



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Friday 25th September 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 29th September – Y3 Meet the Teacher Afternoon – 2.45pm

Thursday 1st – Friday 23rd October – Black History Month

Thursday 1st September – National Poetry Day – 'Wonder'

Thursday 1st – Saturday 31st October – Black History Month

Friday 2nd October – Fairtrade Coffee Morning – 8.45-9.30am

Monday 5th October – Y6 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church

Tuesday 6th October – Rosary for School Community – 2.45pm

Thursday 8th October – Open Morning – 9.30am

Thursday 8th October – KS1 Reading Workshop – 2.45pm

Friday 9th October - Flu Vaccinations – YR-Y6

Tuesday 13th October – Rosary for School Community – 2.45pm

Wednesday 14th October – KS1 Performance Poetry - 2.45pm

Thursday 15th October - KS2 Reading Workshop – 2.45pm

Friday 16th October – Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening online from 1.30pm

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.

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

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

Performance Poetry for KS1

Year 1 and 2 have been working on poetry this term. They are learning poems by heart which they will perform for their parents on Wednesday 14th October at 2.45pm. This is part of our English and Oracy curriculum. There are so many benefits for our children from doing this. Learning poetry by heart gives children a deep, personal connection to language, boosting their memory, confidence, and emotional growth.

Memorising short, patterned verses strengthens brain connections and sharpens general recall skills. Reciting poetry out loud helps children feel the natural rhythm, rhyme, and musicality of English on their pulses. Hearing and repeating new words in context expands their language skills and reading comprehension. Performing a memorised piece teaches children how to manage their pace, body language, and voice in front of an audience. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Building Project

Finally, the end is nigh! We are expecting the building project to be finished towards the end of next week. It has taken longer than expected and has presented us all with challenges as we have not been able to function as we usually do, but we are very pleased with the end product and will have much improved facilities for the entire school community to use. These include the newly extended and refurbished hall and kitchen on the ground floor, additional storage, redecoration of ground floor corridor, Nursery and first floor classrooms, new fire doors installed on the first floor. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst these works have been taking place, it has helped us enormously. We are looking forward to planning many events in the new School Hall and using it a great deal. We are planning an Autumn Festival with our fantastic PTA, which will be one of the first events.

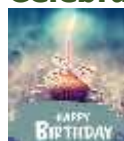
Playgrounds

Now that the building project is drawing to a close, we will turn our attention to our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The KS1 playground needs to have some resurfacing work completed following the building works and then we will be able to get to the exciting parts! With your generous support, the PTA have raised funds to go towards this. We have asked the children for their ideas. The playgrounds belong to them and we want to know what they would like to play with, what they think we should include and how we can make the playgrounds better for everyone. They have been sharing ideas with their teachers today.

Parents' Evening

This will be held online on Tuesday 20th October from 1.30pm onwards. Bookings will go live from Tuesday 29th September at 4.00pm. Login details will be shared with you via the app.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Ari (N), Chinyere (Y6) and Marina (Y4)

Star of the Week

Sebastian (YR), Tomasso (Y1), Alin (Y2), Lucas (Y3), Leona (Y4), Israel (Y5) and Leksi (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Alice (YR), Lia (Y1), Filip (Y2), Ben (Y3), Jude (Y4), Federico (Y5) and Sofia (Y6)

Reader Award

MaiaBelle (YR), Iain (Y1), Timur (Y2), Holly (Y3), Sarah (Y4), Unum (Y5) and (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher