



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

Where great lives begin

30th January 2026

Dear St Mary's Community,

Lux Mundi Trust – on 1st February, St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools will formally convert to academy status. This change of status follows a long period of consideration and a successful consultation period. It is an exciting time for our schools, and we anticipate the completion process with neighbouring Haringey Catholic Schools during this year. The news will be shared with the children in our SLT assembly on Monday and linked to the importance of community. Joining the Trust means becoming part of a wider community, which is a positive and exciting step for our schools.

Attendance Matters!

Our school attendance target is **97%**, because we know how important it is for children to attend school regularly.

School attendance is **compulsory**, and it is a **legal responsibility** of parents and carers to ensure their child attends. When a child's attendance falls below expectations, the school has a duty to take action. This may include informal conversations with office staff, formal letters and meetings, and, in some cases, **Fixed Penalty Notices** issued by Haringey for unauthorised absences.

Holidays and absence before/after school holidays:

Please note: We do **not** authorise holidays during term time. If your child is absent immediately before or after a half-term or school holiday due to illness, we require **medical evidence** from a doctor or nurse in order to authorise the absence. As part of our safeguarding and attendance procedures, we may carry out **home visits** to confirm that an unauthorised holiday has not been taken. Haringey may issue fines for unauthorised absences of this kind.

Thank you for your support and cooperation regarding your child's attendance.

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
All year	Clubs: Monday: Y1-6 Football (Top Sports Academy)/ Street Dance (Y4-6)/ Arts and Craft (ASC) Tuesday: Multi-sports (ASC) Wednesday: Performing Arts (ASC) Thursday: Y1-6 Multi-sports (Top Sports Academy) Friday: Homework (ASC)		Vario US	9am
13th February	PSA Cinema Afternoon Each child to bring in a £1 donation to our PSA to take part in our very first 'Cinema Afternoon'!	All		
5th March	World Book Day- dress up as your favourite book character- donate £1 or whatever you can for the improvement of our library	All		
March	Wb 2nd March Bikeability lessons- 5B Wb 9th March Bikeability lessons- 5W 25th & 26th March Year 4 Bikeability	Year 4/5		

St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant & Junior School

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



THEME DAYS



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (G/W)	Mexican Chicken	Butcher's Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, SO, SU, G/W)	Butter Chicken Curry (G/B*, O*, R*, W*)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G/B*, W)
VEGGIE	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato sauce with Pasta (CE*, E*, MU*, SE*, SO, G/B*, O*, R*, W)	Mexican Quorn & Veggies (CE, E, MU, G/B, O*, R*, W*)	Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, G/W)	Chickpea & Vegetable Masala (CE, MK, MU*, G/B*, O*, R*, W) S	Margherita Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)
SIDES	Mixed Green Salad	Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Carrots & Green Beans	Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Beans or Peas
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)
PUD	Homemade Chocolate Cookie (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate & Orange Brownie (E, MK, SO, G/B, W)	Orange & Berry Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Cinnamon Swirl (G/W)

DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

12 JAN / 02 FEB
02 MAR / 23 MAR /

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/R = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG





Stars of the Week



Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	Kaiden	Emma
Robin Class	Tedra	Eliza
Dove Class	Jannick	Mia
3C	Elijah	Lucas
4D	Emiliano	Triana
5W	Ruzgar	Isabelle
5B	Samantha	Erica
6J	Heidi	Iris

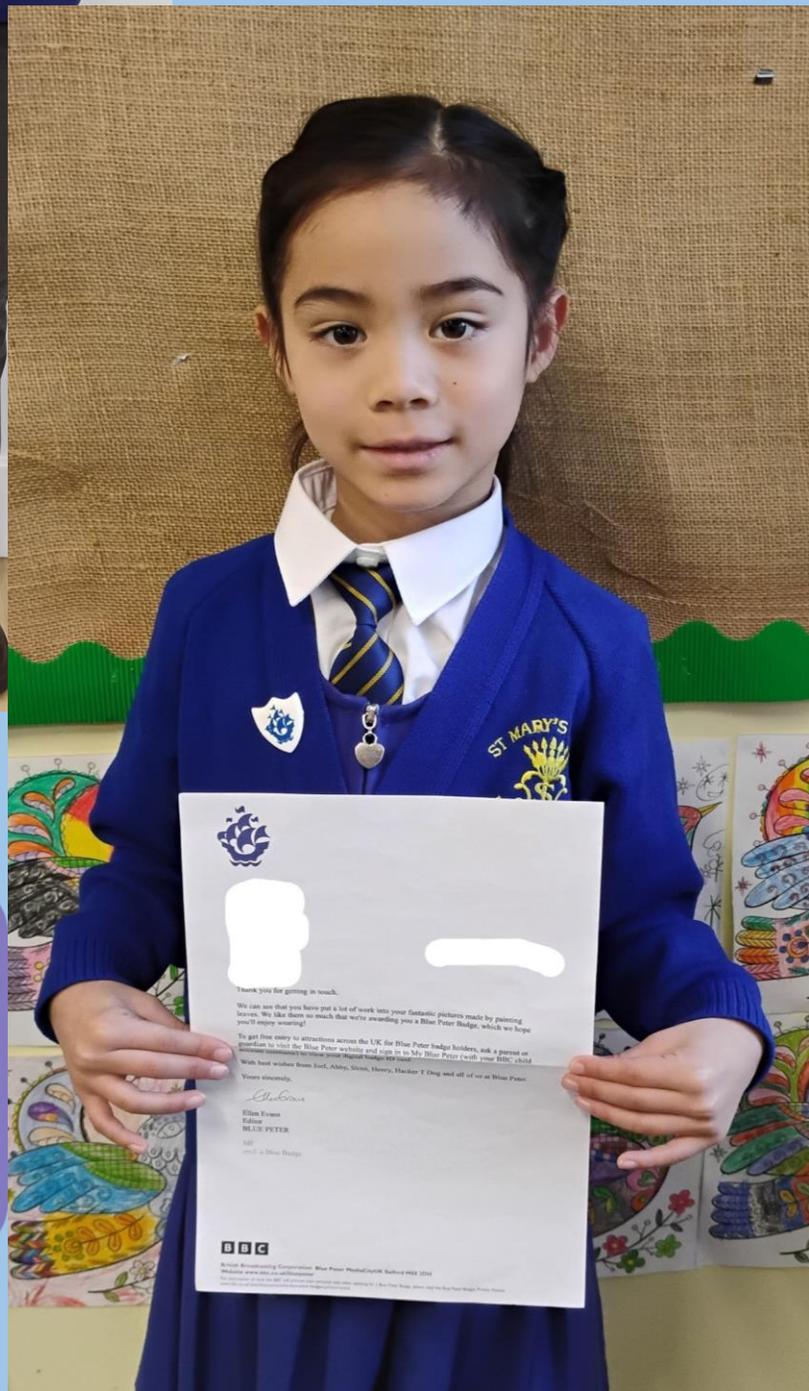
Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard to stand out amongst their peers. Well done everyone!





Creativity is alive and well at St Mary's!

Blue Peter Badge winner for amazing art and two future knitwear innovators? Well done you three!

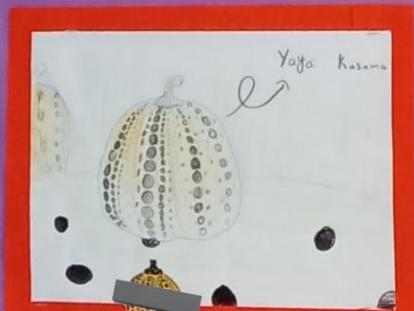




3C loved learning about Yayoi Kusama last week! They each had their own piece of her portrait and coloured it in their own way, creating a beautiful collage. Some children were so inspired, they did their own home learning...

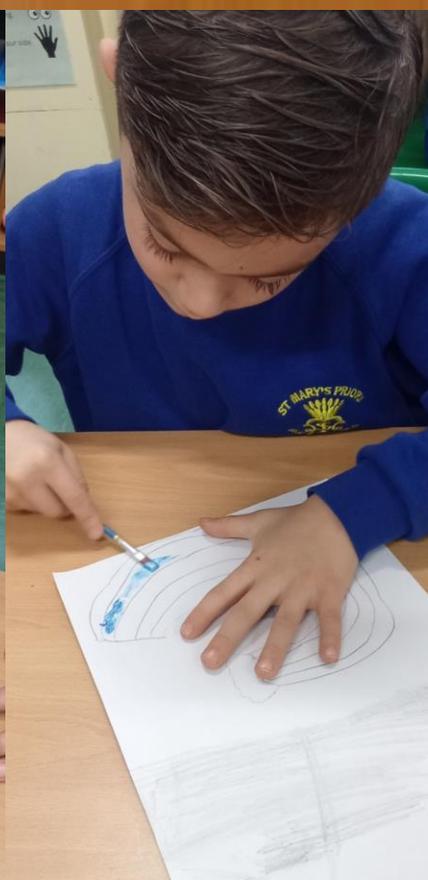


After learning about Yayoi Kusama, some of the children in 3C decided to research her more at home. They wrote facts about her, drew her and even done their best to replicate some of her artwork.



