



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Friday 5th September 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1st September – Friday 3rd October – Season of Creation
Monday 8th September onwards – EYFS children start, staggered times
Monday 15th September – Clubs begin
Week beginning Monday 15th September – National Inclusion Week
Tuesday 16th September – 2.25-3.15pm – KS2 Meet the Teacher Afternoon – Y3-6
Wednesday 17th September – Deanery Mass for staff with Hounslow Catholic Schools – 4.15pm
Thursday 18th September – Nursery children start
Thursday 18th September – 2.45-3.15pm – KS1 Meet the Teacher Afternoon – Y1+2
Friday 19th September – Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 22nd September – Reception children in full days – 8.45am – 3.15pm
Monday 22nd September – Y6 Height and Weight Checks
Monday 22nd September – Friday 3rd October – Fairtrade Fortnight
Tuesday 23rd September – Nasal Flu Immunisations – YR-Y6
Thursday 25th September – Open Morning 9.30am

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you have had a lovely, long well-deserved rest over the summer! It was wonderful to see everyone return to school this week with happy, smiling faces, full of enthusiasm for the new school year. We look forward to another exciting year together, full of learning activities and opportunities. Children have been busy this week settling into their new classes and beginning their work. They have even found time to start on some displays in their classrooms. We have also come together for Assemblies, with a special Safeguarding Assembly for everyone today with key messages about keeping ourselves safe in school and outside of school, talking to trusted adults and the NSPCC Pants Campaign. Clubs will begin from Monday 15th September. Communications about these will come out to you next week.

Welcome to our new joiners

We have been very excited to have new children joining us in school this week, we are always delighted to meet new friends! Welcome to Paul, Stepan, Camille, Eva, Leia, Mason, Orla, Alex, Alejandro.

We are very much looking forward to continuing the learning journey with you and your families. We are also very excited to welcome our Reception children, who will join us next week. EYFS staff have been carrying out Home Visits with them this week as part of their

induction process. A special welcome to Miss McAteer also, who has joined us as Maternity Cover teacher for the EYFS. Welcome to the St Mary's family!

Reminder about Collection Arrangements during the Building Project

Please be aware as you are entering the school site that is now a construction site. Hoarding is in place so that no-one can access the construction site, and there are strict set time limits to ensure that construction vehicles are not moving in and out of the site when the children are coming or going to school or at play. We have robust risk assessments and plans in place to ensure that our school community is safe and that school can function as fully as possible during this time.

Children will come into school in the morning as usual, through the main playground gates and straight up into classrooms. At the end of the day however, collection arrangements are a little different. Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be collected from the main KS1 playground as usual. Children in Years 4, 5, and 6 will be collected from the KS2 Playground. Parents should come in through the EYFS gate to collect these year groups. If you have younger children also, please collect them first to ease congestion through the EYFS gate and passageway. For all year groups, please ensure that the class teacher has seen you and handed your child over to you safely at the end of the day, please do not call them out of their line. We appreciate your patience with this, especially in the first few weeks as staff are getting to know new parents and carers.

EYFS children will be dropped off and collected through the EYFS gates for the first few weeks, whilst they are in for mornings only.

We will continue to communicate with you as the build progresses. Please help us during this time by being on time for school every day, so that we can ensure that the gates are shut and all children are in safely so that the build can progress safely and smoothly.

School Website and App

I am thrilled to share with you that we have a new school website, and that we will have a school app coming in the next few weeks. The website can be accessed in the usual way and we will be adding to it over time. We are confident that this will help to make communications more accessible and easier to access. We will continue to update you on the progress with this. Huge thanks to Mr O'Reilly for all his hard work in making this happen.

Staffing News

Our lovely caretaker Mr McCann is unfortunately still unwell. Thank you to those of you who have been asking for him, we are passing your good wishes on and wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we have a supply caretaker Mr Abdullah, who has been working extremely hard to make sure that school is ready for us all and looking smart and tidy.

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. 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. Hair accessories should only be green, white or black. Thank you for your support with this.

Snacks for KS2

Children in Years 3-6 can bring their own snack into school for morning breaktimes. We do not receive fruit or vegetable snacks for children in these year groups. Please be advised that only fruit or vegetables is permitted for morning snack. They can be eaten during our morning break together with a drink from their water bottles. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Naya (Y4)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher