



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Friday 17th September 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18th September – Jeans for Genes Day -MUFTI Day in school
Friday 18th September – Preloved Uniform Sale – 3.15pm
Sunday 20th September – Community Cultural Celebration – Parish Centre – 12.00-3.00pm
Monday 21st September – Asthma and anaphylaxis training in school for all staff – 3.30-5.00pm
Monday 21st September – Friday 4rd October – Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 24th September – Open Morning - 9.30am
Thursday 24th September – RSE consultation for parents – 2.30pm
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'
Friday 2nd October – Fairtrade Coffee Morning – 8.45-9.30am
Monday 5th October – Y6 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Thursday 8th October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 8th October – KS1 Reading Workshop – 2.45pm
Friday 9th October - Flu Vaccinations – YR-Y6

Meet the Teacher Afternoons

It was wonderful to see so many of you at these presentations this week. There was lots of useful information about the curriculum and school routines. It was also an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and to see their new classrooms. Presentations are available on the class pages on the website so that you can view these again, or if you were unable to attend. KIRFs for Maths (Key Instant Recall Facts) are also available on the class pages. These help children to build fluency in number skills. We recommend that you work on these with your child as often as you can, for 5-10 minutes a day.

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 6 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.

Sports News

Coach Kyle would like to give a huge shoutout to the Children and families who attended the Richmond Family & Kids' Mile last Sunday.

It was lovely to see our children represent St Mary's with such great effort and determination during the Richmond Mile, especially in the rain! Participation in wider sporting opportunities such as these really grow and develop our children and provide them with amazing sporting and life qualities. They were rewarded with a lovely medal too. Well Done!

Uniform

We take pride in our school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times. A uniform list is on our school website under parents – uniform. There are 3 branded items of uniform with our school logo on. If you have other existing items with the school logo, you can still use these. If you are having difficulty in sourcing uniform, please come and speak with Miss Davies or Mrs Collis, we are happy to help. Jewellery should not be worn to school. Watches are permitted, SMART watches or other similar devices are not permitted in school. Hair that is longer than collar length (girls and boys) must be tied back. Coats must be dark green. Hair accessories should only be green, white or black. Children should wear black school shoes or trainers that are completely black, including soles with no logos. Thank you for your support with this. There will be a preloved uniform sale at the end of the school day on Friday 18th September.

Online Safety

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend this talk with Mr O'Reilly this week, I hope that you found it helpful. The presentation is available on the website for you to view, as well as other useful resources in the parents' section on our e-safety page.

There is a lot of discussion at the moment surrounding children's use of the internet and devices. We are involved in discussions with colleagues from other schools and networks to share best practice. We have asked that our Year 6 pupils only use a brick phone, so that they don't have access to apps and the internet on their phones, whilst still being able to contact parents and be contacted for safety reasons. This is in line with a great deal of other schools and also increasing numbers of secondary schools for their younger pupils. At the same time, we do need to prepare our children to become digital citizens for the future, who are computer literate. We are striving to achieve a balance within our curriculum and school routines. We are setting online maths homework for our children from Year 1-6. This is linked to the White Rose Maths scheme which we use in class and will help them with their class work, which is done in books. It will also help them to prepare for the online Multiplication Tables Check which is statutory for all Year 4 children. We will continue to ensure that they develop their digital skills whilst also having the freedom to be screen-free and develop other essential skills.

Community Cultural Celebration – Sunday 20th September

I hope to see many of you at this fantastic event which takes place this Sunday in the Parish Centre from 12.00-3.00pm. It is an annual occasion which celebrates our beautifully diverse school, with its many cultures and it is an opportunity for us all to come together and share delicious food and socialise, in celebration of our very special school community. Thank you to the PTA and all those who have been involved in organising it.

Community News

It is with deep sadness that we write to inform you of the passing of a beloved former member of our school community, Ann Edgar who dedicated 30 years of service to our school as a Midday Supervisor.

Over three decades, she created a nurturing environment where every child felt valued. She will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron, Greta and their family at this sad time.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Jemima (Y1), Olatunji (YR), Sofia (Y6) and Nola (Y1)

Star of the Week

All of Reception for settling in so well (YR), Jack (Y1), Klara (Y2), Stefan (Y3), Azariah (Y4), Leonardo (Y5) and Valentina (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Daisy (YR), Adrian (Y1), Sofia (Y2), Yara (Y3), Timur (Y4), Gabriel (Y5) and Eben (Y6)

Reader Award

Jakob (YR), Jemima (Y1), Thomas (Y2), Elizabeth (Y3), Santi (Y4), Roman (Y5) and Eloise (Y6)

Sports Award

Flora (Y1), Benjamin (Y3) and Larissa (Y5)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher