



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

26th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, our school is buzzing with activity and meaningful learning experiences.

Last week marked the beginning of our Welcome Weeks, a special time where we celebrate the values of hope, tolerance, and community. Children across the school created beautiful origami boats, each carrying a personal message of welcome. These boats will form part of a stunning whole-school display set against a world map, where we are plotting the home countries of our families and staff—a powerful visual reminder of the rich diversity within our school community.

This week, we held a vibrant International Day, where children and staff came dressed in the colours or traditional clothing of their home countries. The school was filled with colour, pride, and cultural expression, creating a joyful and inclusive atmosphere. We then came together with families to share food from home countries. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn about each other's cultures, and enjoy a delicious variety of dishes from around the world. Well done to the organisers, Ms Gina and Ms Murphy, as well as all the parents and staff who ran a stall!

In addition, Years 5 and 6 had a thought-provoking visit from CAFOD, where they explored the choices and challenges faced by refugees on their journey to safety. The session encouraged empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of global issues.

We look forward to SPORTS WEEK next week!

Children should come to school on their Sports

Day wearing their 'house colours'!

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
None	4G 98.3%
Punctuality winners!	
Owl 6 late	3W 4 late



Science at St Mary's!

This star writer in Owl class took her learning home and created a brilliant information text about butterflies and caterpillars.



School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
Wb 30th June	Sports Week- see next slide	Parents/ Children		
30th June	Playground Proms	Children	Junior Hall	9am
1st July	Athlete Sports for Champions assembly	Children	Junior Hall	PM
3rd July	Reception Class Assembly	Reception parents	Junior Hall	2.40pm
8th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Year 6	Junior Hall	5pm
9th July	new Reception parents' meeting	New Reception parents	Infant Hall	10am
14th July	Year 6 performance - High School Musical	Year 6	Junior Hall	5pm
16th July	Piano concert for parents	Parents of those who play piano at the school	Infant Hall	2.30pm
16th July	Year 6 Party	Year 6	Junior Hall	5-7pm

ST MARY'S PRIORY CATHOLIC INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	CHICKEN & TOMATO PASTA (MK, G/W)	CHICKEN FLATBREAD (G/B*, O*, R*, W)	ROAST BEEF & GRAVY	CHICKEN NOODLES (E, SO, G/W)	FISH FINGERS OR SALMON FISHCAKE & CHIPS (F, G/W)	TIME TO BAKE
VEGGIE	TOMATO & BASIL GNOCCHI (CE, E*, MK*, MU*, SO*, G/W)	VEGGIE & QUORN FLATBREAD (E, G/B*, O*, R*, W)	SUMMER VEGETABLE QUICHE & NUT FREE PESTO (E, MK, G/W)	VEGETABLE NOODLES (E, SO, G/W)	SPINACH & FETA PARCEL (E, MK, G/W)	MAY 2025 Time to Bake WORLD MUSIC DAY
SIDES	GARLIC BREAD & GREEN SALAD (MK*, SO*, G/W)	STEAMED RICE & GREEN SALAD	RUSTIC ROAST POTATOES WITH ROAST PARSNIPS & CARROTS	STIR FRIED GREENS	BEANS OR PEAS	JUNE 2025 WIMBLEDON
PUD	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	TROPICAL SMOOTHIE (MK)	TOFFEE & PEAR CRUMBLE (MK, G/B*, O, W)	CHOCOLATE ORANGE MARBLE CAKE WITH CUSTARD (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	ICED FRUIT LOLLY	JULY 2025 SUMMER TIME

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



DATES

21ST APRIL / 12TH MAY / 9TH JUNE / 30TH JUNE

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN 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





Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to our Sports Day events, taking place the week beginning 30th June 2025 (next week!).

The Sports Days are all taking place on the Junior astro-turf except for Nursery who will have theirs in the Infant playground.

Please see below the timetable:

-Monday 30th June 2025

Nursery: 9.00 – 10.00

Reception: 9.00 – 10.30

-Tuesday 1st July 2025

KS1 (Years 1 and 2): 9.00 – 11.00

-Friday 4th July 2025

Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6): 9.00 – 11.00

Lower KS2: (Years 3 and 4): 13.15 – 15.15

We look forward to seeing you there (especially for the parent's race).

Mr Gilbert
Teacher & PE Lead



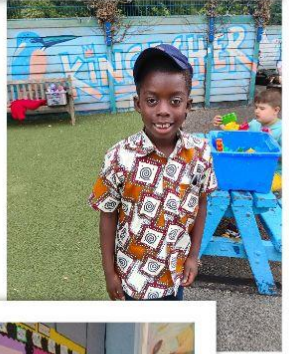
Stars of the Week

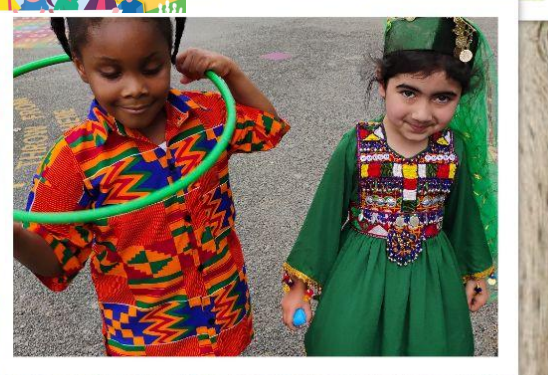
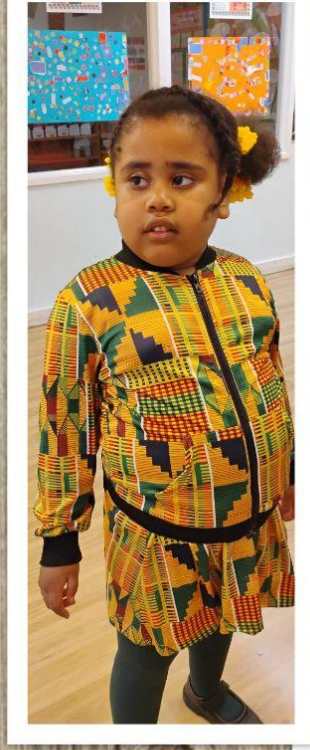


Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	Emmanuel	Maria
Robin Class	Daniel	Oliver
Dove Class	Marlene	Rashan
3C	Kamil	Pola
3W	Eldora	Terry
4D	Ariana	Heavenly
4G	Nehir	Valeria
5B	Morgan	Ashley
6J	Jordan	Chloe

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











On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Team gathered with over 130 other schools in the Diocese of Westminster to part-take in the 'Festival of Hope' at Westminster Cathedral. The children presented their 'pledges of hope' to his eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols and also took part in a liturgy of hope that ended in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It really was a lovely afternoon, and the children were great ambassadors for our school.





Yesterday, Robin Class visited the Woodberry Wetlands for a session all about minibeasts and their habitats. The children enjoyed pond-dipping and searching for minibeasts!





Last Friday, Year 3 had the best time at Unicorn Theatre learning all about road safety and designing cars of the future!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER



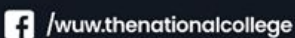
It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come and make your dwelling within me.

Come, Holy Spirit, be my guide through life in good times and the not so good times.

Come, Holy Spirit, dispel the darkness felt by so many in war torn countries today.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage and comfort to those who are displaced by war, having to travel to another country.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those who are ill or suffering at this time. Give them your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those close to death and lead them safely to their eternal home.

Come, Holy Spirit, be a guide to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Give them courage and hope as they await a new home.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage to young people preparing for exams at this time of year.

Come, Holy Spirit, guide Christians to follow Christ in their various vocations in life.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire those discerning vocation to religious life, diaconate, and especially vocation to diocesan priesthood.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with me always.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.