



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is already proving to be a busy one, with a wide range of trips and learning experiences enriching the curriculum for our children. Our Catholic value of Respect continues to guide our work, and this has been especially evident in the constructive pupil and parent voice we have received through recent surveys and parental events. We remain grateful for the thoughtful and supportive feedback from our community. Together, we continue to focus on creating an environment where every child is heard, valued, and able to flourish.

Mrs Pratley

My child is very happy at St. Mary's. She loves coming to school! **Year 3 parent**

The teachers are fair and listen to the children. **Year 4 pupil**

Thank you for the workshop today. It gave lots of good ideas and it was also good to know that some of what I do is right .

Nursery parent

You can't make this school better. It's amazing! **Year 5 pupil**

Thank you for the workshop today. It was helpful and I learnt lots from sharing my experiences with others . **Year 1 parent**

If you have problems with your friends, the adults sort it out. **Year 6 pupil**

Year 1 Ignite Their New History Topic

Last week, Year 1 began their new history topic with an engaging workshop all about Guy Fawkes. The children learned who Guy Fawkes was, the events of the Gunpowder Plot, and why he remains an important figure in British history. They especially enjoyed taking part role-play activities, which brought the story to life and helped them understand this significant moment from the past in an exciting and memorable way.



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Year 3 & 4 Explore Masterpieces at the Tate Modern

Last Friday, Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Tate Modern to support their Art topic, where they have been learning about the work of Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian. The children were amazed to see original artworks up close, recognising techniques and styles they have been exploring in class. The trip gave them a wonderful opportunity to connect their learning with real



Building Responsible Citizens: Year 6 Brent Workshops

Year 6 took part in an important Brent community event last week, focusing on what it means to be responsible and informed citizens. Throughout the day, pupils attended a series of workshops covering fire safety, the misuse of alcohol and drugs, and the dangers of knife crime. These



sessions encouraged thoughtful discussion and helped the children understand how the choices they

make now and in the future can keep them safe. It was a valuable and meaningful experience that supported their growing independence and awareness as they



Year 4 Begin Their Roman Adventure

Year 4 began their new history topic with an exciting Roman workshop that brought the ancient world to life. The children learned about Roman soldiers and the army, explored aspects of daily life, and discovered how the Roman Empire shaped the world we know today. Through hands-on activities and engaging demonstrations, pupils were able to deepen their understanding in a fun and memorable way, setting them up brilliantly for the term ahead.



Year 5 Journey Into the Maya Civilisation

Year 5 launched their new history topic with an immersive Mayan workshop that captured everyone's imagination. The children explored the fascinating world of the ancient Maya, learning about their beliefs, daily life, writing systems, and remarkable achievements in areas such as astronomy and architecture.



Learning Through Action: Year 5 Fire Station Visit

This week Year 5 visited Paddington Fire station, where they learned first-hand how the station operates and the vital role firefighters play keeping our community safe. The children were thrilled to try on some of the equipment, explore the fire engine, and even have a go squirting the hose.



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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

1 Yew Mathias
2 Rowan Thomas
5 Willow Ronabea
6 oak Aseel

This Week

Nursery & Reception
1 Yew Luca
2 Rowan Lilia
3 Beech Gracie
4 Elm Kaden
5 Willow Enaya
6 oak Ahmed

Writer of the Week

Last Week

1 Yew Naomi
2 Rowan Bruno
5 Willow Lana
6 oak Johnny

This Week

Nursery & Reception
1 Yew Leul
2 Rowan Dave
3 Beech Yasmin
4 Elm Bobby
5 Willow Miriam
6 Oak Riezel

Attendance:

This week the class with the highest attendance is **3 Beech**.

Well done !



Dates

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November—Nursery & Reception parents evenings

Wednesday 26th November—Open morning for Reception parents 2026

Friday 28th November—Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Monday 1st December—Flu Vaccinations to take place in school

Monday 8th December—School Feast Day

Friday 12th December—School Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December—School Nativities to take place this week

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas dinner day

Friday 19th December—Last day of the term.

Children finish at 1pm

Birthdays:



Acorns	Elizabeth
2 Rowan	Rowan
	Mohammed
3 Beech	Akylah
4 Elm	Kaden
	Chris
	Nahom
	Remi
5 Willow	Caitlin
6 Oak	Zayzay