

Weekly Newsletter  
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WEEK BEGINNING 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Inset day for staff training

Parents will receive offers for a place in Reception to start in September 2023

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school in Summer uniform

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Stephen Lawrence Day

Y1 children visit Eltham Library

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://twitter.com/StMarysEltham/status/1641815756710002688?s=20>

Have a very happy Easter and a restful holiday.

Mr J Sims

Headteacher

HOLY WEEK AT CHRISTCHURCH

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

9.30am /11.30am. Masses begin in the Priory Garden with the blessing of the palms and a procession into the Church led by a donkey. Please come early to join the procession from the start.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maudy Thursday**

8pm Mass of the Last Supper.  
Procession of the Oils and the Washing of the Feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be at the Altar of Repose until midnight so please use this opportunity for silent prayer.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

10am Stations of the Cross  
12 Noon Children's Good Friday Liturgy  
3pm Solemn Liturgy, including the Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Saturday**

10am Blessing of Food.  
11am Novena  
11am Reconciliation  
9pm Easter Vigil Mass.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday**

9.30am Children's Mass  
11am Novena  
11.30am Sung Mass  
6.30pm Said Mass

LENT WALK

Children from Reception – Y6 participated in a special Lent walk around the school after whole school assembly today. Although the weather was a little grey, the children sang, **Sing Hozanna**, at the tops of their voices. Each child had a little palm to signify Palm Sunday.



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## EYFS/INFANT EASTER SERVICE

This week, the children from EYFS and KS1 came together to remember the Easter story, hearing the stories of Holy Week. They enjoyed acting out the first Easter story, singing hymns and praying together. The children reflected on how the sad news turned into good news when Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The symbol of the egg at Easter was explained to the children; just as the chick emerges from the egg we are reminded of Jesus' emergence and resurrection from the tomb.



## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to pass on some wonderful news - Miss Phipps has had her baby – a beautiful baby girl which she has called Molly!

We wish her family every good wish from the whole St Mary's community.

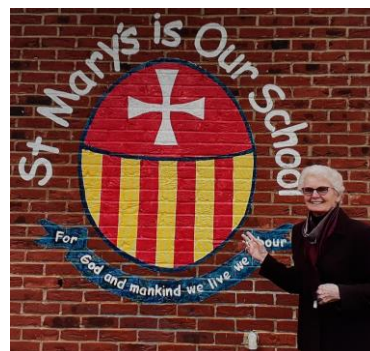
## SPECIAL VISITORS

We had some special visitors at St Mary's this week!

Our newly ordained Bishop Philip Moger came to see our EYFS/Infant Easter Service. He was very impressed with the children's singing.

During his walk round the school, the children in Class I were pleasantly surprised when he knocked on the door while two students were leading collective worship - that is something the children they won't forget in a while.

Sr Helen from the Convent of Mercy came back for a visit, enjoying her opportunity to talk to Y4 classes about Mercy charism and how showing compassion and reaching out to those in need is so important.



## FAITH FRIENDS

Today, the Faith Friends focused on the liturgy of Palm Sunday. The children spoke about the crowds of people that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem before he was crucified. The palm is significant as on this day, the people cut palm branches and laid them in the road before Jesus, as they shouted with joy.

*God of joy, we welcome you into our lives as the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus, with respect, love and happiness. Help us to remember that you are in all people and to try to make them feel welcome. Amen*



## CHAMBER CHOIR SAVE THE DATE

Mrs McGarry is planning another singing event for the Chamber Choir!

This performance will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** in Blackheath Halls. More information will be emailed to parents as soon as the full details have been confirmed.

Please refer to the emails sent to the Chamber Choir members today with the tracks and lyrics of four songs. Take some time over the Easter holidays to practice.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

The children are asked to return to school after the Easter break in full Summer uniform. The weather should be better by then and the children look forward to wearing less layers!

Our uniform policy can be viewed [here](#) so please take a look.

If you are interested in pre-loved uniform please let us know as we may have your child's size in stock. There will be a pre-loved uniform sale on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm.**

Please come along as you may be able to pick up some good quality uniform.

## NURSERY AND DINNER MONEY FEES

Please ensure you have paid your Nursery fees and dinner money to date. Dinner money is £77.70 for this half term. Payment can be made through Wisepay.

Should your child want to change from school dinners to packed lunch or visa versa, please inform the main office. Children should only change at the beginning of each half term.

The school dinner charge for the new half term will be £69.93.

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Royal Borough Greenwich are re-running the **500 Word Short Story Competition**. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words, preferably typed, on the theme of **IMAGINATION**.

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. Please include your full name and class.

Well done to Anna Chiosso, 2F, who is first to hand in her story; a wonderful story about a little girl who grows wings!

Well done Anna!

## END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

<b>Class A</b>	Carter, Harper
<b>Class B</b>	Jude, Sofia
<b>Class C</b>	Harry, Valentina
<b>Class D</b>	Noah, Nandi
<b>Class E</b>	Zealand, Leah
<b>Class F</b>	Jacob, Beatrice
<b>Class G</b>	Keneche, Emily
<b>Class H</b>	Bobby, Rosanna
<b>Class I</b>	Adrian, Sofia
<b>Class J</b>	Valentina, Finn
<b>Class K</b>	Fletcher, Agatha
<b>Class L</b>	Bertie, Ruby
<b>Class M</b>	Yves, Ania
<b>Class N</b>	Thomas, Excellent

## END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES

<b>Class A</b>	George, Violet
<b>Class B</b>	Jendrick, Olive
<b>Class C</b>	Oscar, Karissa
<b>Class D</b>	Chibunna, Lydia
<b>Class E</b>	Zion, Aoife
<b>Class F</b>	Joshua, Viola
<b>Class G</b>	Logan, Abigail
<b>Class H</b>	Coby, Orla
<b>Class I</b>	Jack, Zofia
<b>Class J</b>	Alexander, Grace
<b>Class K</b>	Rafe, Grace
<b>Class L</b>	Noah, Gabriella
<b>Class M</b>	Leon, Alysia
<b>Class N</b>	Jaden, Betty

## END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

<b>Class A</b>	Charlotte
<b>Class B</b>	Beau
<b>Class C</b>	Erin
<b>Class D</b>	Woody
<b>Class E</b>	Okiki
<b>Class F</b>	Florence C.P
<b>Class G</b>	Arlen
<b>Class H</b>	Sienna
<b>Class I</b>	Nicholas
<b>Class J</b>	Alistair
<b>Class K</b>	Agatha
<b>Class L</b>	Kealan
<b>Class M</b>	Lilah
<b>Class N</b>	Natalia

## ATTENDANCE

### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	95%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%

The teachers would like to bring parents attention to attendance. It is so important that children attend school every day but it is also understandable that children get sick and need to take time off to recover. It has been a challenging Spring with many different viruses.

Classes 1C, 1D, 2F, 3G, 4I, 5K, 5L, 6N and 6M have all achieved 97% so far this academic year. Let us hope that with good sunshine and lots fresh air the children will feel healthy and energised for the Summer term.

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