

Weekly Newsletter
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WEEK BEGINNING 2nd MARCH

Sunday 1st March

Happy St David's Day to our Welsh families.

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March

Y6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Monday 2nd

Secondary School Offers for September 2026

Tuesday 3rd March

Y2 Stations of the Cross
Y4 Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 4th March

Y3 Stations of the Cross

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day
KS1 Football Charlton Athletic
Y2 Stations of the Cross
Y4 Stations of the Cross

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

I hope everyone had a restful half term break.

Our Y6 children will receive confirmation on Monday of their secondary school destination for September 2026. I hope that every child is happy with their outcome but if any parent has any questions, or are unhappy with the school that has been offered, please make an appointment to see me where we can talk things through.

It was lovely seeing the Y2 children celebrate school life in Victorian times today – very different times for children!

Tempest Photography were on site today taking the class photos. Children will bring home the proofs once they are delivered to school.

We are already in the season of Lent so all the focal points around the school have changed to purple. Lent is 40 days to practice being more loving, patient, and kind — just like Jesus.

We should all take this time to be reflective about our actions and try our best to be kind and to think about others.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen
Head of School

PARENT'S EVENINGS

The booking system for booking your parent's evening meeting with your child's teacher has changed. We no longer use Wisepay to book the meetings.

Details of the new system will be emailed to parents and carers on Monday. It is very straightforward and I hope parents and carers find it easy to use.

The dates for parent's evening are Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March (3.30pm – 6pm).

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Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Kingswood next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at approx. 10am so all Y6 children must be on site at 9.30am to make last minute checks. The children are welcome to arrive at 8.55am, especially if there are younger siblings in the family.

Please take your children to the gym hall with their luggage and medical bags. If your child is taking extra medication, please see Mrs Williams on Monday morning. Please do not pack medication or money into suitcases. Information has been sent to parents so please refer to the letters and emails. Please ensure your child has adequate clothing and packs wisely.

Your child will require a packed lunch for Monday. Please be mindful of the children with allergies in the year group. The children will be well fed during the week and will not need any extra snacks. Do not send any in their luggage.

A daily email update will be sent from the main office to parents so please look out for them. We will upload some photos onto X (Twitter).

The children will return to St Mary's on Friday 6th March. We will inform parents of timings but we estimate a 2.45pm arrival at St Mary's.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Sydney Baretic, Y5, created a PowerPoint about the differences between boys and girls playing sports in our playground. She presented the PowerPoint with her fellow school councilor Victoria Burnett at the School Council meeting. The project showed real leadership qualities and led to a very good discussion about health and fitness.



FAITH FRIENDS

Today 41 Faith Friends gathered the Infant children to tell them story about something very special that happened to Jesus while he was on a mountain with three of his friends.

His appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun. They realised that Jesus was the Son of God. This also changed the lives of His friends as they realised that Jesus was the Son of God. We can make changes to how we live our lives to play our part in making the world a better place for everyone.

God of light and power, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live our lives. Help us to recognise him in all people we meet and to take action to change the world for the better. Amen.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

We are incredibly proud of our School Orchestra, who, on Tuesday evening performed in their first concert outside of St Mary's. The children performed at the Royal Borough Greenwich 'Showcase Your Sound' Concert at Blackheath Halls.

This was an exciting opportunity for our musicians, and they truly rose to the occasion. They performed brilliantly, showing confidence, focus and musicality.

Not only did they play very well, but they also conducted themselves in a highly professional manner. They represented our school with maturity, excellent behaviour, and teamwork.

We were lucky to have four former pupils of St Mary's join us too, which was a lovely addition.

We are so proud of you all.

A special thanks to Chris Wilkes, who conducted and to Iryna Szymanska, who accompanied on the piano.



WRAPAROUND SUNSHINE OF THE MONTH

This month, Nadia Brodtko, 2F, received the award for being happy, polite and always helpful in Wraparound.



WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

To celebrate World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) and the UK's National Year of Reading 2026, children are invited to design a National Book Token.

This year's theme, *Go All In*, is all about diving into the stories you love and exploring them even further through reading. Whether you are passionate about football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history, music or making people laugh, books can bring your interests to life in exciting new ways.

For the competition, children are invited to create a bold, eye-catching gift card design. Their design should reflect their reading interests and show how books inspire them to explore ideas, spark their imagination, and go further through reading. I have reattached the template is for your child to use for their final design.

Many thanks for all the entries so far! They look amazing!

All entries should be handed to Mrs Thaxter by **Friday 20th March**.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Evie Ball, 6M, performed to a full house in St Mary's Hall in Bexley as part of The Utopians presentation of Aladdin and The Blue Genie. The pantomime was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



Rose Aslaner, 5L, recently passed the Pony Club E Standard Test, earning the Road Rider Badge. Well done, Rose!



PA EVENTS

Please read the attached information from the PA regarding their role and upcoming events.

🎁 Mother's Day Sale 🎁

- ❖ Friday 13th March during the school day and at school pick up time.
- ❖ There will be a great choice of gifts from key rings, bracelets, card holders, notebooks and mugs.
- ❖ Gifts will range from 50p up to £4

🍀 St Patrick's Day Fundraiser - buy your tickets now! 🍀

Don't miss out on tickets for our annual **St Patrick's Celebration** on **Friday 20 March, 6-9.30pm**.

This is a fun, **family** evening and one of the highlights of our social calendar. The evening will have:

- ❖ Live, traditional Irish music
- ❖ Fabulous Irish dancing display
- ❖ Paid bar and snacks

Tickets are available to purchase on: tiny.cc/stmaryspatitickets

If you are planning to come along, please consider signing up for one of the volunteer slots (<https://volunteersignup.org/QAA4Y>). We need lots of hands to help make events like this a success. **Volunteers get a free ticket!**

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