



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

26th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been!

This week, the whole school embraced the spirit of Sports Week, filled with energy, excitement, and an incredible sense of sportsmanship. We were thrilled to be joined by Oxford varsity boxer Roberto Lacourt, who inspired the children before they took part in a variety of competitions- from sprinting and hurdles to the ever-popular egg and spoon and sack races!

It was wonderful to see pupils cheering each other on, showing determination, resilience, and fair play in every event. A huge thank you to Mr Gilbert, all the dedicated staff, and our brilliant Year 6 helpers who made sure each day ran smoothly and safely.

Our week wasn't just about physical activity—it was also filled with musical magic. We were delighted to welcome members of the National Youth Orchestra, who ran an exciting workshop with Year 3, sparking creativity and rhythm throughout the classroom.

To top it off, the Playground Proms team delivered a whole-school music session introducing some of the fantastic music that will be performed at the Prom, including their inspiring Anthem: A Song for Our Planet. We can't wait for next week's workshops when they'll be working more closely with specific year groups.

Meanwhile, Year 6 spent a day this week visiting their new secondary schools, taking important steps toward their September transition. We're proud of how they represented our school and embraced this new chapter with confidence and curiosity.

What a week of growth, joy, and collaboration! Well done, everyone!

For our International Day, our community raised £543!

This year, we have been able to raise roughly £2,200. Thank you to all of our parents and Ms Gina! We look forward to what they have in store for us next year!

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
None	3C 97.92%
Punctuality winners!	
Owl 6 late	3W & 6J 3 late

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
8th July	Year 5 Pendarren meeting	Year 5 parents	5B	3.30pm
8th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Year 6	Junior Hall	5pm
9th July	New Reception parents' meeting New to Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic at 2pm.	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
18th July	End of term - school closed	All children	school gates	1pm

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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

THEME DAYS

	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)
SIDES	HOMEMADE POTATO WEDGES & GREEN SALAD \$	STEAMED RICE WITH BROCCOLI & GREEN BEANS \$	RUSTIC ROAST POTATOES WITH ROAST PARSNIPS & CARROTS \$	PEAS & CARROTS \$	BEANS OR PEAS \$
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)

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
CR = CRUSTACEAN
E = EGGS

F = FISH
G = GLUTEN

G/O = OATS
G/R = RYE
G/W = WHEAT

L = LUPIN
MK = MILK
MO = MOLLUSCS

MU = MUSTARD
N = NUTS
P = PEANUTS

SO = SOYA
SU = SULPHUR
SE = SESAME SEEDS

* = MAY CONTAIN
V = VEGAN
\$ = SEASONAL VEG

Oliver's
food with passion

TIME TO BAKE

MAY 2025

WORLD MUSIC DAY

JUNE 2025

WIMBLEDON

JULY 2025

SUMMER TIME

SUMMER





International Day – Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our International Day celebrations. Thanks to the fantastic efforts and generosity of our parent community, we were able to raise an impressive **£543!**

This brings our total fundraising for the year to approximately **£2,200** – a wonderful achievement!

All funds raised through our joint projects with the PSA will go towards our new project of improvements to the Junior playground, including much-needed updates and enhancements.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

We will be in touch shortly to set dates for our PSA meetings for the new school year.



Stars of the Week



Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	Saltanat	Theo
Robin Class	Noa	Grace
Dove Class	Dove Class	
3C	Aron	Leila
3W	Cayden	Triana
4D	Olivia	Audrey
4G	Dylan C	Mariana
5B	Eliana	Iris
6J	Louise	Redeemer Dylan

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



A big thank you to Oxford varsity boxer, Roberto Lacourt, for coming into our school yesterday and inspiring our children! The whole school had so much fun training with you 😊🏆🏃‍♂️





Thank you to Mr Gilbert and the rest of the staff for all their work in organising a fantastic Sports Day!





Year 3 had an amazing morning with the National Youth Orchestra, learning lots about classical music and rhythm and beat!





Haringey Shed Theatre Company came in to do a performance for Years 5 and 6, followed by a workshop. The performance was all about being safe online, and the dangers of spending too much time on social media and not out in real life. They acted out a story and then spoke through what happened with the children after. The children were buzzing after this show and were thoroughly engaged throughout!





Year 5 took part in a Geography field trip last week as well as a sports competition at Park View Secondary School where they came second!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



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.