



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

12th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a vibrant and enriching week it has been here at St. Mary's! As always, we continue to be incredibly proud of the way our children live out our Gospel values each day- in their learning, their relationships, and their growing understanding of the world around them.

Our stock for our school's Food Bank is running low- we would really appreciate any donations to help us keep it going.

This week, we celebrated Healthy Eating Week across the school. Our special assembly on Monday reminded us all of the importance of looking after the bodies God has given us. The children explored how making small changes in our food choices can make a big difference to our health and wellbeing. Thank you to all families who supported the week by helping children prepare healthy lunches and engage in the activities at home too.

We were also treated to two wonderful class assemblies from Year 2 and 5. Both assemblies were excellent examples of how faith and learning are deeply connected in our school.

Looking ahead, we will be marking Refugee Week next week. As a Catholic community rooted in compassion, we will take time to reflect on the experiences of those who are displaced and seeking safety. Through prayer, discussion, and classroom activities, our children will explore what it means to welcome the stranger, echoing the teachings of Jesus.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a restful and blessed weekend.

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher



Fun in the sun in Nursery!

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Owls 100%	5B 99.14%
Punctuality winners!	
Owl 6 late	3C & 6J 1 late



Welcome Week

The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is ‘Community as a Superpower’. Our St Mary’s community is strong, and we shall be spending time over the next two weeks learning and reflecting on what it means to be a refugee and 3 key words - welcome, hope, tolerance - and how migration enriches our community. We shall be learning how, like Mary and Joseph, we are all migrants at times in our family history, and how raising our voices together, we can have a greater impact.

Check back next week for news on some of the activities we have planned for Welcome Week.





St. Mary's Priory Catholic Infant & Junior Schools
DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026: TERM, HOLIDAY AND INSET

TERM	START	END	DAYS
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 3 rd September	Friday 24 th October 2025	40
Half Term Break	Monday 27 th October 2025	Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	35
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026	
INSET	Monday 1st September 2025; Tuesday 2nd September 2025		
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 6 th January	Friday 13 th February 2026	30
Half Term Break	Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term 2	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	25
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026	
INSET	Monday 5th January 2026		
Summer Term 1	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	29
Half Term Break	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Term 2	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Friday 17 th July	36
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Tuesday 1 st September 2026	
INSET	Monday 1st June 2026; Monday 20th July 2026		
		Total	195

Public Holiday	Date
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 th December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 th December 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 st January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st August 2026



Stars of the Week



Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	K'Varni	Naru
Robin Class	Whole Class	
Dove Class	Daniel	Joel
3C	Angelo	Eden
3W	Emiliano	Rosa
4D	Isabelle	Ariana
4G	Jamie	Sofiya
5B	Jared	Drew
6J	Jordan	Lucia

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



School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
19th June	Years 3-6 Choirs performing for parents	Parents	Junior Hall	2.30pm
Wb 30th June	Sports Week- for specific dates please see email from Mr Gilbert	Parents/ Children		
3rd July	Reception Class Assembly			
Provisional date: 8th July Date tbc	Year 6 Leavers Mass	Year 6	Junior Hall	5pm
14th July	Year 6 performance	Year 6	Junior Hall	5pm
16th July	Piano concert for parents	Parents of those who play piano at the school		
16th July	Year 6 Party	Year 6	Junior Hall	5-7pm

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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	PEPPERONI PIZZA (MK, G/W)	BEEF & MIXED BEAN CHILLI CON CARNE	ROAST CHICKEN & GRAVY	MAC & CHEESE (MK, G/W)	BATTERED FISH OR SALMON FISHPASTE & CHIPS (F, G/W)
VEGGIE	MARGHERITA PIZZA (MK, G/W)	QUORN & MIXED BEAN CHILLI CON CARNE (E, G/B)	SUMMER VEGETABLE TART (G/W)	VEGGIE MEATBALLS & COUS COUS (CE*, E*, MU*, SE*, SO, G/B, O*, R*, W)	VEGAN NUGGETS AND CHIPS (G/W) V
SIDES	HOMEMADE POTATO WEDGES & GREEN SALAD S	STEAMED RICE WITH BROCCOLI & GREEN BEANS S	RUSTIC ROAST POTATOES WITH ROAST PARSNIPS & CARROTS S	PEAS & CARROTS S	BEANS OR PEAS S
PUD	CHOCOLATE & BEETROOT BROWNIE (E, MK, SO, G/B*, W)	HONEY & RAISIN FLAPJACK (G/B*, O, W*)	FRUIT YOGHURT (MK)	PINEAPPLE & GINGER CAKE (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	ICE CREAM WITH FRESH FRUIT (MK)

THEME DAYS



JACKET POTATO | DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT | SELECTION OF COLD DESSERT POTS

DATES

28TH APRIL / 19TH MAY /
16TH JUNE / 7TH JULY

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY G = GLUTEN G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD * = MAY CONTAIN
CR = CRUSTACEAN G/R = RYE G/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGAN
E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG



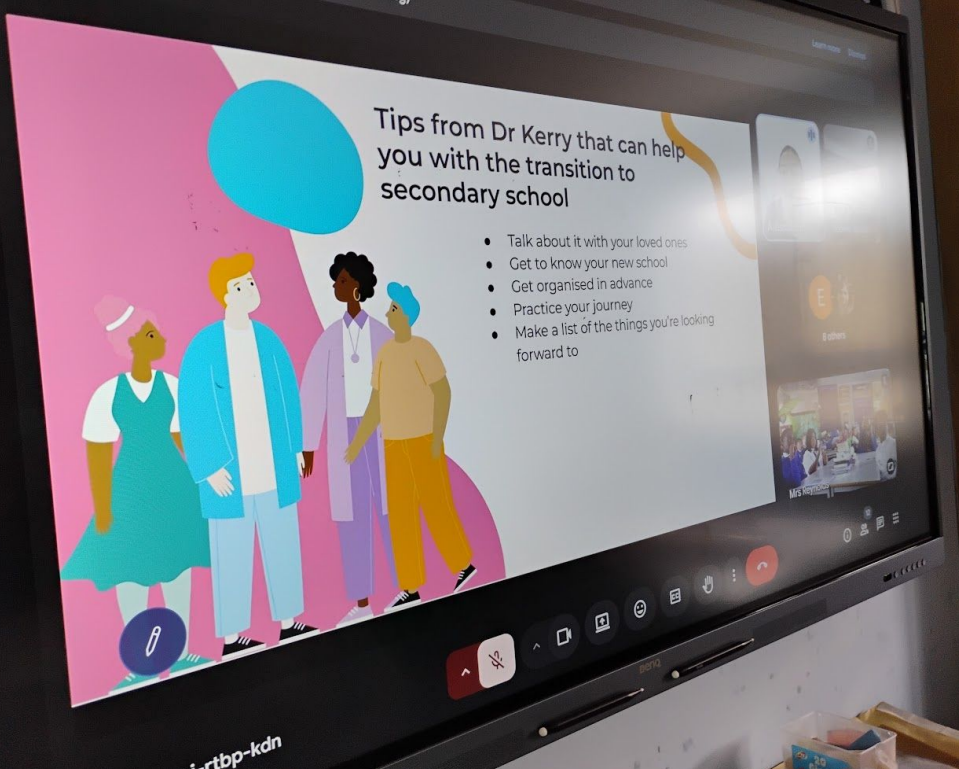


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Along with other primary schools in Haringey, our Year 6s took part in a transition assembly with 'Kooth' a mental health and wellbeing service available for our pupils.

The focus was on transition into secondary school and how they can get help with any concerns they may have ahead of the move.



Tips from Dr Kerry that can help you with the transition to secondary school

- Talk about it with your loved ones
- Get to know your new school
- Get organised in advance
- Practice your journey
- Make a list of the things you're looking forward to



Our young artists in 4D have just wrapped up their rainforest-inspired mood boards in Arts class — and the results are bursting with colour and creativity!



Congratulations to these children who reached 25 'golden tickets' and so got to have a 'golden' lunch with the Headteacher, Mrs Ronan! The children earn golden tickets for showing exemplary behaviour. Well done everyone!



Congratulations!



CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week we were blown away by our Year 2s in their class assembly! There was singing, drumming and acting galore! it was so fantastic, we even asked them to perform again for the rest of the school! Well done to the children and staff for such a wonderful performance! We were lucky enough to have two class assemblies. Year 5 wowed us with their performance- well done all!





10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

I was a stranger and
you made me
welcome

MATTHEW 25:35

Heavenly Father,
Help us to be aware
of the fears, anxiety, pain,
sorrow,
difficulties and uncertainty all
refugees suffer,
and to remember that we all
belong to the same human
family.
Holy Spirit,
please give us compassion
and courage
to help them in any way we
can.
Amen



Sharing the loaves and fishes there's enough for all. Ethiopian portrayal of the feeding of the 5000