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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final half term of the school year already! This is a particularly busy half term packed with events and enriching experiences for the children. Please take note of key dates in this newsletter.

May Day seems a long time ago, but thank you so much for your warm applause of encouragement and support. We were so proud of every child for their brilliant effort and team work.

Sports Day: Friday 27th June at 1.30pm

The children have been developing their athletics skills this half term in PE and these will be on show on Friday next week on Sports Day in Oak Hill Park. The forecast is looking a hot again for next week! We will send out a separate letter early next week with sports day reminders.



ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE KIT

The Friends of St. Mary's will be selling raffle tickets at Sports Day with winning tickets being announced at the Summer Fayre. Thank you in advance for supporting the school.

- If there are any parents and carers that might be available to help Mr. Church to set up for Sports Day **between 9-10am on Tuesday**, please let me know when you see me on the gate, or give us a call next week.
- **Do you have a picnic blanket that we could borrow?** As we did last year, we'd like the children to sit on blankets instead of chairs for Sports Day. Please send any loaned blankets in with your child (with the class and your child's name on) ASAP!

Consultations: We will send a text message to let you know when booking becomes available.

- This will be a final opportunity for you to formally meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress this academic year and to review ongoing targets for further development. You will also have a chance to look at some of their learning.
- Consultations will take place in the week commencing 7th July.

Journeying Together

♪ Do not fear, for I'm with you,
♪ Don't be dismayed, I'm your God too.
♪ I'll strengthen you and help you stand,
♪ Uphold you with My righteous hand.
♪ Do not fear, for I am near—
♪ Your God is always here.

Isaiah 41:10

Collective Worship:

This half term, we have been reflecting on our journeys together. Our memory verse, sung to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star comes from the book of Isaiah. You may have already heard your child singing it! It's a reminder that despite life's ups and downs, God is always with us.

We have learned a beautiful sung version of The Lord's Prayer and a very moving hymn called An Irish Blessing which aligns so well with the words of our school vision. Double click the icons below to listen and join in!



An Irish Blessing -
Performance Track.1



Our Father (The
Lords Prayer) (Vocal)

Food Bank Donations:

- We are very proud of our continued support for the [Chipping Barnet Food Bank](#). We feel strongly as a school community that we should help raise awareness of food poverty and engage particularly with our children about social responsibility, but most importantly help those families who are really struggling.
- With that in mind, we would like to invite anyone who feels able to, to bring in food bank donations to help ensure that families have enough to eat over the summer break.
- With the holidays being a tough time for some families, the food bank is also giving out an extra packed lunch to every child visiting them this summer.
- If you know someone who might be in need of the food bank, please do share [this link](#) with them.
- **The collection in school will take place on Monday 14th July.** Please help us support this charity by bringing your donations to school on this day. Children will need to take donations to their classrooms.

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Tinned Meat

Pasta Sauces

Tinned fish

Coffee

Toilet rolls

Packed lunch items:

Small long-life juices

Chocolate bars

Bags of crisps

Small boxed of dried fruit

Staffing updates:

We will sadly be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff at the end of this academic year.

Ms Davies, who has been a PPA cover teacher in Y3, Y5 and Y6 will be leaving us to pursue her tutoring career!

Ms Kavanagh, Mrs Reuben and Mrs Poojari have been highly valued teaching assistants and will also be moving on in July.

After 27 years, we are also sadly saying farewell to Mrs Fricker who has worked at St. Mary's in various roles and was also a St. Mary's parent as 2 of her children were pupils here many years ago. Mrs Fricker is looking forward to a well-earned retirement which will give her even more time to watch her beloved Arsenal play football, and enjoy many trips with her husband Mark.

All staff go with our love and prayers; May God hold them all in the palm of His hand and strengthen them in all they do.



A message from our Vice Chair of Governors – Steven Hicks:

We recently held our latest governor meeting and I wanted to share a quick update.

We're really pleased to confirm that a pilot for onsite after school care will be starting this September. A small group of governors and staff have been working on this over the past few months, and we're excited to get it up and running. Spaces will be limited at first, and Mrs Constantinou has been in touch with details on how to sign up. We'll review how things are going in December, with the aim of growing the offer further in 2026. We also looked at how children are progressing across the school using the data from the spring term. It was great to see strong progress across all year groups. A big well done to all the children and staff. We're looking forward to seeing the Year 6 SATs results when they come through.

Our budget for the 2025 to 2026 school year was also approved. Like many schools, we're working within tighter financial constraints than in previous years, so we're keeping a close eye on spending. Your support and contributions are more valuable than ever, so if you haven't been able to donate yet this year and would like to, please do so via the Eduspot App.

Outside of school governance, May Day was a real highlight of the term. It's such a great showcase of everything that makes St Mary's special. The children were fantastic, and Year 6 did a brilliant job with the plait!



Summer Fayre:

Please come along and enjoy the Summer Fayre on **Saturday 28th June 12-3pm.**

There will be lots of fun to be had and it will be a brilliant, and essential fundraiser for the school to work towards further developments of our outdoor spaces.

There will be ice cream, delicious drinks, tasty food, crafts, plants and plenty of exciting games and stalls to explore.

We will also have a charity stall as always.

This year, we have chosen to support the work of the charity Unicef, whose mission is to support vulnerable children. They work to protect the rights and well-being of children worldwide, focusing on health, education, protection, and humanitarian response.

With so much conflict around the world affecting families, we felt this was much needed.

A HUGE thank you to the FOSM for their incredible efforts to make so many events happen this academic year. Quizzes, discos, parties, cake sales to name a few – all done on a voluntary basis for the good of our St. Mary's pupils. ❤️❤️❤️

St. Mary's Church News:

Every year St Mary's Church publishes a report on their activities. You can see what the church community have been thankful for in 2024 by reading the [report here](#).

Do take a [look at the services](#) happening at church too. Rev Alec would love to see you!

EAST BARNET 
PARISH CHURCH
St Mary the Virgin

Books in school:

You may recall that a few years ago, we invited parents to donate books to our class libraries in a couple of different ways.

Our Amazon [Wish List can be accessed here](#). We continue to add new books all the time. If your child has a birthday coming up, donating a book might be a lovely way to celebrate! If parents would like to donate a book via Amazon, and they leave us a message on the page, then we will include a sticker inside the book to note who has made the donation.



As an alternative to the Amazon wish list, we have also worked with the Children's Book Shop in Muswell Hill to create a collection of St Mary's class wish lists: <https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/wishlists>.

Once purchases are made, The Children's Bookshop will send books to school once a week for free, labelled with the child's name and class, but parents are also welcome to go into the shop and browse if they'd rather and take it with them immediately.

Outdoor equipment donations:

We have also set up a [playground wish list](#) on Amazon which includes activities like chess, and card games as well as sporty equipment. The children loved the recent skipping workshops, and we can't keep up with buying them! Please give what you can.



Infinite Wonders – Endless Possibilities...

We have a published author in our St. Mary's family! Anthony in Y3 wanted to write a story using the characters from Minecraft, so his parents set him up on the laptop and he wrote a whole book with multiple chapters! The book is titled Infinite Wonders – Endless Possibilities.

Anthony also designed the front and back covers too.

I wonder what's next for Anthony...! We are very proud of him 😊

The Grove After School Club:

We sent out communications yesterday about The Grove. We will notify you as soon as booking open for the new academic year. We are hoping to do this by the end of June.

If the club gets full, and you still need after school provision, please contact All Sorts after school club who may be able to assist. e-mail: newbarnetca@gmail.com or tel: 020 8441 7044



With LOTS happening over the next few weeks, here is a list of all the major events in school. There will be more details to follow in the next few weeks, with regard to some of these:

- Y5 & Y6 Road Safety Workshop 23rd June
- Y5 educational visits: Tuesday 24th June
- Sports Day: afternoon of 27th June
- Summer Fayre: Saturday 28th June
- Y4 swimming block: w/c 30th June and 7th July
- Y1 educational visit: Wednesday 2nd July
- Academic reports for Reception coming home: w/c 30th June
- Communion service in school: Thursday 3rd July am. **Please let us know if consent has changed since the last communion service last term.**
- Summer music concert: Friday 4th July
- Parent Consultations – w/c 7th July
- Food bank donations to school: Monday 14th July
- Y5 and 6 end of year production: Tuesday 15th July at 7pm
- Fun day in school: Monday 21st July (children come in sporty non-uniform)
- Leavers' service at Church: Tuesday 22nd July
- School closes for summer: 3pm Tuesday 22nd July



Thank you as always for your continued support.

Remember that even with faith as small as a mustard seed; we can do anything!

Maria Constantinou

Headteacher