Yayoi Kusama was born in 1929. She was in a rich family but it was not accepted by people. She would 'love' drawing flowers and pumpkins. When Yayoi was 10 years old, she had a dream of flowers which turned into red dots. She scared of them but she used them in her drawings. People call the polka dot princess. Yayoi said things that were not accepted by people. She would 'love' drawing flowers and pumpkins. When Yayoi was 10 years old, she had a dream of flowers which turned into red dots. She scared of them but she used them in her drawings.





Dove Class were painting pictures of water to remind us that water is a symbol of life and renewal.

MAC & CHEESE

Olive Dining Recipe

Food with Passion • 2025
Great
TASTE



Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 240g dry macaroni
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 40g plain flour
- 40g butter
- 400ml milk
- 27g grated mozzarella
- 27g grated cheddar

Delicious

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180°. Cook the macaroni as directed on the package. While the macaroni is cooking, prepare the sauce.
2. In a saucepan, heat the butter over a low heat. Add the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes. Whisk the hot milk into the mixture until smooth and the sauce thickens. Mix half the cheddar and mozzarella into the sauce. Season to taste and remove from the heat.
3. Drain the macaroni and stir through the white sauce. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top and bake until golden brown.
4. Enjoy with your choice of salad or seasonal vegetables.



Dads Space - Weekly Drop-In for Fathers

A welcoming space for Fathers to Connect, Share and Grow

Join us for weekly drop-in sessions designed to support fathers in their parenting journey. Whether you're a new dad, experienced parent or involved in Family Time, this space is for you.



What to expect:

- Peer support and open discussion
 - Weekly themes based on fathers' interests
 - Guest speakers and occasional off-site visits
 - Signposting to services across Family Hubs and Youth Services
 - Refreshments and resources available
- **Wednesday drop-ins**
 - **10am – 1pm**
 - **Rising Green Family Hub**

Supported by the Parenting Team. Contact us on:
parentingprogramme@haringey.gov.uk

Early Words Together Programme



Helping your child learn,
talk confidently, and enjoy
quality time with you
Age Range: 2.5 years–4
Years

Limited Spaces Book Now!

Every Monday starting 12th January 2pm - 3pm
At Triangle Family Hub
91-93 St Anns Road
N15 6NU

For more information please contact reception
020 8802 8782 trianglecentre@haringey.gov.uk
Or Marlene 07976457449

What to Expect:

- ◇ Fun activities to boost your child's communication Skills
- ◇ Tips and ideas for talking and playing together at home
- ◇ Welcoming space to meet other families
 - ◇ Free resources to take home





The Paddock Winter Tree Walk

The Paddock, Ferry Ln, London N17 9BS

SATURDAY 31st January
12 - 1.30pm

We invite you to join us at the Paddock for our wonderful winter tree walk. Whether you are an expert or beginner this will be a chance to get outdoors and explore and learn how to identify winter trees

Eventbrite book online:

The Conservation Volunteers @ The Paddock

Contact: thepaddock@tcv.org.uk



EAT WOOD GREEN



FOOD
GROWING

HEALTH
WELLBEING



EAT WOOD GREEN IS OPEN AT WOOD GREEN LIBRARY

Wednesdays

11-12pm Under 5s

1-2.30pm Children's Session

4-5.30 Under 11s Garden Club

Fridays

10-11.30am Under 5s

4-5.30pm 11+

Growing together

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ONLINE SAFETY & RADICALISATION AWARENESS FOR PARENTS



**EMPOWERING PARENTS TO SAFEGUARD
YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ONLINE RADICALISATION**

KEY TOPICS WE'LL EXPLORE:

- How extremist content and harmful narratives spread online
- Warning signs and early indicators of risk
- Digital boundaries, parental controls, and healthy online habits
- Supporting vulnerable young people with confidence
- Having open conversations about online harms
- When and where to seek further support

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE
LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW**

Thu 10th Feb

9-10am

At: Lea Valley
Primary School



Fri 13th Feb

2-3pm

At: Muswell Hill
Primary School



Thu 10th Feb, 6-7pm

Online via Microsoft Teams





Lord,
as we begin this new year
together, we thank You for the
gift of fresh starts and new
opportunities.

Bless our school community with
wisdom, kindness, and joy in all
that we do.

Help us to grow in faith, hope,
and love, supporting one another
each day.

May this year be filled with peace
and blessings for every child,
family, and member of staff.

Amen.