Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

New Reception Class
It was lovely to welcome our new Reception children into school this week for their transition visit. I've heard they had a great time meeting their teachers, exploring their new classrooms and getting a taste of school life. We look forward to welcoming them properly in September.

Oliver!
A huge congratulations to our Year 6 children for their production of Oliver!. The standard was outstanding and, at times, it genuinely felt like a West End performance. We are incredibly proud of every child involved. I would also like to pay special tribute to our Year 5 choir and supporting cast, whose enthusiasm, energy and talent helped make the production such a memorable success.

Careers Day
Our Careers Day was another highlight of the week. We were fortunate to welcome five inspiring women and one gentleman who spoke to the children about careers ranging from coding, science and finance to the Red Arrows. Their stories were fascinating and provided a great deal of inspiration, particularly for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

Finally, thank you to everyone for their support during this spell of warm weather. The children have continued to approach school life with enthusiasm, parents have helped ensure they arrived prepared each day, and staff have worked hard to keep learning purposeful and enjoyable throughout the week.

Best Wishes

Mr Sims
Executive Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 13th July

Monday 13th July
Y6 Transition Day to St Thomas More Comprehensive School

Instrumental Concert. 3.30pm. Gym Hall

Tuesday 14th July
Mass at 2pm in Christchurch for Mr Sims.

Guitar Concert. 3.25pm. Gym Hall

Wednesday 15th July
Parents and Carers can visit their child's new classroom and meet their new teacher. 3.15pm

Thursday 16th July
Y6 Leaver's Mass – 2pm

Friday 17th July
Last Day of the Academic Year. Children will be dismissed at 2pm.

Y6 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Please refer to the email sent earlier today with all the arrangements for the children's final week at St Mary's. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Y6 Leaver's Party

This annual celebratory event for the Y6 children and their parents is taking place at St Mary's tomorrow (4pm – 6pm). Children will not be allowed to come unaccompanied by an adult. If a parent is unable to come along, please ensure that another adult is responsible for your child. It is a joyous event to celebrate the end of one phase and to look forward to the next phase in the children's education.

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REPORTS

Parents and carers of children from Nursery – Y5 should have received the end of year reports today. If anyone would like to discuss any specific point, please phone the main office to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher. However, you do not have to arrange a meeting if there are no points to discuss and you are happy with the report.

WALKABOUT

On Wednesday 15th July, parents and carers and children are invited to walk around the classes after school (3.15pm) to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Please go to your child's existing class to see the work on display and then visit their new classroom.

Y6 PRODUCTION

OLIVER!

Congratulations to Y6. It was a wonderful production and I am sure everyone left each performance with a big smile and an odd tear, despite the heat!

Every child performed brilliantly. It is incredible to watch these children singing and acting in such a mature way. There really is some real hidden talent.

Well done to Y5 for assisting by singing the songs so beautifully. It gave them an idea of what will be expected of them next year so they can look forward to that!

Thank you so much to all the staff who supported behind the scenes helping with the costumes and supervision.

Mrs McGarry and Miss Gannon encouraged and supported their Y6 classes and it came together perfectly in the end.

CAREERS DAY

Our Y6 children enjoyed a wonderful careers afternoon, exploring a wide range of jobs and hearing about different career paths.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to come and share their experiences with the children.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME AT CHRISTCHURCH

Please note that the application portal for the children receiving First Holy Communion, in Christchurch, in 2027 is now open. Please click on the link below to access the information.

https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/First-Holy-Communion-Courses/

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that all after school clubs have now finished for this academic year.

Wraparound care will be open as usual for breakfast and after school next week. Due to the early finish on Friday 17th (2pm) wraparound will not be taking place.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Kenechi Ude, 6N, was recently awarded the 2025/2026 season Players' Player for the U11 Greenwich District Football team. After a season of hard work, this is a great achievement.

Gloria Zarczynska, 3H, has been awarded *Gymnast of the Term* by Jamie's Gymnastics Academy. She is absolutely thrilled and so proud of her achievement. Well done, Gloria!

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SATURDAY 11TH JULY (4PM – 8PM)

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ACTIVITES IN Y1

Y1 had a wonderful time making colourful fruit kebabs!

As we prepared our fresh fruit, we talked about how fruit helps to keep us healthy, hydrated, and refreshed, especially on warm days. Everyone enjoyed creating their own tasty fruit kebabs and trying a variety of delicious fruits.

Y2 VISIT THE MARITIME MUSEUM

Y2 took their learning about the Moon to the Maritime Museum for a day of space exploration! The children learned all about the Solar System, blasted off into outer space and even discovered what the Moon smells like! They finished the day by meeting astronomers from the Royal Observatory, who shared fascinating facts about our planets and the exciting discoveries being made about space.

ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP

Y1 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an engaging and nteractive Road Safety Workshop led by the Road Safety Team.

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CLASSES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Please see below the list of teachers and classes for the next academic year.

	Teacher	Children's Present Class
Nursery	Mrs Otley	
Class A	Mrs White	
Class B	Mrs Brophy (Monday/Tuesday) Mrs Dempsey (Wednesday – Friday)	
Class C	Miss Palmer	A
Class D	Mrs Piechota	B
Class E	Mrs Loynton	D
Class F	Mrs Green (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Pita (Thursday/Friday)	C
Class G	Mrs Bone	F
Class H	Mrs Flynn (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Ivashkevich (Thursday/Friday)	E
Class I	Miss Gannon	H
Class J	Mrs Woodhouse	G
Class K	Mrs Shallice	I
Class L	Miss Bavington	J
Class M	Miss Zhao	K
Class N	Mrs Williams	L

As we look ahead to a new school year, we also take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to Ms Kyriakaki, Mrs Evans and Mrs Parsons. We would like to thank them for their dedication, care and commitment to our school. They have made a difference to the lives of so many children, and we wish these wonderful teachers every happiness and success in the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Miss Bavington, Miss Palmer and Miss Zhao to our teaching team. We look forward to them becoming part of our school community and know they will be a wonderful addition to the team.

We are excited for the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring.