



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

## School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

29th November 2024

Dear St Mary's Community,

As we approach the joyous season of Advent, our school is abuzz with excitement and preparation. The children have begun their rehearsals for this year's Christmas performances, and we can't wait to see their hard work come to life. These special moments are a highlight of the school year, bringing the true spirit of Christmas to our community.

We're also thrilled to invite you to our Christmas Decoration Workshop for parents and children. This is a wonderful opportunity to create festive memories together. You can find the dates and details on page 3 of this newsletter, as well as on Google Classroom or Tapestry. We look forward to seeing you there!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated food, drinks, toys, and toiletries for our upcoming Christmas Fair. Your generosity makes a huge difference in making the event a success. If you know of any businesses willing to sponsor our fair or donate a raffle prize, please reach out to a member of the PSA team—we would be incredibly grateful for their support.

Next week, we're delighted that some of our students will experience the magic of Christmas carols at Westminster Cathedral, while others will join the Feast of St. Nicholas Mass at St. Thomas More Church. These experiences are such meaningful ways to connect with the spiritual heart of the season.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we prepare to celebrate this festive season together.

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher



### Attendance winners!

Infant School:	Junior School:
None	4G 100%

### Punctuality winners!

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**Our Nursery pupils changing their prayer table cloth to purple in preparation for Advent.**

# 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			

## Next week's menu:



# [WEEKLY MENU]

## Week 1

Week Commencing: Mon 2nd Sept - Mon 23rd Sept - Mon 14th Oct - Mon 11th Nov - Mon 2nd Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Main Dish of the Day	BBQ Chicken	Beef Burger + Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SO, SU)	Roast Turkey + Gravy	Meatball Pasta Bake (E, G, MK, SO)	Fish Fingers + Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	BBQ Vegetables (CE, G*)	Vegetable Bean Burger + Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*)	Vegetable Parcel (CE, G)	Tomato + Basil Pasta (CE, G)	Vegan Nuggets + Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Rice, Sweetcorn + Peppers (CE)	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes + Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread + Green Salad (G, MK*, SO*)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Syrup Sponge with Custard (E, G, MK)	Strawberry Mousse (MK)	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, G, MK)	Vanilla Shortbread Biscuit (G)	Ice Cream (MK)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Daily Salad Bar, Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO), Selection of Fresh Fruit, Jelly and Yoghurt				

Allergens:  
 CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds \* = May Contain

St Mary's Priory  
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# Christmas Decorations



# Parent Workshop!

Year group	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 5th December	9:15-10:15am
Reception	Thursday 5th December	2-3:15pm
Year 1	Thursday 5th December	2-3:15pm
Year 2	Friday 6th December	2-3.15pm
Year 3	Friday 6th December	2-3.15pm
Year 4	Thursday 5th December	2-3.15pm
Year 5	Friday the 6th December	2-2.15pm
Year 6	Friday 6th December	2-3:15pm



# Stars of the Week



Robin Class	Ariam	Mia
Dove Class	Bethany	K'Zyrie
3C	Paul	Isaac
3W	Ava	Esther
4D	Leah	Whole Class
4G	Whole Class	
5B	Sophia Maria	Arya
6J	Kacper	Adonai

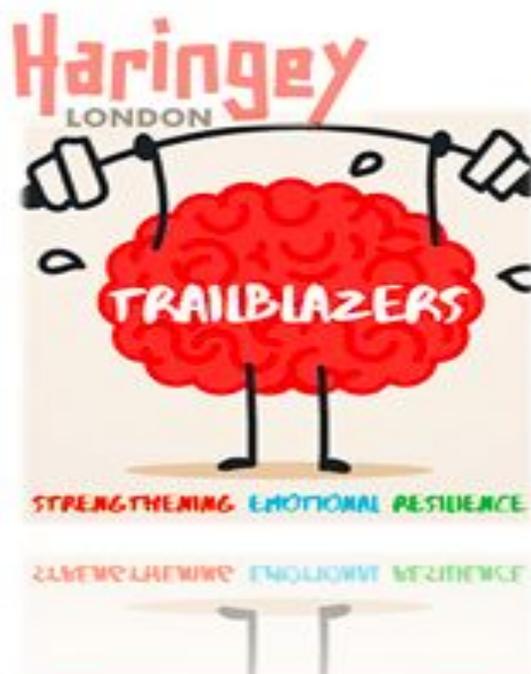
**Congratulations to our Stars of the week!  
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard  
to stand out amongst their peers. Well done  
everyone!**



# This week at SMP...

Our Nursery and Reception children visited Chestnuts Park to explore all of the signs of autumn!





## Managing Challenging Behaviours

### Parent group in school

The Trailblazers will be hosting a 5 week group, supporting parents to manage their child's behaviour as they grow and develop. Parents and carers will be supported to use positive parenting skills to reduce challenging behaviours, build self-esteem and enhance family relationships.

#### Sessions will include:

- Friday 15/11/24 : Understanding challenging behaviours
- Friday 29/11/24 : Helping children to follow instructions.
- Friday 06/11/24: The importance of play.
- Friday 13/12/24: Use of praise and rewards.
- Friday 20/12/24: Strategies to help with managing challenging behaviour
  
- space for Q&A and trouble-shooting.
- Parent peer support – sharing and understanding.
- Coffee, Tea & Biscuits provided



**Starting: 08:50-09:45 @ St Marys Priory  
Catholic Infant & Junior School**

**Please go to the Nursery gate at 08:50am**



Remember to visit SEND Power, A forum for parents and carers of children/young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

<https://www.sendpowerinharingey.org/>

**SEND POWER IN HARINGEY**

## Walk and Talk

December: Finsbury Park

Our monthly Walk and Talk - whatever the weather! After, we'll visit a café.

Meet fellow parents & carers of children & young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) in Haringey.

Please let us know if you have any access requirements: [hello@sendpowerinharingey.org](mailto:hello@sendpowerinharingey.org)

Toilets are available in this park.

Meet us  
Monday 2nd  
December 2024,  
11.30am  
at Park View Cafe  
(N4 1BZ)

Sabrina, an advice and guidance officer from the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) will join us on our walk!

Walk leaders:  
Lizzy and Grace  
Grace's number: 07549 023657

**SEND POWER IN HARINGEY**

## Coffee morning for SEND parents and carers

Meet fellow parents and carers in Haringey at this informal get-together

Tuesday 3rd December 2024  
9.30am - 11am  
Chestnuts Community Centre, N15 5BN

Does your child or young person (aged 0 - 25) have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND)?

Or is your child or young person neurodivergent?

Any queries, email us at [hello@sendpowerinharingey.org](mailto:hello@sendpowerinharingey.org)  
Or call Grace 07549 023 657 or Lizzy 07871 729 863



## **Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent**

Dear God,

As we light the first candle of Advent,  
Help us to open our hearts to Your love  
and light.

Teach us to prepare for the coming of  
Jesus

With hope, kindness, and patience.

May we shine with His peace in our words  
and actions,

And bring joy to those around us during  
this holy season.

Bless our school, our families, and our  
community,

As we journey together towards Christmas.

Amen.