



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Friday 9th October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13th October – Rosary for School Community – 2.45pm
Wednesday 14th October – KS1 Performance Poetry - 2.45pm
Thursday 15th October - KS2 Reading Workshop – 2.45pm
Friday 16th October – Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening online from 1.30pm – school closes for all pupils from N-Y6 at 1.15pm
Wednesday 21st October – Year 6 Trip to Churchill War Rooms
Thursday 22nd October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Friday 23rd October – Harvest Liturgy and Foodbank Collection
Friday 23rd October – Half Term – school finishes – 3.15pm
Monday 2nd November – return to school – 8.45am
Monday 2nd November – Year 5 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Tuesday 3rd November – Reception Reading Workshop – 2.45pm
Wednesday 4th November – Year 2 Class Assembly – 9.05am
Thursday 12th November – Open Morning – 9.30am
Friday 13th November – Children in Need MUFTI Day

RSHE Consultation

I am sure that you will have heard that there have been changes to the Relationships Education Curriculum for September 2026. I have written to you all with information about this. We are required to update our curriculum and our RSE policy, which has been done. These are available to view on our website. The RSE Policy is in the policies section in the Our School section and the curriculum overview and presentation for parents for consultation is available in the curriculum section on the Relationships Education page for those of you who were unable to attend the consultation session in school. A parent information leaflet has also gone out to all parents. Please make time to look through these materials and to go onto the parent portal. We have shared login details with you on the Relationships Education page on the website and in the letter that was sent out. If you have any comments about the curriculum or policy, please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk with the title RSE Consultation.

School Council

Student Council elections took place in school this week, with the children voting for 2 children in each class from Year 1-6 to represent their ideas. Mrs Leal, our SENCO and Ms McLaughlin, our UKS2 TA will be supporting the Student Council with their work. We had a special Assembly this morning to announce our new School Council members. Student Council members will be re-elected every term, so that more children can have the opportunity to take part. Congratulations to Nola and Tommaso (Y1), Mia and Filip (Y2), Eva and Vittorio (Y3), Orla and Xander (Y4), Gabriel and Sebi (Y5) and Valentina and Nathan (Y6)

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 5 it is essential that you look out for Open Events at local secondary schools, which are all happening imminently. If you need any support with school applications, please arrange to speak with Mr O'Reilly.

Starting Reception September 2027 – closing date is Friday 15th January 2027.

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

October – month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. We will be coming together as a school community every Tuesday afternoon to pray the Rosary together. This will be led each week by our GIFT Team (Growing in Faith Together). We would like to have as many parents join us as possible. If you would like to join us, please come to school for 2.45pm next Tuesday 13th October. There is no need to let us know in advance. Children are encouraged to bring their rosaries into school to help them to pray the rosary.

Sports News – Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football

This Tuesday, 11 of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls proudly represented St Mary's at a Girls' Football Festival. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their football skills and confidence through a range of activities and games.

The girls particularly enjoyed the balance of non-competitive activities and competitive matches against other schools, giving everyone the chance to get involved, learn new skills and enjoy playing football alongside friends. It was wonderful to see the girls having fun, building confidence and celebrating their enjoyment of the sport.

A huge well done to Sofia, Ayda, Holly, Chinyere, Ala, Sophia, Marilu, Naya, Lottie, Larissa and Sophia for giving their best effort and representing St Mary's so brilliantly! Many thanks also to Coach Kyle for his dedication and all that he does for our children to promote sport.

Harvest Foodbank Collections

As we move through the autumn term, many families in our local area are facing ongoing financial pressures and rising living costs. To help make a difference, our school is launching a collection drive to support our local food bank. We are asking every pupil and family—if they are able—to bring in one non-perishable food items or household essentials to help stock the shelves for people facing hardship in our community.

Items that are needed – tinned soup, jams/spreads, jars of cooking sauces, porridge oats, breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, long-life juice/squash, tinned vegetables, biscuits, coffee, long-life UHT milk, shower gel, toothpaste, feminine care products, toilet rolls.

Please bring the donations into school from next week and leave them in the Reception area. There will be a box available for you to leave donations in. Donations will be taken to the foodbank on Friday 23rd October. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Parents' Evening

This will be held online on Tuesday 20th October from 1.30pm onwards. Bookings are now live. Please sign up if you haven't already done so. It is essential that parents attend so that we are working in partnership to ensure that your child reaches their full potential for learning and development. Targets will be shared with parents. School will close for all pupils from Nursery-Year 6 at 1.15pm. AM Nursery children will go home at their usual time of 11.45am.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Mlat (N), Benjamin (Y3), Milan (Y1) and Sebi (Y5)

Star of the Week

Sophia (YR), Abigail (Y1), Caellum (Y2), Stepan (Y3), Ebuka (Y4), Lottie (Y5) and Grayson (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Luca (YR), Ciara (Y1), Killian (Y2), Lucas (Y3), Santi (Y4), Sadie (Y5) and Isla (Y6)

Reader Award

Mira (YR), Cooper (Y1), Talia (Y2), Yara (Y3), Bella (Y4), Callum (Y5) and Margaret (Y6)

Sports Awards

Killian (KS1), Holly (LKS2), Federico (UKS2)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH
Headteacher