



# St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

## School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

22nd November 2024

Dear St Mary's Community,

### Road Safety Week

This week, we have been focusing on road safety as part of national Road Safety Week. Our pupils have been learning about important topics like safe crossing, visibility, and how to stay safe as pedestrians and cyclists. It's been a fantastic opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of being aware on the roads, and we hope the children continue to practise these skills both in and out of school.

### Christmas Festivities

As we approach the holiday season, we have some exciting events planned! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following festive celebrations:

Christmas Jumper Day: 12th December- come in your best festive jumpers to raise money for charity!

Christmas Dinner: 12th December- a delicious traditional Christmas lunch will be served to all pupils.

Christmas Fair: 13th December – join us for games, stalls, and plenty of festive cheer.

Christmas Performances: Our pupils will be showcasing their talents in a series of Christmas performances, so keep an eye out for the specific dates and times in this newsletter.

### Careers Assembly

We were thrilled to welcome Dr Tammy Hibbert, a former pupil of our school, back for a special careers assembly. Dr Hibbert, now a doctor, shared her inspiring journey and spoke to the children about the importance of hard work and following their dreams. This event was part of our Black History Month celebrations, and we are grateful to Dr Hibbert for taking the time to speak with us.

### Raffle Prizes and Donations

We are now collecting donations for the Christmas raffle and would be grateful for any contributions. If you are able to donate items for the raffle (food, toiletries, toys, etc.), please get in touch with our PSA. Your support helps make this festive season extra special for our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to celebrating with you all soon!

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher

**Year 4's learning for Road Safety Week!**



Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Robin 97%	4D 98.91%
Punctuality winners!	
Owl 4 late	5B 1 late



In assembly, Mrs Ronan spoke about national Road Safety Week. The children discussed how everyone has a responsibility to be safe when near roads. They shared how our very youngest children can make sure they are holding hands with their grown-up, how our older children, who walk to school alone, can make sure they are not looking at phones, and are crossing in a safe place, and how everyone can make sure they wear a seatbelt when travelling in a car. There are so many ways we can all act to keep safe when we are using roads. Check out our children's top tips: [Road Safety page](#)

### Design a Road Safety poster competition:

- Wear Bright Clothes
- Look Up! (no phones)
- Stop, Look, Listen
- Wear a cycle helmet
- How to cross the road

Hand your poster to Mrs Ronan, Mrs Reynolds, or your class teacher by Friday , 29th November.

# School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
wb 9th Sept	Activities start in After School Club: Mon: Art and Craft Tues: Dance Weds: Ball sports (Netball) Thurs: Ball sports (Golf) Fri: Homework	All	Book via Arbor	3.30-4.30
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children charity- non-school uniform day			
12th December	Christmas Lunch			
13th December	Christmas Fair- School closes for all pupils at 2.20pm	All	Infants	2.30-4p m
	<b>Christmas performances:</b> 16th December Years 3 and 4 at 9am 17th December Years 5 and 6 at 2.30pm 17th December Nursery and Reception at 9am 18th December Years 1 and 2 Nativity at 9am			





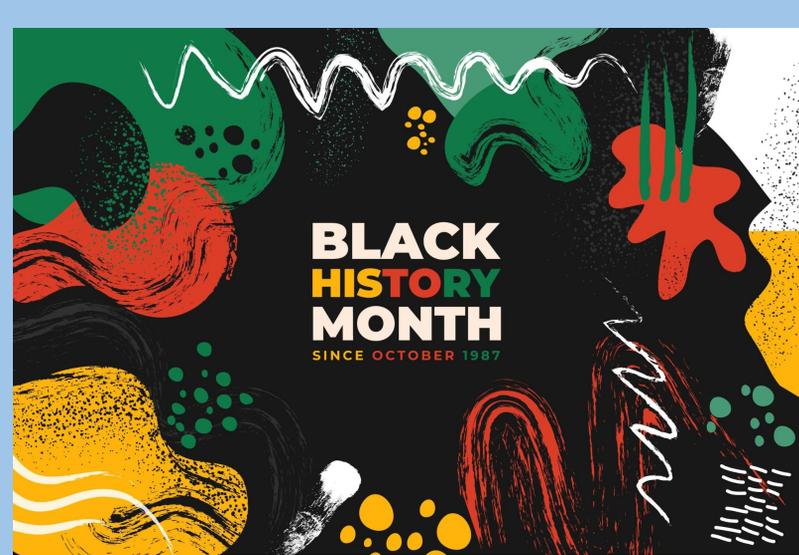
# Stars of the Week



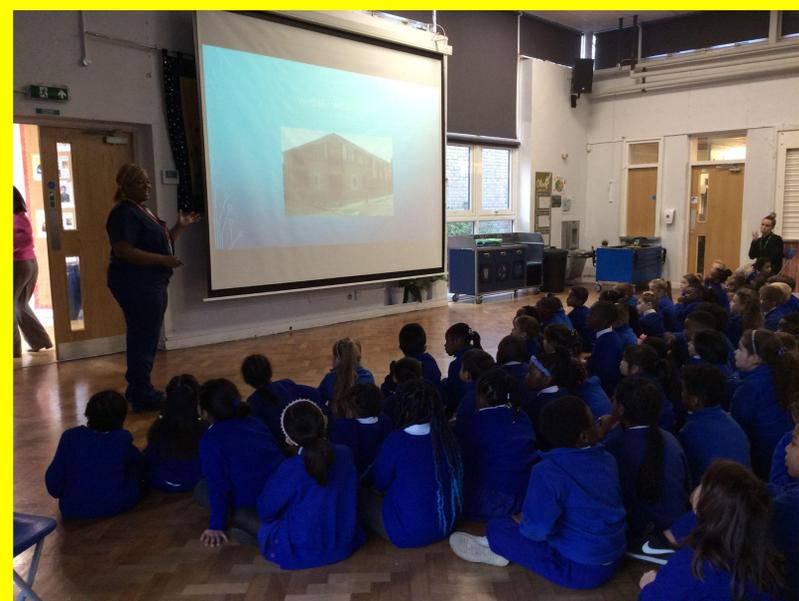
Robin Class	Thea	Laura
Dove Class	Reece	Victoria
3C	Hermela	Eden
3W	Jesica	Triana
4D	Heavenly	Denis
4G	Mar-vell	Leah
5B	Angela	Ashley
6J	Christian	Lariyah

**Congratulations to our Stars of the week!**  
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard  
to stand out amongst their peers. Well done  
everyone!





We were joined by former pupil, Dr Tammy Hibbert for a careers assembly as part of our Black History celebrations. Dr Tammy talked to the children about how she got into her career as a doctor and the fact that our children can follow an interesting path like medicine should they so choose to also.



# This week at SMP...



Year 3 had a blast experimenting with magnets today! They explored how magnets attract and repel, discovering the magic of magnetic forces in action!

Robin Class were gymnasts this week! They were making shapes on the wall apparatus and ropes



We collected a whopping 30 coats for the 'Wrap up London' campaign! Well done St Mary's!

Pope Francis has told us that hope "is an anchor that one hurls towards the future, it is what lets you pull on the line, reach what you're aiming for and head in the right direction. Hope is also theological: God is there, too."

God of hope,  
we cling to you,  
for you renew the face of the earth.

Through the gift of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus,  
we follow you on the path of dawn.

Enlightened by your love and wisdom,  
help us to lead each other  
and all creatures  
back to your open arms.  
Amen.

