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God's Loving Hands.

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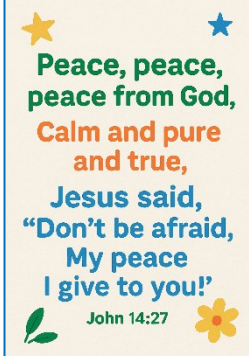
Newsletter No. 4

Tuesday 18th November 2025

THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS IS ON...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The focus for this newsletter is on events that are coming up between now and the end of term. Please add these to your diaries; it's going to be a busy few weeks!



Collective worship focus:

This half term, we are thinking about Peace. Our memory verse inspired by John 14:27 and we sing it to the tune for Row, Row, Row Your Boat:

We have also learned the signs for Peace, God, Calm, True and Jesus – just ask the children to show you!

We have been thinking about sharing different signs of peace and how we can be peacemakers ourselves.

The children at St. Mary's are superb singers and have learned a new hymn in just one week. Click to listen and join in with [Be Still for the Power of the Lord](#).



St. Mary's Has Got Talent!

We are always delighted to hear about the children's achievements outside of school. Just before half term, Georgiana in Year 6 showcased her musical talent on the stage of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, performing in Mozart's The Magic Flute.

Some of the staff were lucky enough to attend and celebrate with her 😊

School Christmas Fayre: Saturday 29th November 12-3pm

Please come along to our Christmas Fayre to join in with some festive fun and some delicious food and drink. Bring your friends and family along too! Our fundraising focus is on new technology and resources in school.

Thank you to all of those who are working hard to prepare for the fayre.



Infant and Junior productions December 2025:

Drama, singing and dancing rehearsals are underway for our Christmas productions. Every child in the school will be taking part as ever and we are looking forward to welcoming you to see them in action!

To accommodate an audience, we will be issuing tickets to ensure that the hall doesn't become overcrowded.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR TICKETS. *There will be an offering for our expenses and for 'The Children's Society', with QR codes available to scan on the day.*

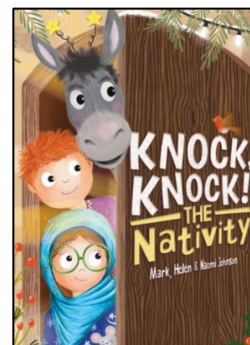
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Infant production: 'Knock, Knock! The Nativity by Mark, Helen and Naomi Johnson

- There will be 2 performances of the Infant Production on Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.
- There is a total allocation of 2 tickets per family, per performance
- We will send links via email, to enable you to book tickets
- Should there be any spare tickets for any of the performances they will be offered to Y2 parents and carers as a priority in the first instance.

Please note that children in the infants will go home after the 2pm production, either straight after the show if a parent is in the audience, or a 3.25pm as normal.



Given that there will also be 6pm performance on 12th December, children in YR, Y1 and Y2 can come in a little later than usual, up to 10.00am on Friday 12th. This later arrival to school will be authorised.

Junior production: 'Don't Be Afraid' by Naomi Johnson and Sue Longwade

- There will be 2 performances of the Junior Production on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December - both at 7pm.
- As there are more children in Years 3-6 there will be a total allocation of 2 tickets per family to be used at either of the performances.
- We will send links via email, to enable you to book tickets
- As space is limited and all children will have seen both the Infant and Junior performances during the school day, we ask siblings don't return to the evening performances. If you would like them to come, they will need a ticket from your total allocation.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate a crèche, please arrange not to bring babies as they can disturb the performances.
- Children from nursery age and above welcome, but they will require a ticket from your allocation.
- Should there be any spare tickets for any of the performances they will be offered to Y6 as a priority in the first instance.
- Arrangements for bringing and collecting children will be sent out to you before the performances.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater. We'd like to invite the children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper along with their school uniform.

We will send a link by text for Christmas Jumper Day should you be able to donate.

Remember, there's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit.

- If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success.



We are a Planet Hero School!

For over 3 years, we have supported Just One Tree to:

- Plant trees
- Empower communities
- Restore the planet
- Fight climate change

Our ongoing commitment to this brilliant cause has earned us a special Plant Hero award! Thank you for all your support.



Thinking beyond ourselves:

Christmas can be a challenging time for many families and individuals. At St Mary's, we strive to advocate for change and support those who need it most.

Loneliness affects many people at different points in their lives. For most, it is temporary, but for others it can persist, impacting well-being and quality of life. Once again, this year, we will be creating Christmas cards to share with Barnet Age UK and Friend in Need, who support vulnerable older people and isolated members of our community. We hope these cards remind them that they are cared for and held in mind during the festive season.



We also invite you to bring donations to support families and individuals who rely on food banks. All contributions will be delivered to Chipping Barnet Food Bank in time for Christmas. When we visited during Harvest to hand over our donations, the shelves were very bare. With schools closing for the holidays, and Christmas being a time of celebration, we hope our collective generosity will help make this period more comfortable and manageable for those in need. If you are able, please consider including chocolate or festive treats for children who might otherwise go without.

Most needed items include: tinned vegetables, pasta sauces, tinned fish, coffee, toilet rolls.

Please bring donations in a strong plastic bag **on Monday 8th December**.

Children should take these to their class.

Thank you, as always, for giving what you can.

Remembrance 2025:

Many thanks for all of your generous donations for the Royal British Legion.

Your support will be a lifeline for thousands of serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. The Royal British Legion works hard to support the most vulnerable in our society, be it older veterans that they care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or those who are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis.

Thanks to Myles, Alex, Amelia and Isla for laying a wreath on behalf of St. Mary's School at the East Barnet Remembrance Service.



Carol Service - St Mary's School and Church – Sunday 14th December at 4pm:

We are really looking forward to a special carol service that will bring the church congregation and the school community together during Advent. This will involve staff, children, governors and parents, who will be reading during the service. We'll be singing traditional carols such as Joy to the World, Away in a Manger and many more. If your child is in the school choir, they will have a special job to do during the service – SAVE THE DATE! ☺

Please do come along to the service at St. Mary's Church if you can. It will be a really special, festive occasion that will celebrate the cohesion between St Mary's school and church. Bring family and friends along too! [Here is the link](#) to our event survey.



There are various other events coming up at St. Mary's Church too:

- St. Mary's Church Christmas Fayre – Friday 28th November 4-7pm.
- Advent Carols by Candlelight at 6pm – Sunday 30th November 6-7pm.
- Children's Christmas Party – Friday 5th December 5-7pm.
- All Age Messy Eucharist – Sunday 7th December 10am
- Community Carol Singing at the Royal British Legion – Thursday 18th December 7.30-9.30pm
- Community Carol Singing at the Prince of Wales – Friday 19th December 7.00-9.00pm
- Christmas Carols by Candlelight at 4.30pm and 6.30pm - Sunday 21st December.
- Children's Nativity Service at 4pm – Wednesday 24th December.
- Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm – Wednesday 24th December
- Christmas Day service at 10am.

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St Mary the Virgin

Book Donations:

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.

Christmas St. Mary's School Dates – Summary:

- Saturday 29th November: School Christmas Fayre, 12-3pm
- Monday 1st December: Food Bank Donations to school
- Sunday 14th December: Carol Service at Church at 4pm
- Thursday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 11th December: Infant Nativity – 2pm and 6pm
- Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December: Junior Production at 7pm both days
- Thursday 18th December: Christmas lunch at school
- Friday 19th December: Christingle service in school and last day of term.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3PM ON 19th DECEMBER.** There will be no After School 'The Grove' Club on the last day of term.



From all of us at St Mary's School, stay safe, stay well and our love and prayers are with you as always.

Mrs. Constantinou

