

# 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 may have been a wetter and colder start to the half-term than we had hoped for, but this has not got in the way of all of the amazing events taking place at St. Mary's this term.

In the week before half term break, the children in years 3 – 6 - as well as some of the teachers - had the opportunity to test their skills on a climbing wall. For some children, it was a real challenge but what made it a fantastic experience was the encouragement of their peers, who cheered and clapped when anyone reached the top.

World Vision will soon return to St. Mary's: bigger, better - and louder - than ever. The children will begin learning their song next week and we are already looking forward to hearing the sound of their beautiful voices and a host of diverse languages. You should have received a letter with further details, and a link to your child's song.

If World Vision wasn't enough, our annual Cultural Festival will return to St. Mary's. The festival is a unique chance for you to visit St. Mary's and join us in supporting those affected by war and displacement. The event will take place on Tuesday 16th July.

Finally, in the Autumn term, during our speech competition, two children spoke passionately about the importance of children being heard. With this in mind, we are pleased to be offering the pupils at St Mary's the opportunity to vote in a school wide general election. Each child will receive a voting slip which they will complete at our mock polling station. We aim to make this as close to the real experience as we can. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about democracy, British values and how voting works.

In order for the children to make an informed decision as to which party they are going to choose, we will be providing the key points from the manifestos ahead of the vote. We will emphasise the importance of making informed choices and using their vote responsibly. St Mary's children will vote on the 4th July and we look forward to revealing the result.

I would like to close this edition of the newsletter with a quote from Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Kind Regards

Mr Pitchford

# Attendance



**Our whole school attendance for Week 1 was 97.97%.**  
**Our whole school attendance for Week 2 was 95.83%.**

Well done St Mary's!  
Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 96.28%

## **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!**




# 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**

<b>YR</b>	<b>CURIOSITY</b> Bee Keeper visit
<b>Y1</b>	<b>CURIOSITY</b> Planting our flower beds
<b>Y2</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> Understanding Immigration
<b>Y3</b>	<b>CURIOSITY</b> Robotics Workshop
<b>Y4</b>	<b>CONFIDENCE</b> Scootfit
<b>Y5</b>	<b>CURIOSITY</b> What is truth?
<b>Y6</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> 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.

# GIRLS & WOMAN'S FOOTBALL AT RYAN FC

FA ACCREDITED CLUB



## OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY AND LEARN FOR EVERYONE

We have drop-in training sessions for those that want to play now-and-again and teams for those that want an extra challenge and to play every week.

We pride ourselves on having a fun, safe, learning environment, where our coaching is of the highest standard possible.

## GIRLS DROP-IN SESSIONS

We offer a drop-in session for two age groups. Just pay and play.

### 5-11YRS

EVERY SAT FROM 9-10 AM  
MATCHDAY CENTRE, E17 4LL

Each session is £5 per girl.

### 12-14YRS

EVERY SAT FROM 9-10 AM  
MATCHDAY CENTRE E17 4LL

Each session is £5 per girl.



## MONTHLY BEGINNERS FESTIVAL

On the 2nd Sunday of every month, we run a round-robin club festival.

Giving our girls from our drop-in sessions an opportunity of experiencing match play in a non-competitive environment against other clubs.

2ND SUN 2.30-4.30 PM  
PETER MAY, E17 4HR

## GIRLS TEAMS FOR THE 24/25 SEASON U8-U12s

Currently, we are looking for girls of all age groups to play in our teams next season. Interested?

Come along to our open team training that runs from June to August.

Each session is £7 per girl.

EVERY WEDS 5.30-7 PM  
MATCHDAY CENTRE, E17 4LL

## WOMAN'S SESSION ALL ABILITIES ADULTS

We offer a drop-in session for woman only, to come and play on weekly basis.

It's social, fun and open to every ability.

Each session is £4-7 per adult, depending on numbers.

EVERY MON 7-8 PM  
MATCHDAY CENTRE, E17 4LL

## LEARN HOW TO COACH FOR FREE 14+YRS

In partnership with the London FA, we offer a FEMALE ONLY monthly sign up session, led by an FA coach mentor and developer to help get more women into coaching.

Helping those who 'just want to see what it's all about' to developing qualified coaches.

3RD MON 6-8.30 PM  
MATCHDAY CENTRE, E17 4LL



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#LET GIRLS PLAY



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





### Bake sale

We would love donations to the bake sale, if you think you could make or donate any baked goods please can you fill out the following form. All donations must be nut free and have the ingredients list attached. These can be dropped off at school at 1.30pm on the day of the fair.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGK-9h15VcsnGFGtFTYoj09mllc3A5L9PRN6p84w6A1VEYw/viewform>

We will of course take an last minute donations so don't worry if you haven't filled out the form

### Advance ticket sales

You can buy entry tickets in advance using the following link. £3 per person, the kids ticket will give theme tokens to spend at the fair.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsfstmarysschool/1262199>

### Donations

Thank you to everyone that has donated books, toys and raffle prizes, please note we will not be accepting any more donations at this time.



# 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