

Weekly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

The staff at St Mary's would like to thank all the families for the kind words and generous gifts that we received as we end this school year. We are thankful to our families for their support and kindness.

We wish all our leavers the very best of luck as they begin a new stage of their lives. We say goodbye to some valued members of staff who have been part of the St Mary's family for many years – Mrs Susan Finn, Mrs Susan Clark, Mrs Dennis-Huille and Miss Ciara McDonough.

Gracious and Loving God,

*We thank You for the gift of our school community—
for the families who entrust us with their children,
and for the staff who guide, support, and inspire each day.*

*Bless our families with patience, joy, and love.
May their homes be places of peace and rest,
where children feel safe, nurtured, and deeply valued.*

*Bless our staff with renewed energy and deep gratitude
for the work they've done and the lives they've touched.
May they find moments of rest and reflection,
and return refreshed for the journey ahead.*

*As we look back on all we have shared this year,
may we carry forward the lessons learned,
the friendships formed,
and the hope that unites us.*

*Keep us all in Your care,
watch over us in our time apart*

God bless, be safe and take time to breathe

Kind regards

Mrs J Hansen



Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 1st SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd
Staff Training Days

Wednesday 3rd September
Children Return to School

The new Reception and Nursery children start school on a staggered basis. Times and dates have been emailed to all parents but if you have any questions, please contact the main office.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Message from Sr Geraldine:

"We would like to thank everyone so much for the ongoing support that St Mary's provides for the asylum seekers and refugees that we support. Your donations are greatly appreciated and knowing that others are thinking about them makes a big difference"



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PILGRIM PASSPORT

You will have noticed your child's Pilgrim Passport in their bookbag. The idea for this is that wherever your child is in the world over the summer holiday, they can collect a stamp or signature from any of the churches they visit. This incentive is part of a wider celebration of the Church's call to pilgrimage, reflection and renewal during the Jubilee Year.

We hope that the children can enjoy this spiritual journey over the holidays and appreciate the beauty of the Catholic Church around the world.

CHARITY COLLECTION

We are delighted to say that we collected £418 at the recent collections for St Vincent de Paul. These collections took place after the Y6 production and the Y6 Leaver's Mass today.

Many thanks for your generosity as this charity works very closely with families at St Mary's and in the local area.

ALMSHOUSES VISIT

Children from Y5 and Y6 visited The Almshouses in Eltham this week to sing for the residents. They performed songs from the Y6 Production, *Revolting Children*, and the residents had a lovely time singing along.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

We celebrated another great Food and Fellowship event on Tuesday. A big thank you to all the parents who donated and served food. The hall was buzzing with children and parents tasting the delicious food from around our school's cultural heritage.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sydney Baretic, 4J, successfully completed her grade 4 exam with Royal Academy of Dance. She is very excited about this news and cannot wait to progress to grade 5!

A great achievement for Sydney!



Rose Aslaner, 4I, competed in National Competition in Artistic Swimming in Sheffield. It is the biggest event of the year in synchronised swimming with hundreds of swimmers competing from all over the country.



WRAPAROUND SUNSHINE OF THE MONTH

Wraparound Sunshine of the Month for July is Jake Harris!

Well done Jake for being kind and helpful and always looking out for your sister.



JUBILEE CANDLE

We proudly handed over the Jubilee Candle of Hope to St Thomas More this week at their special end of year Mass. Passing the candle to our friends at St Thomas More symbolises unity, a shared mission and spreading hope across the two schools.



ECO EXPLORERS

Our Eco Explorers invited Colin, the school crossing patrol officer, to lunch yesterday and the children had a wonderful chat with him. Colin told the children all about his job and how important it is. We are very lucky at St Mary's to have Colin looking after our families as they make their way to and from school.

From everyone here at school....have a wonderful Summer break Colin and we will see you in September!



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child returns to school in September with a clear water bottle that does not have a twist lid. A spout top is preferable and easier for children to drink from.

END OF TERM AWARDS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Class A	Sophie, Ebubechi
Class B	Dave, Sirena
Class C	Archie, Tommy
Class D	Nathan, Pedro
Class E	Harry, Jessica
Class F	Joseph, Alex
Class G	William, Clara
Class H	Violetta, Valentina
Class I	Joshua, Annie
Class J	Max, Bella
Class K	Rory, Rebecca
Class L	Amani, Emily
Class M	Alexander, Grace G
Class N	Daniel, Coco

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Alexander, Coco, Iyanna
Class B	Cormac, Nkem
Class C	Thomas, Megan
Class D	Bobby, Lucas
Class E	Carter, Alana
Class F	Charlie, Leon
Class G	Benaiah, Emily
Class H	Daniela, Amelia
Class I	Frank, Winnie
Class J	Connor, Sienna
Class K	Samuel, Margot
Class L	Rory, Nel
Class M	Luke, Grace O' M
Class N	Jack, Sienna

END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

Class A	Mariella
Class B	Emily
Class C	Quinn
Class D	Atharva Shrestha
Class E	Shaun
Class F	Gabriel
Class G	Jack
Class H	Harry
Class I	Esme
Class J	Zicora
Class K	Bobby
Class L	Isabella
Class M	Heidi
Class N	Hanna

ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024 – FRIDAY 18th JULY 2025

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	96%	98%	98%	98%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%

Please view the class attendance so far this year. Many classes have achieved 98%. Attendance at school is very important for all children so please ensure that all holidays are taken during the school holiday, not during term time.

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