

## Weekly Newsletter

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*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday, we warmly welcomed Notre Dame School with the Jubilee Candle at our school, marking a special moment of reflection, unity, and celebration within our community. The children processed through the *Door of Hope* and took part in a prayer service to mark the occasion.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a very special year when the Church invites everyone to be happy, kind, and full of hope. We are called "Pilgrims of Hope," which means we are walking together with Jesus, helping others, saying sorry and believing that good things are coming.

*Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for loving us and giving us hope.  
Help us to walk with you every day,  
To be kind to others,  
And to share your joy with the world.  
May this Jubilee Year fill our hearts with peace and love.  
Amen.*



Enjoy your weekend

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School

### WEEK BEGINNING 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Music Concert at 3.30pm. Gym Hall

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

French Primary Bee Competition in Cambridge  
Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Whole School Mass at Christchurch.  
Y3 Celebrate this Feast by wearing their First Holy Communion Special Outfits.

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Nursery Children Ugly Bug Ball  
Y4 Cricket Festival. Avery Hill Park

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Y4 Children Visit Eltham Park North  
Debate Competition in Hampstead

### FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

We celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Whole school Mass will be celebrated in Christchurch.  
Y3 children will lead this Mass.  
We invite the Y3 children, who have received their First Holy Communion, to wear their special Communion clothes to this Mass.

Children should come to school wearing their uniform and they can change at school before going to Mass. Clothes can be brought to school on Tuesday morning.

**Please do not send headdresses or accessories.**

The children will get changed back into their school uniform when they return to school.

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## PRAYER AND LITURGY

Noah and Josie, 1D, did a beautiful job leading prayer and liturgy this week. They chose to focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Common Good, which means thinking about and caring for everyone.

They set up the prayer table with care. It had pictures, prayers, and a colourful paper chain to symbolise people holding hands and working together. Everyone joined in and shared ideas about how we can be kind, listen to others, and be good neighbours.

We ended with a special prayer they wrote for this time together:

*Dear God,  
Help me to treat everyone like my brother or sister.  
Please help me to care in my heart and in what I do.  
Help me to be like Jesus and show me how to think of others.  
Amen.*



## CAREERS DAY

Careers Day is taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July for the Y6 children.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children about your career, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information.

## MUSIC NEWS

Please note that the Summer Instrumental Concert will take place at 3.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the gym hall. Members of the Orchestra and Chamber Choir will also perform.

Family members are invited to attend.

Children who are learning guitar will **not** participate in this concert due to the large number of students learning guitar. Another date will be arranged for them to have a separate recital. Please look out for information.

## MATHS COMPETITION

Next week, children in KS2 will be taking part in the *Times Table Rockstars 'Top of the Rocks' Tournament*, competing against pupils from other schools in our trust. The goal is to earn as many points as possible through regular practice. The 'Garage' section on the TTRS site is particularly helpful for this.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to strengthen their times tables knowledge in a fun and motivating way.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to sharing the results with you next week!

Please see the poster attached with the newsletter for more details.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Lottie Meyer, 2E, and Mia Schelfhout, 2F, both took their Royal Academy of Dance Primary Ballet exam recently and loved the experience. Well done to both girls!



Franco Obertelli-Young, Albie Senatore and Jacob Beever recently won the Lester Finch Trophy 2025, representing the Greenwich District. Well done to the boys for their participation.



## Y6 PRODUCTION

Tickets were given to the children today so please ensure you look in their bookbags.

We will inform parents if there are any spare tickets, which will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

## PEDDLE MY WHEELS BICYCLE SALE

We are excited to share the news that our very first 'Peddle My Wheels' bike sale generated a whopping £545.86! Many thanks to everyone for supporting this new initiative which we hope will return to St Mary's next year.

### BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Children in Y5 participated in a 'bike maintenance workshop' yesterday. The children were fully engaged and learned a lot about looking after their bike, puncture, chain and tyre repair and route planning around Eltham.



## Y2 LIFE LONG AGO WORKSHOP

Children from Y2 took part in a Life Long Ago workshop today. They became palaeontologists, digging for fossils and using research to identify them. They met some baby dinosaurs, which everyone found very exciting!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish for the term on week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Clubs will resume in the new academic year.

The children attending the gymnastics club will take part in a display for their parents on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall).

The children attending Creative Stars will perform for their parents on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the gym hall at 4pm.

## Y5 VISIT THE GLOBE

Children from Y5 had an interesting day at Shakespeare Globe Theatre this week. They had a guided tour of the theatre and learned how this Elizabethan playhouse was the original stage for William Shakespeare's plays, becoming an integral part of British culture.

Many thanks to the parent helpers for accompanying the children.



## ART CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Charlotte Mullins, an art critic and broadcaster, came into Y4 to talk about Yinka Shonibare artwork. Yinka is a British-Nigerian artist renowned for his vibrant, thought-provoking artworks that explore themes of identity, colonialism, and cultural hybridity. He often uses brightly coloured Dutch wax-printed fabrics, commonly associated with West Africa. Many of you may have seen one of his sculptures outside the Maritime Museum in Greenwich!



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