

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are really pleased to share the attached end of Key Stage results which show how well our children have performed in their assessments this year. St Mary's significantly outperformed the national and local comparisons in every single criteria. This is down to the hard work of the children and the skilled teaching staff who prepare them so well.

Well done to everyone!

Should anyone want to ask any questions about this data, please contact the school.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Prescott has become our new Learning Mentor. This is a new role at St Mary's and we wish Mrs Prescott the best of luck in this position. She has many years experience as a Teaching Assistant and is looking forward to this new challenge.

Our Y6 children left us yesterday to move onto the next stage of their lives. It is an exciting time for them but they may also feel a little apprehensive as they embark on their new journey. I wish them all the very best of luck and I encourage them to return back to St Mary's to tell us all about their new schools.

I would like to thank the Parent's Association for all their hard work and the support that they continuously give to St Mary's throughout the year. We could not manage without them.

I wish all families a restful Summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.55am.

Kind regards

Mr Sims

Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day – Children will not attend school

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

All children return to school – 8.55am

The new Reception and Nursery children start school on a staggered basis. Times and dates have been emailed to all parents but if you have any questions, please contact the main office.

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Parliament Trip

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Reception children at school all day (8.55am – 3.15pm)

After school clubs will resume this week

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Class Mass – 6N – Convent of Mercy

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Class J - Swimming lessons begin for Y4 children in The Eltham Centre

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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This Summer, The Eltham Centre are running their best ever reading challenge! Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.better.org.uk/summer-reading-challenge>

For those children who are unable to get to a library over the holiday, I have attached some summer reading challenges which your children may want to complete.

Mrs Thaxter would like children to complete as many challenges as they can over the holidays and give them to her when we return in September.

They might even like to bring a photo too!

Best of luck and happy reading!

## HOLIDAY MEALS FROM ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

During the school summer holidays, children can pick up free holiday meals from libraries, leisure centres and play centres in Royal Greenwich.

From Monday 24 July to Friday 25 August, any child can pick up a nutritious packed lunch from sites across the borough. There are no forms or fuss - simply turn up, tuck in, and enjoy.

The pickup locations will also be hosting a range of fun activities for children to get involved with, allowing parents to take a breather this summer.

Find your closest library or leisure centre and check their serving time.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jack Saunders, 1D, completed his bronze certificate and has moved to the silver class in swimming.

Isabella Ivashkevitch, 3G, won first and second place in Seamus & Marie Moore Memorial Feis.

Lottie Meyer, RA, completed her RAD Pre-Primary in Dance Class Award.

Samuel Murphy, 2F, was top scorer and awarded Player of the Season for his Under 8s Beacons team.

Austin (5L), Beatrice (2F) and Connie (RB) Brewster have all achieved swim awards at the end of this term.



## CULTURAL IDEAS FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

Mrs Pachi, one of our parents, is currently studying at the Institute of Tourism and wants to share the following information with the families at St Mary's.

Please click on this link to see what cultural activities are going on in London throughout the Summer holidays.

<https://itg.org.uk/>

These are all family and child friendly activities so please take a look to see what would suit your family.

Look out for more information from Mrs Pachi each month

## ESAFETY

The summer holidays are full of opportunities. It is uplifting for children and young people to have a change from the restrictions of their normal weekly timetable – and with the whole holiday to enjoy, there is lots of time to fill. Of course, the challenge for parents and carers is to find activities that are not only educational but will prove popular with young people! There are many options for children so parents please ensure all the safety features are active and limit your child's usage. The Summer holiday is a great time for children to be outdoors, enjoying the fine weather and limiting screen time.

It is all about balance.

END OF TERM AWARDS  
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

<b>Class A</b>	Benjamin, Ava
<b>Class B</b>	Alex, Leon
<b>Class C</b>	Evelyn, Lily
<b>Class D</b>	Benaiah, Anointing
<b>Class E</b>	Jacob, Victoria
<b>Class F</b>	Samuel, Charlie
<b>Class G</b>	Archie, Nicole
<b>Class H</b>	Harry, Sasha
<b>Class I</b>	Caitlyn, Sophie
<b>Class J</b>	Leo, Sicily
<b>Class K</b>	Gabrielius, Ayomide
<b>Class L</b>	Reggie, Ella
<b>Class M</b>	Kyle, Hayleigh
<b>Class N</b>	Lucas, Ava

END OF TERM AWARDS  
CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES

<b>Class A</b>	Cyprian, Pixie
<b>Class B</b>	Philip, Connie
<b>Class C</b>	Freddie, Keziah
<b>Class D</b>	Helen, Erin
<b>Class E</b>	Dristan, Chisom
<b>Class F</b>	Joel, Florence
<b>Class G</b>	Amani, Alyssa
<b>Class H</b>	Anton, Margot
<b>Class I</b>	Mitch, Isabella
<b>Class J</b>	Oscar, Heidi
<b>Class K</b>	Daniel, Bethany
<b>Class L</b>	Evan, Guilia
<b>Class M</b>	Jesse-George, Daria
<b>Class N</b>	Miles, Excellent

END OF TERM AWARDS  
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<b>Class A</b>	Louie
<b>Class B</b>	Nora
<b>Class C</b>	Amelia
<b>Class D</b>	Jack
<b>Class E</b>	Connor
<b>Class F</b>	Frank
<b>Class G</b>	Jake
<b>Class H</b>	Raessa
<b>Class I</b>	Betsy
<b>Class J</b>	Maja
<b>Class K</b>	Jenaro
<b>Class L</b>	Osasere
<b>Class M</b>	Eleni
<b>Class N</b>	Florence

ATTENDANCE

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 - FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	95%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%

Please view the class attendance so far this year. Many classes have achieved 97%. Attendance at school is very important for all children so please ensure that all holidays are taken during the school holiday, not during term time.

PA NEWS

As a new committee this year, we would like to thank everyone for their help and for making us feel welcome. We would like to thank the previous committee for ensuring a smooth handover.

We would like to thank all the parents and supporters who have helped us raise money for the school this year and bring our community together.

Thanks to you, we have been able to generate some extra-curricular fun for the children, such as Christmas pantomime performances, festive presents, Easter Bunny visit and new toys for the playground. We have also been able to raise significant funds, which will be put towards the proposed Infant Playground works.

A huge thank you for all your support and we look forward to starting again in September!

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