

## Weekly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week was a highlight of the school calendar as we celebrated the Crowning of our Lady, a cherished tradition at our school. Y4 students planned and lead the ceremony with reverence and joy. They reminded us of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles that we can embody in our lives.

The floral offerings from our families created a serene and uplifting atmosphere in our hall. I was delighted that not only did the school orchestra accompany the singing but so did a Y5 class playing ukuleles.

Our music lessons are planned so that all children have experience of playing a range of instruments, and it is always special when they get to perform in front of an audience.

As a small act of pilgrimage, the chaplain of St Thomas More Secondary school accompanied 10 pupils to take part in the ceremony. It was a truly beautiful time to come together in faith to honour Mary, whose "yes" to God continues to inspire and unite us. It was particularly moving to see the connection for those students who previously attended St Mary's which was highlighted when they joined in singing our school song with great enthusiasm. The only downside was that parents and carers could not join us in the service due to the wet weather.

Please see the pictures on the newsletter and uploaded to X.

We are delighted to share a wide range of after-school clubs at school. These clubs are designed to enrich your child's learning experience, encourage new interests, and foster friendships beyond the classroom.

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for the final half term of this academic year.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School



*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Y5 Platform Cricket Final Blackheath

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Charlton Football Match

Meeting for New Reception and Nursery Parents.

Y4 Education Visit to Eltham Park North

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

PA Event – Summer Fayre

### FAITH FRIENDS

Many thanks to our Faith Friends for leading a beautiful Rosary this morning. They reflected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious mystery.

Thank you to all the families that attended throughout May.

*O Mary, in this mystery, we contemplate the beginning of the Church, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit who enabled them to proclaim the Good News to all peoples.*



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## PRAYER AND LITURGY

Jack and Leo led prayer and liturgy for class A. They asked their friends to share their own thank you prayers. Together we reflected on the story from John 14.

Jesus says "Peace I give you...this is my gift to you". We talked about how we could be more peaceful.



## BLACKHEATH SINGING SPECTACULAR

Well done to the Chamber Choir for such an uplifting performance at Blackheath Halls yesterday evening, at the Singing Spectacular. The children were just wonderful! It was a privilege to see and hear the breath of talent from all the choirs on the stage, a wonderful event to be a part of.

Many thanks to Mrs McGarry for preparing the choir so thoroughly, to the children for working so hard, and to all the parents and grandparents for supporting the children at the event.

Take a look at Twitter to see some short videos of the performance.

<https://x.com/StMarysEltham>



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Saoirse McCormack, RB, has recently been awarded her first belt in Taekwondo, the white belt. She will be move onto the yellow/white belt next.

Saoirse also has gone from orange to yellow hat in her swimming lessons.

What a busy girl! Well done.



Herbie Seboa, 2E, recently won a trophy as part of his football team, Cath Wanderers.



## PHOTOS FROM CROWNING OF OUR LADY



## ECO EXPLORERS

The eco explorers have been looking after their tomato and cucumber plants this week.



*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation.*

## WRAPAROUND SUNSHINE OF THE MONTH

The Wraparound 'sunshine of the month' is Evelyn Shallice, 6N, for being very helpful with the younger children.



## Y1 NEWS

Our Y1 children brought the wild to life this week with their energetic Safari Boogie dance performance for the Nursery! The children danced with enthusiasm and confidence, showcasing their rhythm and teamwork to the Lion King song, 'I cannot wait to be the king!'

The Nursery children were absolutely delighted, clapping along and joining in with the fun. It was a fantastic way to build friendships across year groups and share the joy of movement and music. Well done, Y1!



## RECEPTION NEWS CELEBRATING HERITAGE

Classes A and B would like to thank all the parents for coming on site to talk to the children about their heritage. It was fascinating for the children to hear about the customs and cultures in other countries, such as Spain, Nigeria, Australia, China, Brazil and Belgium.



## Y2 NEWS

This week, the children in Y2 children became palaeontologists. Using real-world clues like teeth, footprints and bones, they investigated how dinosaurs lived, moved and ate.



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END OF HALF TERM AWARDS  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

<b>Class A</b>	James, Georgina
<b>Class B</b>	Francis, Lexie
<b>Class C</b>	Pedro, Martha
<b>Class D</b>	Elijah, Aoife
<b>Class E</b>	George, Pixie
<b>Class F</b>	Philip, Elena
<b>Class G</b>	Jack, Florence
<b>Class H</b>	Jarlath, Margot
<b>Class I</b>	Marcus, Ania
<b>Class J</b>	Okiki, Kisabelle
<b>Class K</b>	Philip, Sienna
<b>Class L</b>	Lennie, Lissie
<b>Class M</b>	Finn, Zara
<b>Class N</b>	Emmett, Caitlyn

END OF HALF TERM AWARDS  
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

<b>Class A</b>	Leo, Ava
<b>Class B</b>	Sebi, Mia
<b>Class C</b>	Jesse, Elsie
<b>Class D</b>	James, Connie
<b>Class E</b>	Oxli, Tilly
<b>Class F</b>	Dominic, Amelie
<b>Class G</b>	Arnie, Victoria
<b>Class H</b>	Delano, Janelle
<b>Class I</b>	Joel, Florence
<b>Class J</b>	Zealand, Leah
<b>Class K</b>	Michael, Evie
<b>Class L</b>	Albie, Mimi
<b>Class M</b>	Charles, Emma-Rose
<b>Class N</b>	Tymon, Sofia

END OF HALF TERM  
AWARDS PSHE

<b>Class A</b>	David
<b>Class B</b>	Leo
<b>Class C</b>	Nadia
<b>Class D</b>	Ivy
<b>Class E</b>	Indie
<b>Class F</b>	Beau
<b>Class G</b>	Jessica
<b>Class H</b>	Freddie
<b>Class I</b>	Sebastian
<b>Class J</b>	Adam
<b>Class K</b>	Bobby
<b>Class L</b>	Archie
<b>Class M</b>	Grace O
<b>Class N</b>	Zofia

ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 - FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2025

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	98%	98%	97%	96%	96%	97%	96%

Well done to classes 3H and 4I for achieving 98% attendance at the end of this half term! Many thanks for all your support.

SUMMER FAYRE

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

Many thanks for your support today. We are very grateful to everyone for their contributions.

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy. Please sign up by following the link below:

[volunteersignup.org/L7L8K](https://volunteersignup.org/L7L8K)

We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to gather some plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact the PA as they will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

The cake stall will need lots of delicious cakes on the day so think about what you can donate.

Many thanks for all your support.

## SPORTS NEWS

We would all like to wish our Y5/Y6 children the very best of luck in the Kids Cup Finals at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 25th May. Everyone is looking forward to a great football match which we predict will be an unforgettable experience for the children. Well done to the team for working together to reach this goal, for the parent's support and to Mr Jones and the staff at St Mary's for preparing them.



Well done to the KS1 football team who won the recent Charlton Athletic tournament without conceding a single goal!



The St Mary's rugby team attended a rugby tournament at Old Colfeians this week and were crowned Greenwich Champions. Next stop is the London Youth Games finals!



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## SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

Over the last few weeks, Dotty Steele, 5K, has been competing for the NSEA National School Equestrian Association, representing St Mary's. Firstly, Dotty competed at Beechwood farm and came 1st in the 70cm and then at Hadlow College and came 1st in the 60s. At the Hickstead All England Show Jumping course, Dotty won the 55cm class.



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