



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

**Week 19 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 3 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – School Library Service Visit  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Class Assembly -9.05am  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Trip to Gunnersbury Museum – Victorian Workshop  
Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Trip to House of Parliament  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Theatre Workshop in school - 9.30am  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Author Visit – Eve Wersocki-Morris -am  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS and KS1 Perform Drama Workshop – pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term – school finishes at 3.15pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – return to school – 8.45am  
Week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Other Faiths Week – Hinduism  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Open Morning  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School Photos  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Quiz and Cinema Night

### **Year 5 Class Assembly**

We were treated to a very special Assembly this week by Year 5 on the theme of New Year's resolutions and how we should live our lives. They made links to the work they are doing in RE this term on Galilee to Jerusalem and the Our Father prayer which Jesus taught us. They also reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Solidarity and Peace

### **Nursery 2026**

We are hoping to extend our Nursery offering from this September to full days. Our warm and welcoming Nursery provision develops and nurtures the whole child, preparing them for a seamless transition to school. Our dedicated staff are experienced in meeting children's individual needs, developing essential skills and giving them the confidence to grow and develop foundations for a lifelong love of learning. If you have a child of Nursery age – 3-4 years, or who will be turning 3 in the next academic year- or know someone else who has, please email the office or drop in to find out more about how to apply. There will be Nursery Open Mornings on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am, when we return from Half Term, so that you can find out more information.

## **Staff News**

I am sorry to share with you that Mrs Bell, our incredible Sports Lead, will be leaving us to take on an exciting new role as grandmother after February Half Term. Mrs Bell has been at St Mary's for over 26 years and is totally devoted to promoting sport for children of all ages. Her passion and dedication shine through in the many hours that she spends planning, organising and attending a multitude of sporting events with our children. We have been so very fortunate to have her here for so long. Our children – past and present – have really benefitted from her wealth of knowledge and expertise and all of the sporting opportunities and experiences that she has given them. Mrs Bell will pop up from time to time, she will still be an ambassador for Team St Mary's! Thank you, Mrs Bell for all that you have done for us.

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Baker is expecting a baby. Her baby is due in the Summer Term. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating her.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

I am asking again that everyone makes 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 absentees or 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. As you know, our attendance data is closely monitored by the DfE and our Local Authority. I am only able to authorise absences in exceptional circumstances. Holidays should only be taken outside of term-time and appointments should be made outside of the school day as much as possible. Our term dates for this academic year and next can be found on our website and app. 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!

## **Save the Date – PTA Quiz and Children's Cinema**

This will take place from 7.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre. More details to follow. A fun night for all the family!

## **Celebrations**



**Happy Birthday to** Thiago (Y5), Sofia (Y3), Sofia (Y6), Mason (Y3), Felipe (Y4)

### **Star of the Week**

Oliver (YR), Teddy (Y1), Bella (Y2), Connor (Y3), Larissa (Y4), Grayson (Y5) Samori (Y6)

### **Teacher's Award**

Maya (YR), River (Y1), David (Y2), Yan (Y3), Eleighna (Y4), All of Y5 for their wonderful Assembly (Y5) and Annie (Y6)

### **Reader Award**

Nola (YR), Adrian (Y1), Stepan (Y2), Mason (Y3), Israel (Y4), Nathan (Y5) and Xavier (Y6)

## **With Best Wishes for the Weekend,**

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher