



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Friday 14th November 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17th November – PTA Parent Governor voting slips go home
Tuesday 18th November – Catch-up for flu immunisation - am
Friday 21st November – PTA MUFTI Day
Tuesday 25th November – Y4 Pedestrian Skills Training
Tuesday 25th November – Y5+6 Fix A Bike Workshop
Wednesday 26th November – Red Wednesday
Thursday 27th November – Parents' Evening – 1.30pm onwards – school closes at 1.15pm
Friday 28th November – YR Hearing Tests
Wednesday 3rd December – Peer Challenge
Wednesday 3rd December – Advent Reconciliation for Years 4,5,6
Thursday 4th December – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 4th December – Y3 Live Nativity Trip
Thursday 4th December – Nursery Parents' Evening
Saturday 6th December – Christmas Fair 12.00-4.00pm in Hogarth Youth Centre
Monday 8th December – Y4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Week beginning Monday 8th December – Y6 Trip to Paris
Tuesday 9th December – YR Height, Weight, Vision Checks
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Thursday 11th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Carol Service – 5.00pm in Church – all welcome!
Thursday 18th December – Class Parties -pm
Friday 19th December – End of term – school closes at 1.15pm
Tuesday 6th January – Term begins – 8.45am

Anti-Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week in school. This year's theme is 'Power for Good'. The theme empowers children to use their for power for good to speak out, support others and build a world where kindness wins. We began our week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, an opportunity to express our individuality and celebrate our diversity and uniqueness. We also had an Anti-Bullying Assembly where we explored what bullying is, how we can stand up for ourselves and support others, the importance of being upstanders not bystanders and how

we must do this all year round. We also spoke about Anti-Bullying Week in classes throughout the week, looking at role-play scenarios and talking about how we should react, strengthening our message to stand up, speak up, speak out. Please reinforce this message with your children at home, it is essential that they understand how to stand up for themselves and others, modelling our school values of kindness and respect.

Year 5 and 6 Trip – Walking Nativity, Lambeth Palace

Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic and memorable visit to Lambeth Palace this week!

During our trip, the children took part in an engaging, interactive retelling of the Nativity story. They listened to Mary's emotional journey as she prepared for the birth of her baby, and one of the Wise Men explained the significance of the gifts brought to Jesus and how they reflect God's plan.

We explored what life was like for ordinary people travelling at the time of Jesus and learned about the importance of the donkey in the Bible – and yes, we even got to stroke a real donkey! Elizabeth and Zechariah shared how vital messages are, both in the Bible and in our own lives. Finally, the shepherd reminded us that everyone is included in the Nativity story, and we were delighted to meet and stroke their sheep as well!

The children were incredibly engaged throughout the entire experience – asking thoughtful questions, showing wonderful curiosity, and fully immersing themselves in each activity. We had a wonderful day!

Sports News – Congratulations to Roman, Year 4

Roman in Year 4 travelled to Paris for a very special occasion this week. The national teams of Ukraine and France played at the Stade de France in a World Cup qualifying match, and Roman was invited as one of the young footballers representing the new generation of Ukrainian youth players.

Some of the children had the honour of walking onto the pitch with the players, while others, including Roman, were invited to attend the match, meet the players and representatives of the football federation, and take part in youth activities around the game. This was a truly exceptional opportunity — not only for him as a passionate footballer, but also for his family, as it is a great honour to be part of such an event, being together and supporting their country. Congratulations Roman, we are so proud of you!

Parents' Evening

This will be held on Thursday 27th November from 1.30-6.00pm. School will close on this day at 1.15pm. Appointments are online through SchoolCloud, each one lasts for 10 minutes. If you haven't already made an appointment, please do so. You will need to use the school app to access the link. It is essential that you meet with class teachers to hear how your child is progressing with their learning, and to receive targets so that you know how to support them at home. Targets will be shared for every child from Y1-Y6 for RE, Reading, Writing, Oracy, Maths and Personal Development. EYFS children will receive targets linked to the Prime Areas of learning and development. Please work on these targets with your child at home and ensure that you are reading with your child every day.

Lateness

Please can everyone make a real effort to be in school and on time every day. School gates open at 8.45am and are closed at 8.55am each day. Anyone arriving after this time is late and is missing out on valuable learning time. Registers are taken at 9.00am, children who arrive after this are late. Registers close at 9.15am. Any arrival after this is an unauthorised absence. For any children arriving after the gates are closed, parents will need to come into Reception and sign the late book, giving a reason for lateness. Persistent latecomers will be asked to meet with the headteacher so that we can work in partnership to ensure that

children are brought to school on time and not missing out on vital learning time. Every minute in school counts, lateness equals lost learning opportunities - 10 minutes late each day is 6.5 days lost! 15 minutes late each day is 10 days lost! 20 minutes late each day is 13 days lost! 30 minutes late each day is 19 days lost!

A big thank you to everyone who has made a concerted effort to be in school every day and on time. I met with our Local Authority Attendance Officer today, who monitors this with us jointly. She can see that there has been an improvement, we will continue to work together jointly with this.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Nyla (Y2), Leila (Y6), Caellum (Y1), Klara (Y1), Paul (Y1), Filip (Y1), Eloise (Y5), Florence (Y6), Alex (Y4), Harriet (Y4)

Star of the Week

Elidah (N), Teo (Y1), Azariah (Y2), Raphael (Y3), Gabriel (Y4), Eben (Y5) and Viktorija (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Oliver (YR), Jeremy (Y1), Holly (Y2), Mason (Y3), Larissa (Y4), Cora (Y5) and Leila (Y6)

Reader Award

Jemima (YR), Paul (Y1), Bella (Y2), Erela (Y3), Harriet (Y4), Eloise (Y5), Melanie (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher