



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Friday 3rd October 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5th October – World Teachers' Day
Thursday 9th October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 9th October – RSE Consultation Workshop for parents – 2.30pm
Friday 10th October – World Mental Health Day
Sunday 12th October – Mass for Fr Daniel and Farewell Reception – 11.00am at Church
Monday 13th October – Feast of St Edward the Confessor – Y6 Class Mass at Church – 10.00am – please note change of date
Tuesday 14th October – KS1 Reading Workshop for parents – 2.45pm
Friday 17th October – Harvest Liturgy and Foodbank Collection
Friday 17th October – School Disco in Parish Centre
Monday 20th October – Y6 Trip to Churchill War Rooms
Wednesday 22nd October – Performance Poetry Assembly
Thursday 24th October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Friday 24th October – Half Term – school finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 3rd November – term begins – 8.45am

National Poetry Day

Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme this year is 'playing with poetry' – a wonderful theme which allows us to be really creative and to enjoy poetry. We will be focusing on poetry throughout the month in our English lessons, story-times and early morning work. Children will have opportunities to read poetry, listen to poetry, share poetry, perform poetry and of course, play with poetry. Every class from Year 1-Year 6 has chosen a poem which they are learning to recite by heart for a special Performance Poetry Assembly on 22nd October. We will share these performances with you on Class Dojo. Children in the EYFS will be focusing on action and nursery rhymes, which helps them to build their phonic skills. Learning poetry by heart and performing it to a large audience is part of our Oracy programme. It enhances fluency, pronunciation, and reading comprehension, as children engage with rhythm, rhyme, and varied vocabulary. This also helps with memory, and develops critical thinking and public speaking abilities through performance and audience interaction. Why not read some poetry together at home this month!

Building Update

Our building work is progressing and construction is now in Phase 2 of the project. This involves structural works and groundworks in preparation for the construction of the new extension. Thank you to the entire school community, our dedicated kitchen staff and our wonderful construction team, as school has been running seamlessly so far this term. We will continue to keep you updated as the project evolves.

Secondary School Transfer

The closing date for applications for Secondary Transfer for September 2026 – 31 October 2025. See www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions for more information. If you have a child in Year 5 it is essential that you attend Open Events at local secondary schools, which are all happening imminently. If you are unsure about the process or have any questions, please arrange to speak with Mr O'Reilly.

Starting Reception September 2026 – closing date is 15 January 2026.

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

School App

We launched our school app in combination with our new updated website this week. If you haven't already managed to download it please do so, as we will be using this increasingly to communicate with you and to make communications more streamlined. This is a whole-school communication platform, designed to support effective communication between staff, parents, and students. It brings everything into one place — from school news and updates to direct messages and key tools that help you stay connected with your school community. If you need any assistance, please ask at the school office.

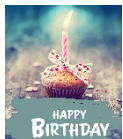
First Holy Communion – Year 3 children

The registration period for the First Holy Communion programme for 2025-26 is now open. If you have a child in Year 3 who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, please complete an online registration form, which can be found on the Church website. If you have any questions, you can speak with Fr Michael, Fr Jakub or Mrs Savattieri, who will be leading the programme. The closing date for applications is Sunday 5th October.

Choir

Choir for children from Year 3-6, is taking place every Friday during lunchtimes. If you wish to join, please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk with your child's name and class. We look forward to learning new music in preparation for performances later in the term. Singing in a choir offers children numerous benefits, including improved emotional wellbeing and confidence, whilst choral singing enhances their memory and mathematical thinking.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Jack (Y3)

Star of the Week

Thomas (Y1), Lily (Y2), Catalina (Y3), Leo (Y4), Leksi (Y5) and Eleazar (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Talia (Y1), Elsie (Y2), Jude (Y3), Sophia (Y4), Ayda (Y5) and Jahzara (Y6)

Reader Award

Phoenix (Y1), Stefan (Y2), Leona (Y3), Naya (Y4), Margaret (Y5), Wesley (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher