

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,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to St. Mary's after the long Easter break. The children returned to school with their usual vim and vigor. The Summer term is always full of excitement, including trips and special events, and this year will be no exception.

School council began the term with an exciting trip to the Waltham Forest Town Hall. During the trip, the children had the chance to listen to the mayor and learn all about the work that takes place for Waltham Forest. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and you can see some photographs later in the newsletter.

Our unique Young Transformers programme continues to motivate and inspire our children to transform themselves, others and their community. This week, more Young Transformers awards were presented to children in the Star of the Week assembly. Awards were given to children who have done something amazing: from donating clothes and toys, to arranging a karaoke party to raise money for a charity; from building confidence through attending a football club, to helping everyone through litter picking - the list of achievements was truly impressive. Well done to all of the children who received an award. We look forward to receiving more applications in the months to come.

Further to my recent letters about bags, I wanted to offer my sincere thanks for your cooperation in making the cloakrooms at St. Mary's a safer place for our children. Your support in this matter has made a huge difference. Thank you.

As you will know, one of the things that makes our offer so special is the huge range of before school and after school interventions and clubs we run. As we start this new term, I wanted to write to you all to clarify arrangements for the term ahead. Before and after school interventions, will run during the summer term until Friday 12th July. Tea Time Club will run until the penultimate day of the summer term: Thursday 25th July. Breakfast club will run until the last day of term: Friday 26th July. If your child attends a private club - Boxing or Beartuza - you will be contacted by Beartuza or Cameron directly about arrangements for the summer term. Overleaf you will find a table containing the information above.

Finally, I would like to end this edition of the newsletter with Psalm 96:1-3

"Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his marvelous deeds." – Psalm 96:1-3

Kind Regards
Mr Pitchford
Headteacher

		Interventions before school	Interventions after school	School Clubs *	Private Clubs - Boxing and Beartuza	Teatime Club	Breakfast Club
Final week of Summer 1	WB 20th May	On as normal	On as normal	On as normal	Refer to communication from providers.	On as normal	On as normal
Half-Term	WB 27th May						
First week of Summer 2	WB 3rd June	On as normal	On as normal	On as normal	Refer to communication from providers.	On as normal	On as normal
Penultimate week of Summer term	WB 15th July	No before school interventions	No after school interventions	No clubs	Refer to communication from providers.	On as normal	On as normal
Final week of Summer term	WB 22nd July	No before school interventions	No after school interventions	No clubs	Refer to communication from providers.	Last day is the Thursday 25th July	On as normal

***Homework, Football, Gymnastics, Arts and Crafts, Coding and Scratch, Dancing, Construction, Coding and Scratch**

Attendance



Our whole school attendance for Week 1 was 96.82%.

Our whole school attendance for Week 2 was 96.91%.

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 96.21 %

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

This week in collective worship, we celebrated St George's day. We spoke about how he became a legendary figure in English history due to his courage and bravery - however he never actually set foot in England. The country adopted him as its patron saint, with April 23 being chosen as the date of celebration. In the Bible, we referred to Psalm 31:24 ~ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

We discussed how we have been brave and shown courage. We spoke about how our courageous advocacy projects and young transformers help us to have courage and complete new tasks that we might be fearful of.

How could you show courage this week?



SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIP



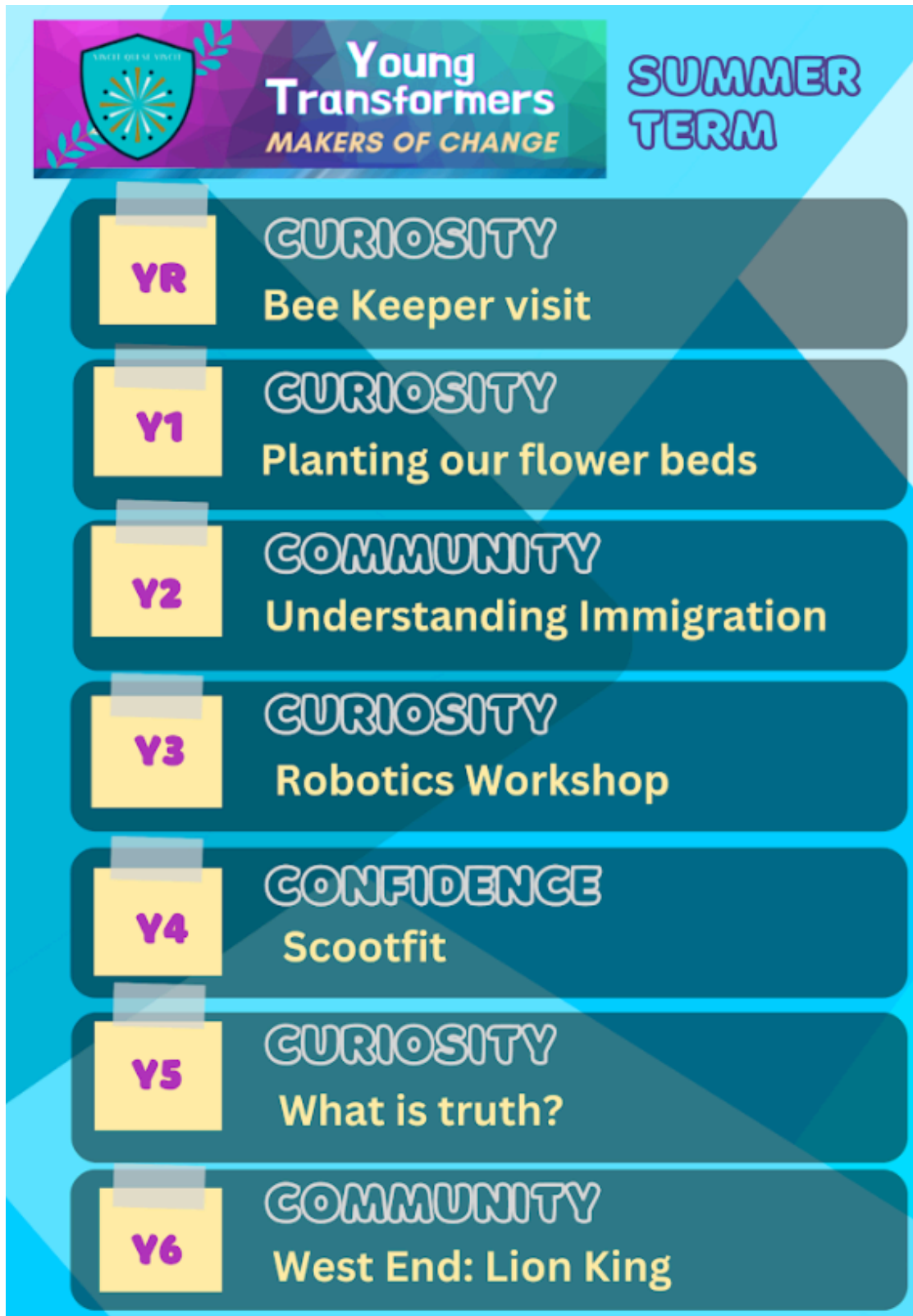
St Mary's Young Transformers



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



The image is a vertical schedule for the 'Young Transformers Makers of Change' Summer Term. At the top, there is a banner with a shield logo on the left containing a sunburst and the motto 'SICUT OREM SICUT'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Young Transformers' in a large, bold font, with 'MAKERS OF CHANGE' in a smaller font below it. Further to the right, the words 'SUMMER TERM' are written in a large, outlined, hand-drawn style font. Below the banner, there are seven horizontal bars, each representing a year group. Each bar has a yellow tab on the left with a year group label (YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) in purple. The main text of each bar is in a white, outlined font, with a secondary activity name in a yellow, bold font below it. The background of the entire schedule is a light blue gradient with darker blue diagonal stripes.

Year Group	Topic	Activity
YR	CURIOSITY	Bee Keeper visit
Y1	CURIOSITY	Planting our flower beds
Y2	COMMUNITY	Understanding Immigration
Y3	CURIOSITY	Robotics Workshop
Y4	CONFIDENCE	Scoutfit
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.

SAVE THE DATE



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL



FAIR SUMMER



SATURDAY 22 JUNE



FUN, GAMES,
ARTS + CRAFTS,
FOOD AND
ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL THE FAMILY



IF HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS FOR STALLS +ACTIVITIES, OR
WOULD LIKE TO HELP RUN A STALL, PLEASE GET IN
TOUCH! STMARYSPFA23@GMAIL.COM

NO PLACE LIKE HOME – ART AND POETRY COMPETITION

This Easter, reflect on what life is like for the 43.3 million children around the world who are displaced. St. Mary's students are invited to create either a piece of artwork or a piece of poetry illustrating their empathy with or experience of being separated from the place they call home. These creations will be judged by a fantastic panel of celebrities, refugees, and journalists with the top 30 entries going on display in The British Library during National Refugee Week!



Young Transformers
MAKERS OF CHANGE



- Artwork should be produced on A4-sized paper, in landscape format, as two-dimensional submissions, in any appropriate media.
- Poetry should be no longer than 14 lines.

Deadline 1st May - submissions given to Mrs Rowlatt

Learn more here!

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