



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 10th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

October is the Month of the Rosary, a special time in our Church calendar to reflect on Mary's faith and devotion. As a school community, we will be focusing on prayer, kindness, and taking time each day to show gratitude and care for others, following Mary's example. We continue to value working closely with our parents and carers, and we warmly invite you to join us for a coffee morning on **Wednesday 15th October at 8.45am**. This will be an opportunity to share your views on topics such as school uniform and other areas of school life. Please see the information on the second page of the newsletter for further details.

Wishing you a blessed weekend,
Mrs Pratley

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou
among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.



Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

We are proud to introduce our **Student Leadership Team**, which includes our **Head Boy and Head Girl with their Deputies, Prefects, Playleaders, Monitors, and Librarians**. These students play an important role in our school community, helping to set a positive example, support their peers, and contribute to the smooth running of daily school life. From leading activities and assisting in the classroom to promoting kindness and responsibility, they help make our school a welcoming and well-organised place for everyone.



Our Librarians: Ameera, Mikaela, Analice & Maddison



Our headgirl Rufutana, Headboy Ahmed, Deputy Headgirl Charley and Deputy Headboy Ali.



Our Playleaders: Amelia, Grace, Caitlin, Zaymaru, Chantelle, Lakeisha & Johnny



Our Monitors: Kate, Luana, Riesel, Anthony, Jaycee & Mohamed



Our prefects: Rojin, Abigail, Rose, Bayan & Jairus

Year 5 and 6 Get Inspired at the National Gallery!

Year 5 and Year 6 had a fantastic visit to the National Gallery this week to support their learning about Van Gogh. They were especially excited to see his famous *Sunflowers* painting in real life! The children also spotted paintings they've explored in RE, including *The Baptism of Christ* and *The Garden of Eden* by the Italian painter Piero della Francesca.



Voice in a Million

We're thrilled to announce that Year 5 will be taking part in Voice in a Million this year! It's an incredible opportunity for our pupils to join thousands of others in a large-scale singing event celebrating music and unity. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their permission slips — if you haven't yet done so, please make sure they are returned by **Wednesday 15th October**. If your child will not be taking part, please let the school office know so we can update our list.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning — it was wonderful to see so many of you and having the opportunity to catch up after the Summer holidays! The second-hand uniform stall was very popular, and we're thrilled with the support shown for such a great cause. Your generosity and community spirit made the morning truly special.



Parent Consultation

We are inviting parents to join us for a **coffee morning on Wednesday 15th October at 8.45am**. This will be a relaxed opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on topics such as uniform, homework, and the Christmas Fair — though these are just possible discussion points, and other suggestions are very welcome. Please come along ready to share your ideas and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Parent Pay

A reminder to all parents that letters have gone out about our new ParentPay system. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and added funds — we really appreciate it. All parents will need to use ParentPay going forward, as upcoming trips and events will require payments through this system. If you are having any difficulties setting up or using ParentPay, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment, and someone will be happy to help you.

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

Nursery & Louise

1 Yew Tobi

2 Rowan Asil

4 Elm Bobby

5 Willow Siyenna

6 oak Jairus

This Week

Nursery & Matilde
Reception

1 Yew Nara

2 Rowan Mohammed

3 Beech Eliana

4 Elm Hussein

5 Willow Ritaj

6 oak Zaymaru

Writer of the Week

Last Week

Nursery & Connor
Reception

1 Yew Kaius-Reign

2 Rowan Rowan

4 Elm Elizabeth

5 Willow Avner

6 oak Luana

This Week

Nursery & David
Reception

1 Yew Jayden

2 Rowan Kairo

3 Beech Aliza

4 Elm Victoria

5 Willow Athena

6 Oak Jaycee

Attendance:

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

Well done !



Dates

Monday 13th October—Guest Speaker for Black History Month

Wednesday 15th October—Diwali assemblies to take place

Friday 17th October—Wear red: Show racism the red card

Monday 20th October—Friday 31st October—Half term

Friday 7th November—Year 3 & 4 to visit Tate Modern Gallery

Monday 10th November—Individual School Photos

Monday 10th November—Year 6 to attend Brent Citizens Workshop

Tuesday 11th November—Year 4 Roman Experience Workshop

Tuesday 11th November—Year 5 Mayan Experience Workshop

Tuesday 11th November—Parent workshop on positive behaviour management

Wednesday 12th November—Year 5 Fire station visit

Friday 28th November—Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Birthdays:

1 Yew Aviana

Ethan

2 Holly Noah

4 Elm Adam

5 Willow Jawad

Enaya

