Weekly Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

This half term is always one of the busiest, and the next few weeks are packed with exciting events as we head towards the end of the school year. We have Masses, sports days, trips, performances, transition activities, reports and plenty more to look forward to, so there is a real energy around school at the moment.

We know it is a busy time for families too, and we are very grateful for all your support. Your help with permissions, costumes, packed lunches, transport arrangements and the many things that come with this time of year makes a huge difference and helps everything run smoothly.

If you have any concerns about anything please do not hesitate to come forward and speak to a member of staff.

We are also delighted to be welcoming our new cohort of children on Tuesday. They will be joining the St Mary's family in September 2026, and we cannot wait to meet them and begin getting to know them. We know they will be excited to visit their new school and take their first steps on their school journey.

We are looking forward to making the most of these final weeks together and celebrating all that the children have achieved this year.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen
Head of School

WEEK BEGINNING 8th June

Tuesday 9th June
New Reception children on site for ***stay n play*** (9.15am and 11am).
Nursery children are invited on site at 2pm in the dining hall.

KS2 Road Safety Workshop

Wednesday 10th June
Y5/Y6 London Youth Games Rugby Finals

Friday 12th June
Sport's Day in Eltham Park South

CAREER'S DAY

As part of our annual Careers Day, St. Mary's is looking for parents, family members, and friends of the school who would be willing to speak to our Year 6 pupils about their career.

We would love to hear from people working in any profession, trade, business, or industry. By sharing your career journey and what your role involves, you can help to inspire our pupils and broaden their understanding of the opportunities available to them in the future.

The event will take place from 1pm on 10th July.

If you would be interested in taking part, please contact the school office at office@stmaryseltham.org

Thank you for supporting our school community and helping to make Careers Day a memorable experience for our pupils.

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SPORT'S DAY

INFANTS - 9.20am-11.30am
JUNIORS - 1.20pm-3.00pm
ELTHAM PARK SOUTH

I hope that the weather will be dry for the St Mary's Sport's Day on **Friday 12th June**! Please ensure your children wear adequate sun protection and hats or bring a light raincoat if needed.

Infants will start at approximately 9.20am. Parents are invited to Eltham Park South to support their children. When their events have finished the Infant children will be taken back to school for the remainder of their day.

Juniors will commence at 1.20pm. Parents are also invited to come along and if you wish to take your Junior child home straight afterwards, please inform the teacher when the events are finished. Any Junior child not collected will be escorted back to school. If another person collects your child, please inform the teacher or the main office.

The children will bring their PE kits home from school on Thursday afternoon. All children are asked to come to school on Friday morning wearing their PE kit. They do not need to bring their book bags on this day. Please ensure that they bring their water bottle, which can be refilled at the park in needed.

Wraparound care and after school clubs (science, drama and American football) will take place as normal in the school.

The **NURSERY** Sport's Day is taking place on **Wednesday 17th June** in the Nursery and parents can come along to watch. More details to follow.

SCHOOL KITCHEN

We have an amazing team working in our school kitchen, and today they celebrated NARF (The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation) and Arlo's birthday.

Arlo is a friendly food-allergic armadillo who helps make learning about food allergies fun and engaging for children.

To mark the occasion, our talented kitchen team baked a selection of purple-themed desserts and cakes for the children to enjoy. As always, they took great care to ensure that the needs of children with food allergies were carefully considered, helping everyone to celebrate safely and inclusively.

The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation is working towards a future without food allergies through medical research, campaigning, allergy awareness, and support for families.

Please take a moment to learn more about the important work being carried out by The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation and help raise awareness of the seriousness of food allergies. Together, we can help create a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone living with food allergies.

https://www.narf.org.uk/

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Samuel Hallett, 6M, attended a European Football Tournament with Ballon Dor Football Academy. He had the opportunity to play against teams from across Europe, make wonderful memories, and learn from the experience. His team won the whole tournament beating France in the final. What an experience for Samuel! Well done to him and his team.

PLEASE REMEMBER….

Tomorrow, on June 6th, we remember a pivotal moment in world history: D-Day, the Allied landings in Normandy in 1944 during World War II.

This day marks the bravery and sacrifice of thousands of soldiers who fought for the values of freedom, peace, and justice. It was a turning point that helped lead to the end of the war and the restoration of peace in Europe. We must always pray for all those people who gave, and are still giving, their lives for peace in the world.

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PA EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS – MESSAGE FROM THE PA

Father's Day Sale:

The PA is holding a Father's Day sale at school on Thursday 18th June. Lots of lovely gifts for Dads!

Can you help on the day?
We need about 25 volunteers to help at the sale. If you can spare some time we would really appreciate it, please sign up volunteersignup.org/Q3CEQ

The children will visit the sale during the day with their class. Teachers and PA volunteers will help them select gifts. Gifts are priced between £1 and £6. We ask if the children can bring their money in a named purse/wallet/envelope. We will sell any remaining stock after school outside the gates.

Summer Fayre:

The Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 27th June from 12 - 4pm, only 3 weeks away! Please make sure you have the date saved in your diaries!

This is always a fun day but it takes many helping hands to make this a great experience for our St Mary's families. To help organise volunteers this year, we have assigned a stall to each year group.

To offer your time, please visit this link https://volunteersignup.org/EE4DL to sign up, (or more than one if you have time please!). Please also feel free to share this with any friends or family who may be able to lend a hand.

If you have any questions please reach out to the Parents Association - stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and we are really looking forward to the day.

SPORTING SUCCESS

The Y3/Y4 football team participated in the Charlton Athletic Football Tournament yesterday. The team played brilliantly, earning a place in the final and winning the match on penalties. There were some tense moments but the team held their nerve and won the match. Let's hope the national side have the same results in the USA over the next month!

Many thanks to Mr McGrath and Miss Brophy for accompanying the children.

The Y6 football team have been participating in the Greenwich Schools Football League since November 2025. They have played excellent football throughout the whole tournament and after the last game of the competition yesterday, they were informed that they came top of the league!
Many thanks to the whole team for showing great commitment and teamwork and to all the parents and carers for supporting the boys.

There will be a presentation on Friday 26th June at 4pm.

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