



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Whole School Newsletter
Monday 17th March 2025



Dear St. Mary's Families,

What an action-packed half-term we've had so far! Our school community embraced the joy of reading on World Book Day and was captivated by a spectacular science show during Science Week. We have also enjoyed a range of class assemblies and exciting enrichment visits, both in our local area and into the heart of central London! It is hard to believe we have accomplished so much learning already, and with three weeks still to go before the Easter holidays, there is so much more to look forward to!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who have generously donated to our Positive Play project. Your continued support is truly appreciated, and the children are absolutely loving the new adventures that await them in our playgrounds. Please do keep the donations coming!

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are excited to see what the final three weeks of this term will bring!

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the week,
The Team at St. Mary's

Dates for your diary ***Blue is new!***

Friday 21st March - Wear **RED** & donate £1 for Comic Relief.

Monday 24th March - Year 6, End of KS2 Assessments parent meeting (held in the Y6 classroom) 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 28th March - Rocksteady concert at 2:30pm

Friday 28th March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4th April - PTA non-uniform day, details to follow

Friday 4th April - Last day of term. School finishes at 1:15pm

Friday 4th April - Book Giveaway – KS1 playground at the end of the school day!

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - INSET day. Pupils do not attend school

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 23rd April at 8:45am

Comic Relief 2025 At St Mary's we place great emphasis on our pupils helping others and making a difference to our wider community. Comic Relief's Red Nose Day takes place **this Friday – 21st March**. To mark their 40th anniversary and help fundraise for this incredible charity, we will be joining schools and organisations around the nation by **wearing red for the day**. We kindly ask that children **bring in £1 donation please**.



Assessment Week Our whole school assessment week took place last week. These assessments are done within the classroom environment and support your child's class teacher in making accurate judgements about the skills and knowledge your child has grasped and those they require to continue working on. Written assessments are not used in isolation and class teachers are continually using formative assessment day to day through questioning, the things your child shares with them during learning, how they use concrete equipment to support their learning & of course the work they produce in their workbooks.

Faith Group Committee This week, the members of our Faith Committee are looking forward to meeting with Reverend Nicholas to find out more about him, his role as a Vicar and how he will be working with our school community over the coming months as our local incumbent at St Mary's Church. They are looking forward to giving him a tour of our wonderful school and getting to know him as he becomes a familiar face in our St Mary's family.

Parents' Evening Consultations A reminder that you will have received a Weduc message regarding our Spring Term parents evenings which will be held on;

Monday 31st March 3:30 – 6pm

Wednesday 2nd April 3:30 – 6pm

Bookings are now open via the link on your Weduc account.

If your child is on our SEN register you do not need to make an appointment on one of these evenings, you will receive a separate email inviting you to meet with our SENCos and their class teacher during the week of 31st March. Please speak to the school office if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

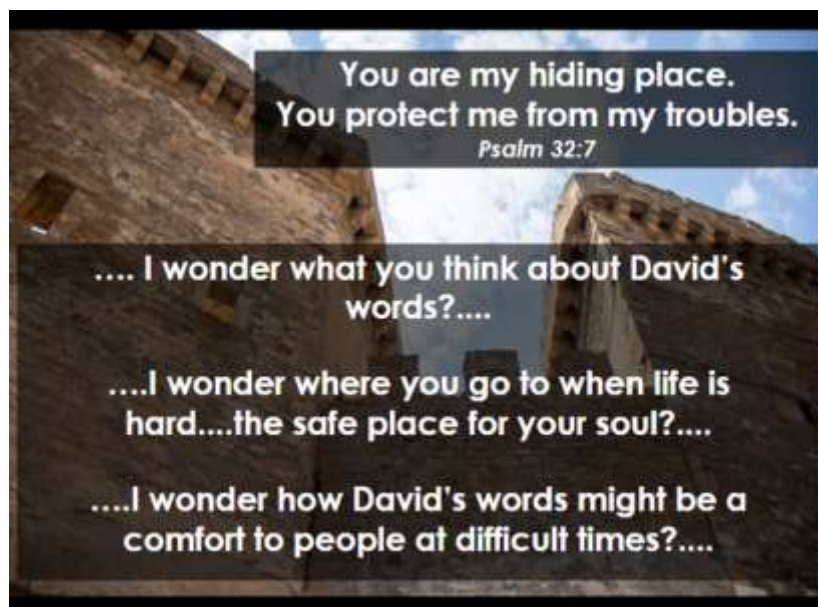
Collective Worship This week in Collective Worship, we have been considering the words spoken by David in The Bible. We heard how David experienced God as his place of safety in life.

He wrote:

"You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God, and I trust you." Psalm 91:2

We thought about how for God's people, the words that David wrote are like precious treasure, reminding them that God is the same; he never changes and therefore he can be trusted at all times. In the story, we heard David say the words 'I don't fear, because God is here!'

We considered which people and places help us to feel safe in times of need. We took time to quietly reflect on the words of David and how they might relate to our own lives and how they could help others in times of uncertainty or trouble.



Safeguarding Keeping our children safe and well is the highest priority at St Mary's. A reminder to all St Mary' parents and carers, if you have a concern about a child in our school, please make sure you speak to Mrs Quinn, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mrs Lawlor, Mrs Davies/Mrs Sage, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



