



Live life, Love Learning, Guided by God
St Mary's Primary School and Nursery
Head Teacher Newsletter
 Tuesday 9th May 2023



Dear families,

I hope you had a fun weekend of bank holiday celebrations with your friends and family,

What an incredible week had by all at St Mary's! It culminated in a very special Coronation party. Thank you to all parents for the huge amount of food donations we received. There was dancing, biscuit decorating, scavenger hunting and traditional games on the field. I am truly grateful for our wonderful staff who made this day one to remember for our pupils. We have started to upload pictures (see below) from the big day and still have many more to come!

We have noticed that some pupils are wearing the incorrect PE kit to school. Please ensure that your child have black or white trainers, with black or navy jumpers and jogging bottoms/shorts. Florescent trainers and tops with big logos are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

This week our Year 6 pupils will be completing their end of Key Stage assessments. This is an 'all hands on deck' week where members of our support staff and Senior Leaders will be involved in the administration of the tests. Therefore, if we are not as visible as usual and you require to speak to us please do ask the office to pass a message on. Mrs Hadley is looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 pupils in for early morning breakfast – it is a great opportunity for our pupils to feel prepared and fuelled before the tests; thank you to Mrs Hadley and Miss Lewis for her their time and effort with this.

Here's to another successful week at our wonderful school!

The next class newsletters will be on Friday 12th May.
The next Headteacher Newsletter will be on Friday 19th May.

Mrs Lawlor

Mini Marathon 2023 and Coronation Celebrations

Please take a look at photos from the Mini Marathon and our Coronation Celebration Party.

[View them here on our website.](#)



difficulties. Parents and carers can access a range of free online workshops covering topics such as sleep, anxiety, parental wellbeing and transition to secondary school. All online workshops are available [here](#)

Kingston and Richmond have an emotional health service which offers support to children, young people and their families who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health

Supporting your Child's Transition and Attachment to Secondary School
 Part 1



Collective Worship

Across the school we have been learning about King Charles and the upcoming coronation. In Collective Worship, we heard about some of the things that King Charles has already done, such as setting up a youth charity called The Prince's Trust, speaking out against human rights abuses and encouraging people to care for the natural world. We considered how it feels to take on new roles and experience new things and some of the children in our school have written prayers for the new king.



Attendance Matters

Week commencing: 24.4.23

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	80%	80%	99%	97%	94%	93%

Whole School Attendance: 97%

Week commencing: 17.4.23

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	97%	91%	98%	100%	99%	97%

Whole School Attendance: 97%

Holidays in Term Time

I would like to remind all parents that holidays during term time will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

Persistent Absentees

Being in school every day is so important to your child's educational attainment and progress.

If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent.

Attendance below 90% = persistent absence

Sharing Assemblies for parents

Each class will hold a 'Sharing Assembly' for parents and carers during the school year. These will take place in our school hall.

Please find dates below:

Class	Date	Time
Reception	22.05.23	2:30pm
Year 4	26.6.23	2:30pm

PTA Bag 2 School donations

A huge thank you to all families that donated clothes recently. Your donations have raised £61 for our school.



St Mary's Term dates

[2023-2024 Term dates](#)

St Mary's Church Coffee and Cake Morning

Our wonderful friends at St Mary's Church would like to invite parents, carers and their friends to their Coffee and Cake Morning.

When: Thursday 18th May

Where: St Mary's Centre Café

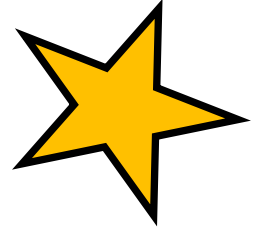
Time: 8:30-12:00pm

They are raising funds for Christian Aid to help people in poverty around the world.





St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 4th May 2023

Leela Reception for being a very good friend and sharing small world resources.

Isabella Reception for using her knowledge of phonics to write tricky words in the sand independently!

Hollie Y1 for always approaching every task with a smile and being a fantastic role model for her friends. She has also worked hard to develop the skill of explaining her maths and is now confident to do this during the class discussions!

Savannah Y1 for incredible effort and resilience in her maths learning – we are so proud of you!

Naylor Y2 for his excellent learning and enthusiasm in learning all about fractions during maths.

Arthur Y2 for writing and publishing a beautiful gratitude prayer at home.

Joseph Y3 for excellent work in finding equivalent fractions in maths this week.

Eli Y3 for good work in PE this week.

Gracie-Mai Y4 for excellent presentation of every piece of work she produces.

Grace Y4 for her contributions to our mathematics lessons and enthusiasm in her times tables work.

Arya Y5 for her behaviour at all times throughout the school day: it is beyond reproach!

Lucas Y5 for his excellent learning behaviours: you demonstrate them every day!

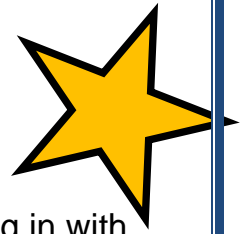
Charlotte Y6 for being quietly conscientious, working hard and doing your best. Well done!

Harrison - Y6 for being focussed and working hard in class with your learning. Well done!

Well done to all our stars of the week!



St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 28th March 2023

Alexandre Reception for sharing resources well with friends and joining in with them.

Scarlett Reception for asking great questions when a police officer visited our class.

Lilia Y1 for great effort when writing about Beegu and sharing her ideas in maths!

Hollie Y1 for excellent ideas in her English lessons when learning about verbs and for always showing she is ready to learn!

Marlie Y2 for listening carefully to instructions, working independently and trying her best during all subjects.

Cody L Y2 for trying his best in English with writing descriptive sentences with adjectives and adverbs.

Harry Y3 for making predictions regarding whether two magnets will attract or repel each other and carrying out his investigation expeditiously.

Charlie Y3 for being ready to learn and trying her best in all subjects this week.

Scarlett Y4 for excellent contributions to class discussions, especially when discussing English comprehension texts.

Max Y4 for the value he brings with his increased contributions in lessons.

Jessie Y5 for her excellent presentation and hard work in all aspects of school.

Skyla Y5 for brilliant work in maths this week.

Jack Y6 for representing St Mary's at the Mini Marathon last weekend. Terrific effort, well done!

Izem Y6 for representing St Mary's at the Mini Marathon last weekend. Terrific effort, well done!

Millie W Y6 representing St Mary's at the Mini Marathon last weekend. Terrific effort, well done!

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