



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 26th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am once again humbled by the generosity and kindness of our children and their families. The donations for our Harvest collection were exceptionally generous, and I know they will be deeply appreciated by our Parish Foodbank. In making these contributions, we are living out our school mission statement – *In Christ we Live, we Learn, we Love*. What better way to show love for others than by helping those in need.

Integrity

Our value for this week is *Integrity*. Integrity means setting high standards for ourselves and striving to be the very best we can be. It is about making the right choices, even when no one is watching, and about being truthful and reliable. At school, this means pupils treating others with respect, following rules consistently, and taking responsibility for their actions.

Integrity is equally important in how we all work together as a community. As parents and staff, we model integrity by being honest, respectful, and supportive in our communications and interactions with one another. When children see adults acting with integrity—whether in keeping promises, showing respect, or working together positively with the school—they learn to do the same. By building trust in this way, we create a strong partnership that benefits every child.

Beginning of the Year Mass with Fr. Phillip

The Year 5 children led our “Beginning of the Year Mass” with reverence and confidence. It was a special occasion as we welcomed our new priest, Fr. Phillip, for the first time. We look forward to seeing him often in the coming months and sharing many more celebrations together.



Year 6 Leadership Speeches

Last week, our Year 6 students delivered their head boy and head girl speeches with remarkable confidence and enthusiasm. We were incredibly proud of all the candidates who demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and genuine commitment to our school community. We will be announcing our other senior student leadership roles on Monday and following this up with a special student leadership newsletter introducing all our new leaders next week.



NHS Dental Health Visit

Fire Safety Workshops with the London Fire Brigade

Children in Years 2 and 5 took part in an engaging fire safety workshop led by the London Fire Brigade team. They learned about common hazards in the home and how to avoid them, explored the fire triangle, and discussed the importance of having a clear fire safety plan. The session was both informative and practical, helping the children understand how to stay safe.



This week we welcomed the NHS dental health and nutrition team to our school for a coffee morning and educational

workshops. The team visited our Reception, Nursery, and Year 1 classes to teach the children about the importance of good dental health through engaging activities. The highlight was a live demonstration showing our youngest pupils how to brush their teeth effectively, giving them practical skills to maintain healthy smiles.

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 Ethan
2 Rowan Noah
3 Beech Matin
5 Willow Elawit
6 oak Bayan

This Week

Nursery & Yevhen
1 Yew Galilee
2 Rowan Ramjon
3 Beech Gracie
4 Elm Mariam
5 Willow Rebecca
6 oak Ali

Writer of the Week

Last Week

1 Yew Eyva
2 Rowan Regina
3 Beech Arkaan
5 Willow Daniel
6 oak Amelia

This Week

Nursery & Isaac
Reception
1 Yew Ayva
2 Rowan Savannah
3 Beech Aliza
4 Elm Chris
5 Willow Arianna
6 Oak Rufutana

Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance last week was **3Beech**.

This week the class with the highest attendance is **4Elm**.

Well done to both classes!



Dates

Monday 29th September—Launch of Black History Month

Wednesday 1st October—Individual school photos

Wednesday 1st October—Month of the Rosary begins

Friday 3rd October—McMillan Coffee Morning 8.45am

Friday 3rd October—Blessing of the harvest gifts led by Fr. Phillip.

Monday 6th October—National Library Week

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

Birthdays:

Acorns Louise
Joanna
Cherry Isaac
1 Yew Mathias
Luca
Ebubechukwu
3 Beech Aisha
Eliana
4 Elm Mathias

