



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful effort you made to support World Book Day. It was a joy to see the enthusiasm for reading across the school community. Reading together at home offers many important benefits. It helps to create warm and lasting family memories, supports children's mental wellbeing, and nurtures empathy as they explore different characters and experiences. Most importantly, regular reading strengthens children's language and understanding, which ultimately supports their academic success.

Our school value for this month is co-operation. During this season of Lent, we are encouraging the children to think about how they can work together, support one another, and show kindness in their daily actions.

We look forward to seeing this value lived out across the school community.

Mrs Pratley

Celebrating World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day across the school. The day began with a special assembly where children practised their oracy skills by sharing short oral book reviews, confidently speaking about their favourite books and recommending them to others.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of exciting activities. Key Stage 2 enjoyed a drama session where they retold the story of Macbeth, while other activities included a "Guess Who?" game with famous book characters and designing bookmarks inspired by their favourite stories. Pupils also had the exciting opportunity to join a virtual storytelling session with a real author.

Each class spent time discussing their favourite books with their peers and ended the day with a shared story time.

A big thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful effort put into the children's costumes, which helped make the day even more special.



Safeguarding

If you are ever concerned about a child's safety or general well-being, please arrange a time to speak with **Mrs Pratley**, who serves as our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Should the situation be urgent, do not hesitate to contact the police immediately. Our school can also offer guidance to families through Brent's Early Help Assessment. If you are facing issues such as difficulties with housing, financial pressures, or health-related challenges, **Mrs Pratley** can point you towards the right services and organisations for further assistance.

You may also find these contacts helpful:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Brent Social Services: 020 8937 4300

Star of the Week

Last Week

This Week

Nursery & Reception	David	Nursery & Reception	Alice
1 Yew	Ayva	1 Yew	Mathias
3 Beech	Yusuf	2 Rowan	Keyliam
4 Elm	Remi	3 Beech	Biruk
5 Willow	RonabeaM ohamed	4 Elm	Oliver
		5 Willow	Janek
		6 Oak	Rufutana

Writer of the Week

Last Week

This Week

Nursery & Reception	Yevhen	Nursery & Reception	Louise
1 Yew	Aviana	1 Yew	Daniel
3 Beech	Ruth	2 Rowan	Reyhana
4 Elm	Ethan	3 Beech	Aliza
5 Willow	Mariam	4 Elm	Victoria
6 Oak	Grace	5 Willow	Siyenna
		6 Oak	Johnny

Birthdays:

Acorns	Romeo
2 Rowan	Lilia
4 Elm	Jacob
5 Willow	Arianna



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th March—Penitential led by Fr Philip and Year 6

Wednesday 18th March—Voice in a Million—Year 5 to sing at Wembley OVO arena

Thursday 19th March—Palm Sunday Liturgy led by Nursery and Reception class 2.30pm (**Parents invited to attend**)

Friday 20th March—CAFOD Lenten Assembly. Children to take part in "The Big Lent Walk"

Thursday 26th March—Year 1&Year 2 Lenten Liturgy 2.30pm: The Last Supper (**Parents invited to attend**)

Friday 31st March—Easter bonnet parade Nursery and Reception 2.30pm (**Parents invited to attend**)

Wednesday 1st April—Year 3 Lenten Liturgy: Good Friday 9.00am (**Parents invited to attend**)

Wednesday 1st April—Last day of school **1pm finish**

Thursday 2nd April—INSET Day

Monday 20th April—Children begin back at school at 8.20am

Thursday 23rd April—Year 5 to visit Wembley Stadium

Friday 24th April—Resurrection Liturgy—Year 5 to lead (**Parents invited**)

Thursday 30th April—Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum