

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

September 2026

"Everyone directly involved in the school is a part of the school community: teachers, directors, administrative and auxiliary staff. Parents are central figures, since they are the natural and irreplaceable agents in the education of their children. And the community also includes the students, since they must be active agents in their own education." (From 'The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School', 1998, n32)



Welcome to a new term and year at St. Mary's. It was so lovely to see the children come back safe, refreshed and happy this week. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer break. A very special welcome to all new families who are starting with us this term.



Our school received an overall effectiveness of outstanding for Religious Education and outstanding for the Catholic Life of the school (OFSTED Section 48) in September 2019. As you know our school's standards over time were also assessed by Ofsted in November 2023 (OFSTED Section 5) and found to be good.

Thank you parents for your valuable support for the school always which definitely assisted us in receiving these very pleasing judgements.



Where can I find out more about St. Mary's School?

If you visit www.ofsted.gov.uk and click on 'Inspection Reports' you can access the full inspection report for our school.

Also if you visit the website for the Diocese of Westminster at www.rcdow.org.uk and click on 'Find a School' you can read the full Section 48 inspection report for our school (I know many of you are aware that our school is also inspected by inspectors from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate and was inspected in June 2026).

Classes for this new school year

Nursery: Mrs Whytock and Mrs Forgione

Reception (Hope): Mrs Rowley

Year 1 (Wisdom): Mrs Linnane

Year 1/2 (Rosary): Miss Beckles

Year 2 (Faith): Miss Sheehan

Year 3 (St. Cecilia): Miss Tanak

Year 3 (St. Bernadette): Mrs Falzone and Mr Brailsford

Year 4 (St. Paul): Ms Joseph

year2@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

Year 4 (St. Peter): Miss Soto

year3@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

Year 5 (St. Joseph): Mrs Egboh

year4@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

Year 5 (St. Anthony): Mr Dixon

year5@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

Year 6 (St. Catherine): Miss Cetinkaya

year6@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

Year 6 (St. Christopher): Mrs Brennan and Mrs Ramdarshan



If you have any questions about the work, the organisation of the classroom, need any support or just want to say hello please contact the teacher via the year group e-mail address or via the school address or call us at school. I know the teachers would love to hear from you.

Staff will also be in the playground at the end of the school day if you need to check anything.

Year Group Addresses:

nursery@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

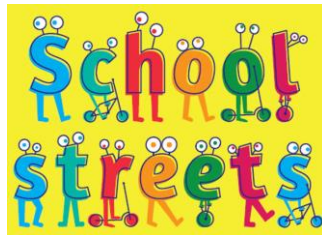
reception@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

year1@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

New Staff

A warm welcome to the new staff who have joined us (a couple this year).

We hope they will enjoy their time with us. I know the children have already made them feel very welcome.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Street

As I know you are aware Enfield Council have set up a School Street for St Mary's between Alexandra Road and Bursland Road.

A 'School Street' is an area transformed into a pedestrian and cycling zone operating Monday to Friday during the school term, during set times at drop-off and pick-up times.

School Streets aim to:

- ensure the safety of school students as they arrive to and leave school,
- improve the air quality near the school, and
- encourage more young people to walk and cycle to school.

When the School Street zone is in operation during the designated hours, motor vehicles cannot pass through the zone, except for those who have applied for and received a permit or exemption.

The times of operation for the St Mary's Primary School Street are 8.15am to 9.15am, and 2.30pm to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday during school term time only and operates using a camera enforced system.

Further information on School Streets and how they operate can be found at

<https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/schoolstreets/widgets/38314/videos/3024>

<https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/SchoolStreets>



School Organisation

It is wonderful to have all of our children back in school. We are looking forward to enjoying another new year in school.

Reception (once their induction is completed), Years 1 and 2: 8.40am-3pm (Registers are at 9am).

Years 3-6: 8.40am-3.15pm (Registers are at 9am).

It is really helpful to your child to be in the classroom before 9am so they are settled and ready to begin their day. Teachers use the time early in the morning to read with children, follow up on work from previous lessons, practise phonics etc. We have found over the years that the children enjoy the early morning settling in time in their classrooms.

Each year group (Y1-6) also has a supervised homework club after school each week (1 hour) to support their learning further.

Children enter the school site via the gate next to the bicycle shed.

For safety reasons children are asked to walk, rather than to cycle or scoot, once they are inside the school gates.

Parents will collect from the playground at the end of the school day. Please do your best to move right into the playground as once you turn the corner at the end of the building the area is narrow and if you stand or sit there you will block the way for others. Space is limited in our playground as you know so try your best to continue to be patient with one another and with the school staff.

Children are encouraged as before to bring a bottle of water to school and are allowed to fill up their water bottles during the day.

If you are visiting the school office at the end of the day please access the office from the front of the building via the main entrance.

Wednesday Word

Have you started to read 'The Wednesday Word' yet?

The Wednesday Word is a gift to you and your family because of your connection with our Catholic school.

Every Wednesday, a 'word' (inspired by the Sunday Gospel) will be suggested for you and your family to talk about in your home.

This weekly Family Time is structured around the Sunday Gospel because evidence shows that Gospel values really do

help family relationships to thrive.

Regularly spending quality time with children is without doubt one of the most important aspects of parenting. *The Wednesday Word* seeks to support you in this important task: to help you and your children maintain a special closeness throughout the school years.

The Wednesday Word 'Family Time' leaflet is designed to ensure that all family members feel included. It presents an effective way for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 5 or 10 minutes together each week.

We suggest Wednesdays for *Family Time* because it is the day that the Catholic Church dedicates to St Joseph - the Patron Saint of Families. But rather than miss out, any other night would do just as well.

The Wednesday Word is currently available online:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/index.html>



Re-establishing the Friday Penance

As you are aware a key resolution of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, released after their May 2011 plenary meeting, was "to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity".

This act of common witness formally came into effect on Friday 16th September 2011 (the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK).

As you know we formally began our practice of not serving meat to the children / staff on a Friday right from the start of September in 2011.

Thank you parents for not including meat as part of your child's packed lunch on a Friday.

Although our children are young we know that you agree that it is good to establish the practices of our faith right from the start. This good habit formed when young will hopefully be part of your child's way of life as he / she grows up. He / she will see abstaining from meat on a Friday as a distinctive mark of his / her Catholic identity.

Parents thank you for your wonderful support with the re-

establishment of the Friday penance.

The Angelus

In the autumn term we try to learn / say The Angelus each day at 12 noon in all of our junior classes from Year 3 - Year 6. This is a wonderful prayer which reminds us that God the Son became man in order to save us.

You might like to say this prayer with your child at home. It can be said in the morning, at noon or in the evening.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the

message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Online Safety

You might find the following link helpful:

[Parents & Carers - KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM](http://Parents&Carers-KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM)

This site has been created by ECP, the company which has provided our staff safeguarding training for many years (most recently on the first INSET day of the school term) and has provided numerous sessions of online safety for our children and parents. This company also provides training on behalf of the local authority and to many different business and community groups.

There is some really useful help to understand apps, games and parental controls on this site.

NCA Guidance to Parents: Children's Images Online

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The parent's guidance can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

Online Safety at Home

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/feeling-good-on-social-media/>

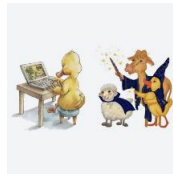
Digiduck Stories (Childnet)

The five stories in the Digiduck series were created to help parents and teachers educate children aged 3-7

about online safety. The collection includes a ebooks, PDFs, a poster and an interactive app.

As well as the books, there is a Digiduck Activity Menu, that can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>



You might also find the following links helpful:

[Jessie Friends videos \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/)

Parent guides | Parent Zone

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Use the links below to find a range of information about keeping yourself or a child you know safer from online child sexual abuse:

[4-7s | CEOP Education](#)

[8-10s | CEOP Education](#)

[11-18s | CEOP Education](#)

Children and Back to School Social Media

This time of year parents all over the country will be focusing on their children.

Whether they're going to school for the first time, or they're seasoned educational veterans, the same feeling will fill parents and guardians. A feeling of concern for the year ahead but also excitement and pride that they're embarking on the same journey, they themselves made years prior. In recent years it has become a tradition to post 'back to school' content, to Facebook and Instagram. However, this practice comes with unseen dangers. Over on his blog Wayne Denner has written about this issue extensively, in a short but worthwhile read he exposes some of the potential issues, lurking in the e-space. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/protect-your-child-the-hidden-dangers-of-posting-back-to-school-photos-on-social-media/>

Handwashing Advice



We know that it is essential that everyone continues to wash their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards

makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

What is mental health?

We all have mental health. Mental health is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our moods. Looking after our mental health is important. We all have small feelings every day: These sometimes feel strong and overwhelming, whether happy or sad, but they go away before too long.

Sometimes we experience big feelings: These feel strong and overwhelming for a long time. They stop us doing what we want to in our lives.

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school/>

Christian Meditation

As you know the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) has worked to develop videos which provide short meditation sessions which children and young people can participate in, whether in school or at home. These sessions are inspired by meditation in the tradition of John Main OSB.

Full details are available here: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/>

Or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Cb5LrAIU7_MPTRDMUBcvQ?view_as=subscriber



Specialist Support for Families:

- Insight Enfield: Drug and alcohol misuse support. Contact: 020 8360 9102, Email: insightenfield@waythrough.org.uk Telephone: 020 8360 9102, Website: [Insight Enfield SORT IT! - Waythrough](https://www.insightenfield.org.uk/)

- KOOTH: Online counselling for children and young people. Website: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- Enfield Crisis Telephone Service: 24/7 mental health support. Contact: 020 8702 6476, Email, Website: Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Telephone: 02087026476. email: nlft.cypmhcrisisresponse@nhs.uk. Website: Contact us | North London NHS Foundation Trust
- Enfield Young Carers: Support for children and young people aged 5-18 who have a caring role and live or attend school in Enfield. Email: youngcarers@enfieldcarers.org , Telephone: 020 8366 3677, Website: <https://enfieldcarers.org/young-carers/>
- Sexual Health Clinics: sexual health testing, information and advice available at the Town Clinic, 4&5 Burleigh Way, Enfield Town, EN2 6AE or White Lodge Medical

Practice, 105-109
Chase Side, Enfield,
EN2 6NL. Contact: 020
8887 4510, Website:
<https://www.echoclinics.nhs.uk/>

- elop: mental health and well-being support, advice, information, counselling, and group support services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) communities. Email: info@elop.org, Telephone: 07908 553 744, Website: <http://www.elop.org/>

Support for families and parents

🏠 Best Start Family Hubs: support for families for children from pre-birth up to the age of 19 or up to 25 for those with special education needs and disabilities. The hubs are welcoming, friendly, and open to all families, children, and young people. Each hub has a family hub navigator to support families and young people to access the help they need. Families can access support with breastfeeding, parent and infant relationship,

parenting support, health visiting, stay and play, advice from the DWP on job search and benefits, access to domestic abuse support, meet other parents and many more. More information: [Family Hubs | Enfield Council](#)

- [Ponders End Youth and Family Hub](#): 141 South Street EN3 4PX. Telephone: 020 8379 2002
- [Craig Park Youth and Family Hub](#): 2 Lawrence Road N18 2HN. Telephone: 020 8379 2002,
- [De Bohun Family Hub](#): Green Road Southgate N14 4AD. Telephone: 020 8106 9996
- [Carterhatch Family Hub](#): Autumn Close, Carterhatch, EN1 4JY. Telephone: 020 8106 9996
- [Eldon Family Hub](#): St Peter's Road, Edmonton, N9 8JP. Telephone: 020 8106 9996

Start for Life:
Support for parents and carers of children under five. More information: [Best Start in Life | Enfield Council](#)

Digital support and parenting courses for parents:

Enfield Directory for All:

Easy to navigate directory of support and services available to children, young people and parents. <https://enfielddirectory4all.co.uk/>

Parenting Directory:

Online and face-to-face parenting support: Parenting Directory. [Home - Enfield Parenting Directory](#)

Is My Child too ill for School?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

What to do about other conditions

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Feeling anxious or worried

It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping.

Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, school work or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them.

If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, it might be good

to talk to your GP or school nurse.

[Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety](#)

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with slight [cough](#) or [common cold](#) symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#), unless they are feeling very unwell.

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID rapid lateral

flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Measles

If your child has [measles](#), they'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily.

Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours)

Physical Activity Guidelines

The UK Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) published refreshed [physical activity guidelines](#) (on 10th July 2026), showing evidence continues to build that regular movement can have significant benefits for people's physical and mental health. The updated guidance reflects the latest scientific evidence on physical activity and sedentary behaviour, finding that the existing recommended activity levels across all age groups remain accurate.

Findings include a renewed emphasis on:

- the health benefits of light-intensity activity
- reducing prolonged periods of sitting
- including strength and balance exercises as part of everyday life

The guidelines cover all stages of life, including children and young people, adults, older adults, disabled people, women

during pregnancy and after birth.

They reinforce the message that building activity into everyday routines can help improve health and wellbeing. The new evidence base on the positive effects of physical activity in women is stronger than it was previously.

Regular physical activity plays an important role in reducing the risk of a range of many long-term conditions, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, while also supporting good mental health and wellbeing. By helping people build movement into everyday life, the refreshed guidance supports the government's ambition to shift healthcare from treating illness to preventing it.

The link below is to a useful infographic:
[CMO physical activity guidelines - early years \(0 to 5\)](#)

Since Saturday 4th July 2020 there has been live streaming of our parish services, The new link is:

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/KvPDGYSu8s5eSkk8BZ542JLeEl3c8XKluuRcWzGH>

Support for Prayer



Father John has again asked me to remind you that the church is now open each morning from 8.15am to enable families / parents to call in to pray.

Uniform

Please read the attached list. Uniform can be purchased online by logging onto ParentPay and clicking on the school shop link. Items purchased will be available for collection from the school office.

Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled. Labelled clothing when found can be returned to its owner while unlabelled items generally remain in lost property. Please encourage your child to wear the correct uniform including the PE uniform, socks and hair colours **and to leave jewellery at home.**

If it is very warm your child is more than welcome to wear their summer dress if they prefer to do so.

Uniform is part of our identity at St. Mary's. Thank you to all of the children (and their parents) who have come back to school wearing neat correct uniform.

Hair

Please ensure long hair is tied back in school colours only

(blue / black / white). **No highlights, designs, lines or dyes** to be put in hair please. Mohican hairstyles are **not** permitted.

Nails

False nails or nail polish are **not** permitted in school.

Own Clothes' Days - July 2026

£230.80 was donated. Thank you children and parents.

Development of School Building and Site - School Fund

We have had a continuous programme of updating and improving our school site over the last 20 years.

Thank you to all who made contributions last school year.

During the summer break last year we had all of the internal glass and doors in the oldest part of the school replaced. We were fortunate to secure a fire safety grant to support the cost of this work. There was a lot of dust and mess but the new doors especially look very nice.

This year our main school boiler (it was 23 years old so had a long life and lots of TLC!) was replaced. The messiest part of the work was completed during the summer

break and the installation work continues this month. The new boiler should be more economical to run longer term. We were fortunate to receive a grant to support this work following the completion of a successful bid.

Your support for the School Fund will make a real difference to what we are able to do for the children.

School Fund costs £2.00 per week / £25.50 per term / £76.00 per year for one child. For two children School Fund costs £2.50 per week / £32.00 per term / £95.00 per year.

If you have three children in the school School Fund costs £3.00 per week / £38.00 per term / £114.00 per year.

If each family in our school paid its School Fund for one year we would have at least £20,000 in donations! This money would make a real difference to our school and to our provision for the children.

Play Equipment

Parents please support the school by **not** allowing your children (including toddlers) to play on the playground equipment at the end of the school day. This request is made purely for health and safety reasons.

Children are also asked not to cycle or use their scooters

/ bicycles / tricycles while on the playground after school.

As the area is very crowded it is easier and safer for all if children walk with their bikes or scooters until they leave the school premises.

