detectives to fight pollution? Green Time vs Screen Time, The power of small changes for our climate and What do you think the world could look like in 20 years' time, if we all become eco-warriors? 7 children reached the finals and delivered their TED Talks to a wider audience from Year 3 to Year 6, teachers and also a visiting teacher from another school. They were Lilly, Leksi and Eloise from Year 5 and Florence, Oliver, Edoardo and Leila from Year 6. All of the children spoke with conviction and confidence. They included rhetorical questions and really worked hard to get their message across in an engaging and informative way. Congratulations to Lilly – Year 5 and Leila Year 6 who were our overall winners, as voted by the children.

Year 1 Trip to Hogarth House

On Tuesday, Year 1 took an exciting trip outside of school and walked to Hogarth's House for a Print Like Hogarth Workshop. They learned about who Hogarth was and it was delightful to see them make connections between him and their local area. Year 1 had the opportunity to explore different textures through printing and also completed paint-based

etching artwork. The leader of the session was really impressed with the children's creativity and knowledge. They were also given the opportunity to see Hogarth's house and loved being able to see their school from the window! Year 1 enjoyed a packed lunch in the art studio before walking back to school. We would like to thank the parent volunteers who helped make a truly memorable first trip for the children. Thanks also to Mrs Appleton and Mrs Lasek for organising it.

Governors' Learning Walk

This Tuesday we had a very special afternoon, with 7 Governors visiting us to see our school in action. They were Ms Santer, Mrs Stotzky, Fr Michael, Mrs Savattieri, Mrs Lee, Mr Martin, Miss Shaw. We began with an Assembly, where governors introduced themselves to the children and spoke about the work that they do. This was followed by a Learning Walk, with governors visiting every class and observing the children in their learning. After that, two pupils from every class joined them in the Library for a Pupil Voice discussion. Governors reported that the children were confident and articulate, that they got a real sense of community and the richness of school life. They were also impressed with how eager our children are to take on opportunities and responsibility. Thank you to all of our governors, who give so generously of their time and skills to ensure that our children continue to receive the very best education.

Building Work Update

Our build is progressing. As I am sure you noticed, the crane was back this week to install more of the steel beams for the new structure. It has been very exciting to see the brickwork going up and to be able to visualise what the new building will look like. Block and beamwork has been taking place to create the floor, work has started on the roof joists and partitions have started to go up for the kitchen and store rooms. More heavy work will be carried out over the half term, while we are away. We will continue to keep you updated on progress.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to our children who have made their First Holy Communions this year – Alejandro, Bella, Catalina, Connor, Ebuka, Erela, Eva, Frank, Holly, Jack, Leona, Marina, Raphael, Santi, Sarah, Sofia, Yan, Eleighna, Elijah, Naya, Sofia. We will come together as a school to celebrate this special formation in their lives with a First Holy Communion Mass on Monday 8th June at 10.00am in Church. Year 2 will also attend, so that they can begin to prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist next year. Parents are warmly invited to attend Mass with us on that morning.

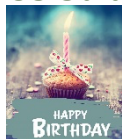
Staffing News

Our wonderful Miss Brownscombe will be leaving us this summer after many years of dedicated service at St Mary's. She is a truly passionate and dedicated member of staff who has supported generations of St Mary's children at this crucial stage in their education. I know that you will join me in thanking her for all that she has done for our children, we will miss her lovely laugh!

We have appointed Mrs Fox-Ozturk in her place. She too is a very experienced early years educator and is very much looking forward to joining us at St Mary's in September.

We wish Mrs Baker all the very best as she begins her Maternity Leave today. We welcome Miss Hunter, who will teach Year 4 for the remainder of the year.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Jack (Y4), Jack (Y2), Bruno (YR), Sarah (Y3), Eben (Y5)
River (Y1), Margaret (Y5), Georg (Y2) and Leo (Y4)

Star of the Week

Jack (YR), Jeremy (Y1), Lucas (Y2), Santi (Y3), Larissa (Y4), Joel (Y5) and Edoardo (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Abigail (YR), Paul (Y1), Vittorio (Y2), Sarah (Y3), Marilu (Y4), Grayson (Y5) and Hannah (Y6)

Reader Award

Ciara (YR), Olivia (Y1), Naira (Y2), Connor (Y3), Elijah (Y4), Holly (Y5) and Sienna (Y6)

Have a wonderful Half Term,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher