

## Weekly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

**From the Governing Body of St Mary's**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share with you an update to the leadership structure of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, which will come into formal effect from September 2025.

As you know, Mr Sims has been leading both St Mary's and St Anthony's Catholic Primary Schools this year. From September, he will formally take on the role of Executive Headteacher of both schools, strengthening the strategic partnership between the two within the St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust.

We are delighted that Mrs Hansen, who has stepped up as Head of School at St Mary's throughout this academic year, will continue in that role from September. Mrs Hansen has provided strong, compassionate, and effective leadership, and her continued presence ensures both continuity and stability for our pupils, staff, and families.

We would like to make you aware that this leadership arrangement has been agreed for an initial period of one year. During this time, we will review the structure carefully to ensure it continues to serve the best interests of both the school and the wider community.

This leadership structure will allow Mr Sims to focus on the strategic development of both schools, while Mrs Hansen continues to lead the daily life and learning at St Mary's with the dedication and care we have all come to value.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

The Governing Body of St Mary's Catholic Primary School

### WEEK BEGINNING 14<sup>th</sup> JULY

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Transition Day at St Thomas More Comprehensive

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 children Singing at Almshouses

French Day

Food and Fellowship Event – 3.15pm

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Parent Walkabout 3.20pm

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Leaver's Mass at Christchurch 2pm

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Last Day of this Academic Year.  
2pm Finish

### REPORTS

You should have all received the end of year reports today. If anyone would like to discuss any specific point, please phone the main office to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher. However, you do not have to arrange a meeting if there are no points to discuss and you are happy with the report.

### WALKABOUT

On Wednesday 16th July, parents and children are invited to walk around the classes after school (3.30pm) to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Please go to your child's existing class to see the work on display and then visit their new classroom.

**SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE**

## FAITH FRIENDS RETREAT

This week some of our Y4 Faith Friends visited St. Thomas More Primary School in Bexleyheath as part of a 'Pilgrimage of Hope' Retreat, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope.

The morning began with a mindful service followed by a range of activities including making bracelets with prayer beads, icing biscuits with the message of hope and contributing prayers to a large paper chain to bind the schools in our Trust together in prayer.

It was a beautiful morning in which pupils were excellent examples of faith in action.



## Y6 PRODUCTION

### **REVOLTING CHILDREN**

Congratulations to Y6. It was a wonderfully uplifting production and I am sure everyone left each performance with a big smile and an odd tear!

All of the children performed so well. It is incredible to watch these children singing and acting in such a mature way. There is some real hidden talent.

Well done to Y5 for assisting by singing the songs so beautifully. It gave them an idea of what will be expected of them next year so they can look forward to that!

Thank you so much to all the staff who supported behind the scenes helping with the costumes and supervision.

Mrs Williams and Miss Gannon encouraged and supported their Y6 classes and it came together perfectly in the end. Many thanks to Mrs McGarry, our music teacher, who co-ordinated the whole show.

The show was recorded so parents will be able to purchase a downloaded version. Details will be emailed to Y5/Y6 parents.

### **Y6 LEAVER'S PARTY SATURDAY 12TH JULY (4PM – 8PM)**

This annual celebratory event for the Y6 children and their parents is taking place at St Mary's tomorrow. Children will not be allowed to come unaccompanied by an adult. If a parent is unable to come along, please ensure that another adult is responsible for your child.

It is a joyous event to celebrate the end of one phase and to look forward to the next phase in the children's education

## Y6 LEAVER'S MASS

The Y6 Leaver's Mass will take place in Christchurch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. All family members of Y6 children are welcome to attend

### **FRENCH DAY / FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

We are looking forward to hosting our International Day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July followed by Food and Fellowship Event after school in the gym hall.

Details of the event are attached for your information.

Please let us know if you are coming along with food from your country so we know how many tables to get ready. We would love to see a whole variety from across the world so that it can be shared amongst friends.

Food can be dropped to the office if you are unable to come to the event.

### **ESAFETY DURING SUMMER HOLIDAY**

During the holidays, children's e-safety is crucial due to increased online activity and potential exposure to risks.

Parents should proactively discuss online safety, set boundaries and exercise parental controls to ensure children have a safe and positive digital experience.

Ensure open regular conversation about the positives and negatives of the online world.

## SPORTING NEWS

Last week, our Year 4 pupils took part in the Eltham and Mottingham Platform Cricket Festival at Avery Hill Park. They gave a great performance against some impressive teams from nearby schools earning their spot in the quarter finals. Our young cricketers showed incredible teamwork, determination, and sporting spirit.

A huge well done to Year 4 for representing our school with pride and passion, what a brilliant achievement!



The Y5/6 football team have been participating in the Greenwich Schools Football League since January 2025. The matches took place in the Meridian Sport's and Social Club.

The team won the tournament and were presented with a wonderful trophy last Friday.



## TTRS COMPETITION

Many thanks for all your support during last week's TTRS tournament across the schools in our Trust.

We are incredibly proud to share that St. Mary's achieved the highest total number of correct answers across all participating schools, completing whole games without any errors.

Even more impressively, the top two pupils in the entire competition also came from St. Mary's, having scored the most points of all students who took part:

1st place: Daniele Marchini (41)

2nd place: Oliver Kozlowski

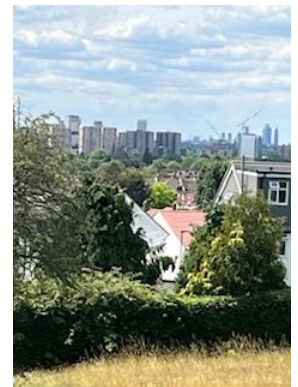
Taking part in this tournament was a fun and engaging way for pupils to develop their times tables skills, and it is definitely something we are excited to continue in the next academic year.

Well done to everyone for your fantastic effort and hard work!

## Y4 EDUCATIONAL TRIP

Last Thursday, Y4 children visited Eltham Park North to compare its environment with that of their recent river trip.

They explored the differences in wildlife between the pond and the river, and observed contrasting landscapes. The visit developed understanding of urbanisation, as they compared the view of London's skyline with the countryside scenes from the river



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### RECENT SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Onyeka Ezeadi, 5K, has achieved 800m in her recent swim challenge, receiving a certificate and medal for her efforts. This is great news Onyeka...well done.

Victoria Burnett, 4J, recently completed the 100m swimming challenge. She was awarded a certificate and medal. Well done!

Arabella Marchini, RB, has done so well in her swimming lessons. She recently got a certificate for swimming 50m.



### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Igor Golebiewski, 4J, recently received a certificate and medal for participating in The Bromley Valley Recreational Competition. Well done to Igor!



### NURSERY BUG BALL

Children in the Nursery enjoyed a wonderful "Ugly Bug Ball" doing all kinds of bug activities! They performed a bug dance for the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

