

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*I am the vine and you are the branches.
If you remain with me and I with you, then you will bear much fruit.
Love one another as I have loved you.*
John 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, year 6 took the end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS) last week. The children were prepared fantastically by the year 6 team, and all of the teachers who have worked with the children over the years. In conversation with the children I was struck especially by the confidence with which they approached the assessments and what they saw as an opportunity to show how much they have learned. Of course, we are hugely proud of all that they have achieved and looking forward to a wonderful final summer term for them at St. Mary's.

In other news, this week, the School Council held a vote to determine which charities we will support in the coming months. As part of our commitment to transform others and our community, we always choose a charity which works locally, a charity which works nationally, and a charity which works internationally. The school council met to consider the many good causes for which we could work, and, after much deliberation, and a vote, it was determined that we will continue to work to support Heat or Eat which works locally; Cash for Kids which works nationally; and the WWF which works internationally.

During the course of the summer term, we will continue our Courageous Advocacy programme with each year group having the opportunity to do something amazing. Reception will learn about bees and their importance; year one will write to the London Mayor; Year 2 will plan an event on repurposing or fixing clothes; year three will contribute to our work to become a School of Sanctuary; year four will work together to lead a Collective Worship at St. Mary's; year five will learn more about services which support those who do not have enough food in our community; finally, year six will create advocacy videos. I look forward to writing to you about the fruits of these various projects next half-term.

Finally, as you will know, we were recently inspected by SIAMS. The inspection was a huge success and I have written to you separately to share the report. The report is a testament to the hardwork and dedication of our staff and I would like to close this newsletter by thanking them for all that they do. The report emphasizes the empathy of the children at St. Mary's and so I would like to close this newsletter with a quote from Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart, not with regret or under compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver."

Best wishes,

Mr Pitchford

Attendance



Our whole school attendance for Week 4 was 96.83%.

Our whole school attendance for Week 5 was 97.50%.

Our whole school attendance for Week 6 was 96.85%.

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 96.24 %

Gentle Reminder:

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please leave a message for the office team on the school absence line by calling 020 8521 1066 and dialling 1.

Please ensure this message includes the reason your child is off sick - i.e. sore throat, temperature or stomach bug.

If you need to collect your child for a medical appointment during the day or they are late to school due to a medical appointment, you will need to provide the school office with an appointment letter/record.

Our Celebration Assembly takes places every Friday at 10am. All parents are welcome to join. For Attlee House, please enter via the main office on Brooke Road and for Morris & Wilson House, please enter via Chestnut Avenue South.

Healthy Snacks



We would like to remind parents and carers that St Mary's is a Healthy School. Children should not bring chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks as morning snacks, if your child does bring these in, they will be replaced with a piece of fruit and sent home with them at the end of the school day. Please ensure that should you like to provide your child with a snack that it is a healthy option. Nut free cereal bars, yoghurt bars or fruit bars are recommended.

All children are encouraged to drink water regularly – please ensure that your child is bringing in their own water bottles, these can be refilled during the school day.

We are proud to be a nut free school!



Collective Worship

God really doesn't like it when we do bad things and it upsets him when we make the wrong choices, however he is so kind and loving that he always forgives us when we say sorry.

Joshua 7.

Is there something that we need to say sorry?

Why is it always important to tell the truth?

How can we learn from God to forgive others?




St Mary's Young Transformers



As part of our Young Transformers vision, we want our pupils to be confident, independent learners with enquiring minds and a life-long love of learning which happens in school and out.

We welcome children to bring in certificates that have been achieved outside of school. For example, achieving a piano grade, a swimming stage certificate or drama distinction. These will be celebrated during one of our weekly assemblies.

St Mary's Young Transformers



Young Transformers
MAKERS OF CHANGE

SUMMER TERM

YR	CURIOSITY Bee Keeper visit
Y1	CURIOSITY Planting our flower beds
Y2	COMMUNITY Understanding Immigration
Y3	CURIOSITY Robotics Workshop
Y4	CONFIDENCE Scootfit
Y5	CURIOSITY What is truth?
Y6	COMMUNITY West End: Lion King

St Mary's Courageous Advocacy

Courageous Advocacy



Summer Term

YR

Following on from their 'Dear world...' statements, it is clear that the Reception children care deeply about our natural world.

Equality

The children will be learning about Bees and making Bee Bombs to grow flowers around or local area.



Y1

Respect

Having sent their letters, craftivism project and video to their local MP, Year 1 will now focus their efforts on reaching a wider audience. The children will be reaching out to the Mayor of London!

Y2

Caring

Year 2 pupils will be continuing to run clothing donation and repurposing events. They will further contribute to our school's application to become a recognised 'Christian Aid, Global Neighbour' by planning a repair event to repurpose or fix clothing so that it can last longer.



Y3

Truth

Having learnt how transformative education is, Year 3 sent off their craftivism project to our MP. This term, the children will advocate to protect children's learning in emergencies and work towards our school becoming an accredited 'School of Sanctuary.'



Y4

Respect

For their final project, the Year 4 children will be working in groups to create a collective worship assembly based on an aspect of 'respect' that is important to them. One group, from each class, will present to the school.

Caring

Y6

Following the Year 6 teacher visit to a Kenyan School, the children have been busy creating resource packs, learning about Kenya and poverty as well as creating advocacy videos. The final Year 6 project will be elevating their voices vox pops style.



Y5

Wisdom

Last term, Year 5 used their learning and wrote excellent letters to CEO's of our countries major food providers. This term, the Year 5 children will be change makers, supporting and understanding the local systems and structures in place for people who find themselves hungry.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/FRIENDSOFSTMARYSSCHOOL/1262199](https://buytickets.at/friendsofstmarysschool/1262199)

FRIENDS OF
ST MARY'S
SCHOOL



FAIR
SUMMER



BOUNCY OBSTACLE
COURSE, BEAT
THE GOALIE, BOOK
FAIR, CAKES,
FACE-PAINTING,
CRAFTS, SPLAT THE
RAT, CANDYFLOSS,
DISCO, + MUCH
MORE!



22 JUNE *
2-4.30PM



£3 ENTRY,
BUY TICKETS
IN ADVANCE



St. Mary's Christian Vision

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ST MARY'S TERM DATES 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

First Half (33 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th & Friday 8th September 2023

Start – Monday 11th September 2023

End – Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2023- Friday 27th October 2023

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2023

End – Wednesday 20th December 2023

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

First Half (25 Days)

INSET – Monday 8th January 2024

Start – Tuesday 9th January 2024

End - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19th February 2024

End – Thursday 28th March 2024

Holidays: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

First Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 15th April 2024

End - Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 (during Half Term)

Second Half (40 Days)

Start - Monday 3rd June 2024

End – Friday 26th July 2024