



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Friday 2nd October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th October – Y6 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Tuesday 6th October – Rosary for School Community – 2.45pm
Thursday 8th October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 8th October – KS1 Reading Workshop – 2.45pm
Thursday 8th October – Student Council Elections in school
Friday 9th October - Flu Vaccinations – YR-Y6
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
Thursday 22nd October – Open Morning – 9.30am
Thursday 22nd September – Year 2 Trip to Churchill War Rooms
Friday 23rd October – Harvest Liturgy and Foodbank Collection
Friday 23rd October – Half Term – school finishes – 3.15pm

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.

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.

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 every Tuesday during the month of October – Tuesday 6th, 13th and 20th 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.

School Council

Student Council elections will take place in school next week. 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 share the details with the children. We need 2 School Council members for every class from Year 1 to Year 6. Children who would like to put themselves forward as a school councillor need to prepare a short speech this weekend that they can share with their class next week. Elections will take place on Thursday 8th October. Student Council members will be re-elected every term, so that more children can have the opportunity to take part. The elected children will be announced next Friday during Assembly. If you would like to view the Student Council presentation for more information, it can be found on our school website in the Our School section, Student Council page. A huge thank you to Mrs Leal and Ms McLaughlin for facilitating this, pupil voice and listening to our children is at the heart of everything that we do at St Mary's.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning and upcoming school events

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Fairtrade Coffee Morning this morning and to be able to host it in our new school hall. This was handed over to us last night! We particularly enjoyed chatting with you and hearing your feedback about the new hall and kitchen. The improved facilities will make a huge difference to our entire school community. We also had a staff social with governors in the hall last night. We were delighted to have our new Parish Priest Monsignor Roger Reader with us. We are very grateful to him as it was his very first day in the parish! He is keen to continue the strong links that are established between school and the parish. We are looking forward to using the hall for many more events. A special celebratory Mass is being planned for after Half Term and we will share details with you once this has been confirmed. Our wonderful PTA are also planning many community events. The next one is our Autumn Festival on Saturday 31st October. A full list of PTA dates for the school year is available on our website in the Parents section on the PTA page.

Playgrounds

Now that the building project is drawing to a close, we will turn our attention to our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The KS1 playground needs to have some resurfacing work completed following the building works and then we will be able to get to the exciting parts! With your generous support, the PTA have raised funds to go towards this. We have asked the children for their ideas. The playgrounds belong to them and we want to know what they

would like to play with, what they think we should include and how we can make the playgrounds better for everyone. We will continue to update you as the project progresses.

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 Jack (Y4)

Star of the Week

Ada (YR), Bruno (Y1), Phoenix (Y2), Ariela (Y3), Holly (Y4), Sophia (Y5) and Knox (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Olatunji (YR), Milan (Y1), Gabriella (Y2), Amelia (Y3), Jack (Y4), Ellie (Y5) and Cora (Y6)

Reader Award

Liya (YR), Zoe (Y1), Ariya (Y2), Eddie (Y3), Catalina (Y4), Lottie (Y5) and Edward (Y6)

Sports Awards

Teo (KS1), Elsie (LKS2), Margaret (UKS2)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher