



Live life, Love Learning, Guided by God  
**St Mary's Primary School and Nursery**  
**Head Teacher Newsletter**  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Dear families,

Thank you to those who attended our emotional regulation workshop this week led by Abbie from the Emotional Health Service Team. Mrs Quinn will be sharing resources from the workshop in due course. Our next parent workshop will focus on managing worries and will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15-2:15pm.

We are very grateful to a KS1 parent for signposting us to [The Toy Project](#) who have donated some wonderful play equipment for our pupils. Thank you also to Mrs Quinn for taking time to go and collect the toys. We are looking forward to putting this equipment in our playgrounds for all to enjoy!



Sometimes, life can get very busy for our children. There are many ways to help your child feel calmer. Childline has some excellent activities, games and video clips to help them let go of stress. [Follow this link.](#)

**The next class newsletters will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**  
**The next Headteacher Newsletter will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**  
 Wishing you all a sunny and safe weekend,  
 Mrs Lawlor

A reminder that class photographs will be taken on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### Collective Worship Social Skills

This week in Collective Worship we discussed social skills.

Following instructions given  
 by an adult the first time

Saying please  
 and thank you

Smiling at people you  
 know

Taking turns to speak  
 & listen

We also looked at different scenarios and decided whether the actions were 'appropriate' or 'inappropriate'.

### 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
Year 4	26.6.23	2:30pm

### Our Summer Fair

Our PTA events can only run with your help and we need your valuable support.

Please sign up to help [here.](#)

**SUMMER FAIR**

Saturday 8th July  
 1pm to 4pm  
 ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castles •
- fun games •
- tombolas •
- raffle •
- entertainment •
- external stalls •
- yummy food •
- and much more!

For more information contact the PTA

## Let's be safe in the sun!

The good weather is set to stay with us into next week with highs of at least 28 degrees. Please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and that they have a water bottle and hat packed in their bags. Thank you!

sun cream + water + hat

## Child Safety Week

#safetymadesimple

This week marks child safety week, supported by the child accident prevention trust. The theme for this year is safety made simple. You can download a free parent pack [here](#) which has simple ideas to keep your child safe from everyday household hazards as well as some fun activities for you to do with your child!



## Why does child safety matter?



*“All paediatricians dread breaking bad news: telling parents that their child requires emergency surgery or intensive care, or that resuscitation has been unsuccessful. When illness or death is the result of a preventable accident, the emotional toll is compounded by the avoidable nature of the tragedy.”*

Consultant paediatrician

### For the poorest families

Children from the poorest families are **40% more likely** to have a serious accident.

Public Health England

### At home

**80%** of accidents to **under 5s** happen at home. **1 child dies each week** from an accident at home.

Public Health England

### On roads

**2,400** children are **badly injured** on roads every year.

Department for Transport

### In Scotland

**1** Scottish child **dies a month** from accidents. **1 in 7 emergency admissions** were due to an accident.

Public Health Scotland

### In England & Wales

Accidents **kill more children** than anything else apart from cancer.

ONS mortality statistics

**There are families behind each of these statistics.**

**With your help, we can make children safer.**

# ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

unicef  
UNITED KINGDOM

RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS



This week we focussed on **Article 29** (goals of education) which states  
*'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for*

*human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.'*



We watched [this video](#) about developing talent and discussed the hobbies and interests we already take part in as well as considering some that we would like to try. We reflected on how we could help a friend or family member to develop and become the best person they can be.

## Attendance Matters

Week commencing: 22.05.23 to 26.5.23

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
84%	90%	89%	95%	95%	93%	90%

**Whole School Attendance: 91 %**

Week commencing: 15.05.23 to 19.05.23

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
83%	90%	89%	95%	95%	93%	91%

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## 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**

Our value for June is:

Kindness



St Mary's Term dates for September  
2023-2024

[2023-2024 Term dates](#)



# Serving our community

Year 6 took the opportunity on their recent nature walk to make a difference to the streets of Chessington by collecting discarded litter. Great rubbish collecting Year 6 and thank you for making a difference to our community!



**The Princess Alice Hospice Summer Fete & Dog Show**

Live Music | Fun & Games | Fine Foods | Dog Show | Artisan Stalls

**Sunday 25 June**  
10:30am - 3:00pm

**Sandown Park Racecourse**  
Fete is £3 entry (Under 5s FREE)  
Dog Show competitors – advance online registration  
£5 per category (£7 on the day).

[www.pah.org.uk/fete](http://www.pah.org.uk/fete)  
or call 01372 461808

New Venue

Princess Alice Hospice

**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

**MET in the Park**

Monday 21st August 2023  
Old Deer Park, Richmond  
12 Noon to 6:00 PM

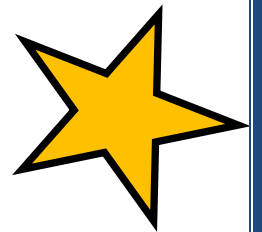
Come along to meet:  
Firearms officers,  
Territorial Support Group,  
Police Horses & Dogs,  
RNLi,  
London Fire Brigade,  
St Johns Ambulance,  
Harlequins RFU  
and Face Painting!

Police Vehicles

WIN MARKING



# St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Coby Reception** for really persevering with his learning when doubling numbers greater than 5.

**Skyler Reception** for being very brave and doing a show and tell about her puppy in front of the whole class.

**Millie-Rose Y1** for working hard during phonics lessons to spot 'special friends' in words.

**Beatriz Y1** for being a fantastic friend and role model to everyone in Squirrel Class.

**Albie Y2** for trying his best with statistics and creating a tally chart to gather information.

**Hamza Y2** for completing his morning work without getting distracted and focussing hard to concentrate and listen during learning time.

**James Y3** for excellent work in science, finding out what materials nappies are made from.

**Seina Y3** for good work learning the 8 times tables in maths this week.

**Lucas C Y4** for the clever design and construction of a load bearing beam bridge in science.

**Benaiah Y4** for the clever design and construction of a load bearing beam bridge in science.

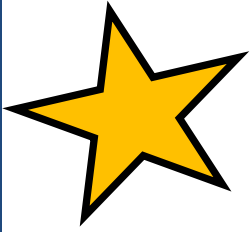
**George Y5** for his great command of the English language – your vocabulary is excellent!

**Chloe Y5** for her wonderful ability to work well in a group; you always try hard to support people you work with.

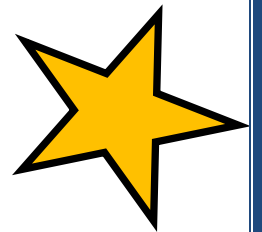
**Bella Y6** for producing yet another beautifully written story about Alma. It is always a pleasure to read your work. Well done!

**Kashif Y6** for creating a terrific story based on the short film Alma. You worked hard to include some excellent vocabulary and varied punctuation. Well done!

Well done to all our stars of the week!



# St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Joe Reception** for being creative when making a Supertato character (using a real potato!)

**Emilia Reception** for using phonics to help her write words AND short sentences. Well done!

**Isis Y1** for showing incredible effort in phonics learning. Well done Isis!

**Rose Y1** for her incredible knowledge and ideas during class discussions.

**Y2 Hedgehog Class** for their fantastic effort and resilience during their assessment week. Well done everyone!

**Artie Y3** for being a good role model for behaviour and working incredibly hard in all lessons.

**Ryan Y3** for always setting a wonderful example to other children and putting his all into everything that he does.

**Lucas H Y4** for his quick and accurate money calculations during our maths lessons this week.

**Nicole Y5** for her consistent hard work and a more positive attitude in school.

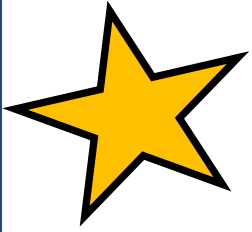
**Sonny Y5** for his insightfulness in a recent maths lesson.

**Ella Y6** for being a terrific role model to the Year 5 children this week. Well done!

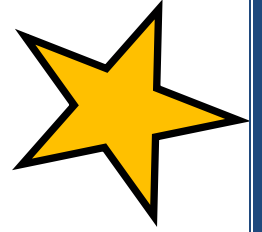
**Izem Y6** for stepping out of your comfort zone and giving every activity a go on the residential. Well done!

**Kashif Y6** for fitting in with Otter Class so well this week and helping others with their work.

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# St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Sonny Reception** for trying his very best to speak clearly when rehearsing our class assembly.

**David Reception** for really challenging himself during maths this week.

**Amyra Y1** for being a great friend to everybody in Squirrel Class and always showing kindness!

**Poppy Y1** for incredible effort in all areas of her learning and for being a great role model for her friends.

**Shenara Y2** for being a great talk and reading partner during maths and guided reading.

**Geri Y2** for cheering everybody up and contributing to a happy environment with his infectious positivity.

**Ava Y3** for using magnets to invent an interesting game in science.

**Stanley Y3** for making an excellent sculpture of the Angel of the North in art.

**Sebastian Y4** for his effort in class and break times producing outstanding handwriting.

**Stanley Y4** for writing a very thoughtful prayer in the Otter Class prayer book.

**Hollie Y5** for sharing an incredible range of magic tricks with the class.

**Tilly Y5** for her excellent progress in both her learning and self confidence.

**Dan Y6** for having such wonderful manners and a positive attitude towards your learning.

**Katie Y6** for always quietly getting on with your learning, doing your best and being a lovely friend to all. Well done!

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