Parents / childminders please keep your children with you once you have collected them from the classroom / teacher. Thank you as always to the great number of parents who are very supportive of all school requests. We have only noticed a minority of pupils doing the wrong thing. With the support of their parents or child minders this will easily be sorted out.

Holidays and Absences

I would urge you to try not to book holidays during term time as time away from school can unsettle children and affect their progress. **I regret that we are unable to authorise time off during the term which is requested for holidays.**

Any requests for time off (special circumstances will only be considered) must be put in writing in advance to the Headteacher.

It is not school policy to provide homework for absence during term time.

We are required to ask for a written note to explain any absence from school.

100% Attendance for 2025-2026 School Year

38 (36 in the previous year) pupils had 100% attendance! Well done to those children and their parents! This is an excellent achievement! We are hoping to see the number achieving 100% attendance increase even more this school year.



98 (109 in the previous year) children had 100% attendance in the summer term! Well done everyone!

Attendance

Thank you for your support in trying to build our attendance up to our excellent pre-pandemic levels. Our target is 98% attendance (last school year our absence was 5.2% - unfortunately a little bit higher than the previous year (4.45%)). Our attendance was 94.8% last school year. Attendance across all state-funded primary schools in the 2025-2026 school year was 94.69%.

Well done everyone who has worked hard to have their children in school each day.

The classes with the highest attendance for the 2025-2026 school year were:

1. 97.2%- Y6, St. Christopher
2. 96.6%- Y4, St. Peter
3. 96.1%- Y3, St. Cecilia and Y3, St. Bernadette
4. 96.0%, - Y1, Rosary
5. 95.7% - Reception, Hope and Y6, St. Catherine

The national absence rates across all state-funded primary schools were 5.31% in 2025-2026.



Social Tariffs: Cheaper Broadband and Phone Packages - Ofcom (this might be of interest to you)

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Some Dates for this term

Tuesday 1st September: Staff Training (No school).

Wednesday 2nd September: Staff Mass and Staff Training (No school).

Tuesday 8th September: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - School Mass in the church for Years 1-6.

Wednesday 9th September: Open Afternoon - Years 5 and 6, 3.30pm

Thursday 10th September: Open Afternoon - Years 3 and 4, 3.30pm.

Friday 11th September: Open Afternoon - Years 1 and 2, 3.30pm.

Sunday 13th September: Education Sunday

Monday 14th September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Years 5 and 6 to the parish Mass at 9.30am.

Thursday 17th September: PGL Meeting for Year 6 parents (via Teams) at 5pm

Thursday 24th September: Years 3 + 4 classes to Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday 29th September: Year 4 to parish Mass at 9.30am.

Thursday 1st October: Month of the Rosary begins - children are encouraged to bring their rosary beads to school for prayer.

Friday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels Harvest Fast Day.

Wednesday 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary and Harvest Fast Day - School Mass in church for Years 1-6. Rosary beads are blessed.

Friday 9th October: Nasal flu Immunisations.

Monday 12th October: Year 6 trip to PGL (return on Friday 16th October).

Wednesday 14th October: Years 1 and 2 to parish Mass at 9.30am.

5pm-6pm: Father John to sign priest reference forms for any secondary schools which require references (in parish house).

Friday 16th October: 'Wear it Wild Day' for World Wildlife Fund -



dress as animals today! **WWF**

Year 6 pupils return from PGL.

Thursday 22nd October: Year 6 to parish Mass at 9.30am followed by Benediction.

Wednesday 22nd October: Years 5 and 6 to Parish Mass at 9.30am

Friday 23rd October: Own Clothes Day

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October: HALF-TERM (No School) Sunday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints.

Monday 2nd November: All Souls Day. School Mass for Years 1-6.

Thursday 5th November: Parents Reading Meeting (Reception), 2.15pm

Sunday 8th November:

Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 10th November: Bring Your Dad to School AM

Wednesday 11th November: Years 3 and 4 to parish Mass at 9.30am.

Sunday 15th November: World Day of the Poor.

Wednesday 18th November: Years 5 and 6 classes to parish Mass at 9.30am.

Wednesday 25th November: Year 3 classes to parish Mass at 9.30am.

Friday 27th November: Own Clothes' Day - items for Christmas Bazaar.

Nursery Christmas Performance AM.

Saturday 28th November: Parish Bazaar.

Tuesday 1st December: School Mass in church for Years 2-6 at 9.30am for Blessing of Advent Wreath.

Wednesday 2nd December: Year 1 Christmas Performance AM

(parents with babies and toddlers).

Thursday 3rd December: Reception Christmas Performance AM

(parents with babies and toddlers).

Friday 4th December: Year 1

Christmas Performance AM (adults).

Nasal flu Immunisations (additional day).

Monday 7th December: Reception Christmas Performance AM

(adults)

Junior Carol Service in church, 5pm (for the Nightingale Hospice)

Tuesday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - School Mass in the church for Years 3-6.

Wednesday 9th December: MyMe Coffee Morning for parents, 9.30am

Thursday 10th December: Years 5 and 6 to Mass at 9.30am followed by Confessions.

Friday 11th December:

Year 2 Carol Service for parents / relatives, 9.30am (for Nightingale Hospice).

Monday 14th December: Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Class Parties PM.

Friday 18th December: Last day of autumn term - School Mass (Mrs. Derwin's 22nd anniversary Mass) in church for Years 2-6.

Early Closing (12.45 Infants and 1pm Juniors). Own Clothes' Day.

Monday 4th January 2027: Return to school for Spring Term.

On occasions it is necessary to change dates. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

These are some of the prayers we say with the children each

day in school. You might like to say these in the morning with your child, at meal times or before he / she goes to bed.

Morning Offering

O My God, you love me,
You are with me night and day.
I want to love you always in all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father.
Bless me through the day.

Amen



Night Prayer

God our Father, I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the things you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night.
And in the morning send your light. Amen.



Grace Before Meals

Bless us O Lord
As we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us O Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

Thank you God
For the food we have eaten.

Thank you God
For all our friends.
Thank you God
For everything.



our collection was the most
food received from a school.
We celebrated our Harvest
Mass on Wednesday
7th October.



Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 4th May 2027
Monday 14th June 2027

*Governors' Day: Wednesday 21st
July 2027 (school closed)*

Thank you and Best Wishes!

I would like to thank you for
your wonderful support to date
(we continue to be truly
blessed with the support we
receive from our families) and
wish you well for the term
ahead and this new year in
school. I look forward to
seeing you as the term
progresses.

Stay safe and well please.

Mrs R. Martin
Interim Headteacher.



Harvest

This year we are again
supporting the Manna
Centre, a centre for the
homeless in London. Thank
you for your generous
contributions to date.

Again last year the
representative from the
Manna Centre again said that

*Please see separate Manna
Centre list.*

The 7th October is the Feast
of Our Lady of the Rosary.
***Don't forget your child will
need to have their Rosary
beads in school on
Wednesday 7th October to be
blessed!***

Dates for 2026-2027 School Year

Academic Year 2026 - 2027 Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September - Friday
18th December 2026

Half - Term Monday 26th
October - Friday 30th October
2026

Spring Term
Monday 4th January - Friday
25th March 2027

Half -Term Monday 15th -
Friday 19th February 2027

Summer Term
Monday 12th April - Tuesday
20th July 2027

Half - Term Monday 31st May -
Friday 4th June 2027

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd
May 2027

INSET Days

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

*Due to the fact that there are
fewer pupils in London
(continued decrease in the
population of children) and the
issues with finding affordable
places to live we currently have
places in some of our
2026/2027 class groups.*

**Thank you parents for
recommending our school and
helping to build up our pupil
numbers. Please continue to
do this. We need your help!**

Dear God,
We thank you for giving us your
peace.
Help us to spread peace at home
and at school by loving and caring
for one another.
Help us to spread peace by
listening to one another, even
when we don't agree.
Help us to spread peace by sharing
our time with those who are lonely
and who need a friend.
Help us to spread peace by
thinking and praying for children
who have no food or who are
frightened and live in fear.
Let us pray every day for peace
for our families, for our friends
and for ourselves. Amen.