



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Friday 24th October 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd November – Term begins – 8.45am

Monday 3rd November – Y5 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church

Week beginning Monday 3rd November – Scholastic Book Fair in school

Tuesday 4th November – School Bulb Planting Day

Wednesday 5th November – EYFS Reading Workshop for parents – 2.45pm

Friday 7th November – Remembrance Liturgy in school

Week beginning Monday 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week – 'Power for Good'

Tuesday 11th November – Y5 and Y6 Walking Nativity – Lambeth Palace

Thursday 13th November – Open Morning – 9.30am

Friday 14th November – Children in Need Mufti Day - £2 donation

Tuesday 25th November – Y4 Pedestrian Skills Training

Tuesday 25th November – Y5+6 Fix A Bike Workshop

Thursday 27th November – Parents' Evening – 1.30pm onwards – school closes at 1.15pm

Monday 1st December – Y4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church

Year 6 Visit to Churchill War Rooms

On Monday, Year 6 visited the Churchill War Rooms as part of their World War II topic. The children were fascinated to explore the underground headquarters where Winston Churchill and his team planned Britain's wartime strategy. They had the chance to step back in time and see the rooms exactly as they were left in 1945, including Churchill's bedroom and the Cabinet Room.

The visit really brought their learning to life and helped the children understand what life was like during the war. They particularly enjoyed the interactive exhibits and discovering more about Churchill's leadership and determination. It was a fantastic day filled with curiosity, reflection, and plenty of questions!

Performance Poetry Assembly

This week we held our Performance Poetry Assembly in school. Children from Years 1-6 recited poetry by heart to each other. There was a wide variety of poets and styles including – Kitty by Doug MacLeod, Marbles In My Pocket by Lydia Pender, The Sound Collector by Roger McGough, On The Ning, Nang, Nong by Spike Milligan, The School Kids Rap by John Foster and In Flanders Field by John McCrae. Every class performed with fluency, expression and confidence. Well done everyone, keep reading and enjoying poetry. Learning and

reciting poetry by heart brings many benefits including improved memory and focus and enhanced vocabulary and speaking skills.

Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is back! From Monday 3rd November- Friday 7th November you can buy some fantastic children's books at fantastic prices. The book fair will be outside the school gates each day after school for you to have a browse, and hopefully take home some goodies. If you are able to support the school with this sale, then it would be greatly appreciated. The school receives money towards books from each purchase and due to your generosity, support and love of a good book, we have been able to buy some brilliant books for our class and whole school libraries. The book sale will be cashless, we will have a QR code ready for you to use to make the sale easy for all.

School App

Our school app is now available, and is linked to our website. Many thanks to those parents who have already downloaded the app and signed up to it. If you haven't already done so, please sign up soon, as all school communication will come via the app.. Letters, forms and calendar dates are available on the app. Our aim is to make communications more streamlined, coming from the one place, making it easier for parents to keep in touch with what's happening every day in our busy, vibrant school.

Secondary School Transfer – Closing date soon

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.

If you have a younger child who is Nursery or Reception age, or have friends with children of that age, please join one of our school Open Mornings.

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

Sports News

This week has been dominated by Football.

A Y2 /3 team of Ebuka, Eddy, Stepan, Georg and Dylan competed in this 3 v 3 event. In total they played 6 matches and were unbeaten. Particular mention goes to Dylan who, as Captain was the stand out Player of the Tournament, top scorer and was scouted!

There was great excitement as we listened to the results and ... yes St Mary's were announced the winners! Each player got a gold medal and we received the Trophy.

On Wednesday, players from Years 4, 5 and 6 made a team to compete in a Borough Football Tournament. The standard was high and our team was delighted not to have conceded a goal in 5 matches and to have scored 5 goals. The team of Leonardo (Captain), Daniel (GK), Ben, Quentin, Alejandro, Roman and Felipe (Player of the Match) scored the highest points tally out of 18 teams. Great performance boys.

We are reliant on Parent Helpers to make these trips possible, thank you to all our parents who support us in this way. We are Team St Mary's!

Save the date!

Our annual Christmas Fair, one of the highlights of our school year will be held on Saturday 6th December from 12.00-4.00pm. This year, due to the building work it will be held next door at Hogarth Youth Centre. A special thank you to the staff at Hogarth Youth Centre for enabling us to hold it there. Do come along and support, our wonderful PTA and Class Reps are working incredibly hard to plan an amazing event for us all. More details to follow...

Lateness

Please can everyone make a real effort to be in school and on time every day. School dates 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!

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Zoe (YR), Adrian (YR), Ayda (Y5), Yan (Y3), Annie (Y6)

Star of the Week

Sebastian (YR), Timur (Y1), Althea (Y2), Stella (Y3), Felipe (Y4), Sofia (Y5) and Annie (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Lia (YR), Leonor (Y1), Hendrix (Y2), Eva (Y3), Unum (Y4), Edward (Y5) and Sienna (Y6)

Reader Award

Peter (YR), Jack (Y1), Musawir (Y2), Kaya (Y3), Lottie (Y4), Nathan (Y5), Josephine (Y6)

Wishing you all a wonderful Half Term,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher