



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 11 Friday 21st November 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 25th November – Y4 Pedestrian Skills Training
Tuesday 25th November – Y5+6 Fix A Bike Workshop
Wednesday 26th November – Red Wednesday
Thursday 27th November – Parents' Evening – 1.30pm onwards – school closes at 1.15pm
Friday 28th November – YR Hearing Tests
Wednesday 3rd December – Peer Challenge
Wednesday 3rd December – Advent Reconciliation for Years 4,5,6
Thursday 4th December – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 4th December – Y3 Live Nativity Trip
Thursday 4th December – Nursery Parents' Evening
Saturday 6th December – Christmas Fair 12.00-4.00pm in Hogarth Youth Centre
Monday 8th December – Y4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Week beginning Monday 8th December – Y6 Trip to Paris
Tuesday 9th December – YR Height, Weight, Vision Checks
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Thursday 11th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Carol Service – 5.00pm in Church – all welcome!
Thursday 18th December – Class Parties -pm
Friday 19th December – End of term – school closes at 1.15pm
Tuesday 6th January – Term begins – 8.45am

KS2 History

On Remembrance Day, Mrs Bell showed the original World War 1 diary of her husband's grandfather to pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The diary, now a published book - *Some Desperate Glory* by Edwin Campion

Vaughan covers the first 9 months of his war experience. He starts off as an excited 19-year-old heading off for glory, and the story ends with just 15 of their platoon of 90 men surviving. The children heard an interesting story about King George, and how the Bell family have this heirloom.

They also asked really inciteful questions and many shared their own family members' names who have fought in wars since then. A very big thank you to Mrs Bell, this really

brought History to life for the children, giving it true meaning and context, and a deeper understanding of why we mark Remembrance Day each year.

Sports News

One Hi5 Netball Team played in the pre-tournament event this week. This is not a competitive event, but you get to play lots of matches. Well done to our team of Valentina S-Captain, Josephine, Mila, Isla, Maddie, Valentina SC and Margaret. They played 6 games in total and won every game- 5-0, 1-0, 7-1, 5-0, 3-0. Top scorer, and Player of the Match was Margaret. Well done Team St Mary's!

Many congratulations to Sienna in Year 5 who represented the Borough of Hounslow in the London School Games Cross-country Mile run at Parliament Hill last Saturday morning.

What did you expect on the day?

I expected the course to be one lap not 2, and I didn't know that we would be running up a hill! Mrs Bell walked me around the course before the race.

What were your first impressions?

There were so many people in the race, there was lots of pushing at the start as everyone was trying to get a good position. My heart was racing fast.

How was the race for you?

It was very scary at the beginning, all the other runners looked so tall. When the starter horn went, I heard lots of cheering for me. I was a bit scared and I did get pushed over but I got up and carried on running. At the end of the first lap, I saw Margaret and her family with Caoimhe cheering me on and holding signs saying "Slay Sienna" and "Go Sienna", then I saw all my family including Mum, Dad, Grandad, Brother and 3 sisters cheering me on loudly. This made me feel happy and gave me new energy so I sprinted on. On the last descent my legs were going faster than my body and I couldn't stop. When I finished I was really relieved. I was tired, but also pleased.

I finished in 107th place out of the best 217 cross-country runners U11 girl runners in all 32 London Boroughs. My 1-mile time was 7minutes and 31 seconds.

I have a Hounslow Borough Team Shirt to keep, and cross-country spikes from Mrs Bell. Well done Sienna, what an incredible achievement!

Parents' Evening

This will be held on Thursday 27th November from 1.30-6.00pm. School will close on this day at 1.15pm. Appointments are online through SchoolCloud, each one lasts for 10 minutes. If you haven't already made an appointment, please do so. You will need to use the school app to access the link. It is essential that you meet with class teachers to hear how your child is progressing with their learning, and to receive targets so that you know how to support them at home. Targets will be shared for every child from Y1-Y6 for RE, Reading, Writing, Oracy, Maths and Personal Development. EYFS children will receive targets linked to the Prime Areas of learning and development. Please work on these targets with your child at home and ensure that you are reading with your child every day.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Kaya (Y3)

Star of the Week

Peter (YR), Sofia (Y1), Lorin (Y2), Alejandro (Y3), Ellie (Y4), Jeremiah (Y5) and Rosa (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Ada (N), Filip (Y1), Eva (Y2), (Y3), Leo (Y4), Anais (Y5) and Giuliano (Y6)

Reader Award

Cooper (YR), Oliva (Y1), David (Y2), Holly (Y3), Callum (Y4), Valentina (Y5) and Oliver (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher