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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.

Teachers and classes next academic year:

We are in the process of finalising teaching assistant deployment for the new school year, but we have been able to let you know which teacher your child will have from September!

- YR: Miss Christou
- Y1: Miss Goringe and Mrs Beechey
- Y2: Mrs Haggan
- Y3: Mrs Prados and Mrs Kokkinos
- Y4: Mrs Harris
- Y5: Mrs Georgiou alongside a new teacher - Mrs Millan, who we are excited to welcome to the team!
- Y6: Miss Simkin

We are pleased that Mrs Linskey will be leading PPA cover in Y1, Y2 and Y5 next year as part of her role. Once we have made final decisions about all support staff, we will share information about class teams.



Summer Fayre:

Please come along and enjoy the Summer Fayre on **Saturday 20th 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 [War Child](http://www.warchild.org.uk) whose mission is to ensure a safe future for every child affected by armed conflict. They strive to protect children from violence, provide vital psychosocial support and education, and empower them to heal, learn, and build a better future.

With so much conflict around the world affecting children, 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. Discos, parties, cake sales to name a few – all done on a voluntary basis for the good of our St. Mary's pupils. ❤️❤️❤️



Parent survey 2026:

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to respond to our annual survey. We are really proud that 94% of parents who responded to the survey, rated the school 7 or more out of 10. You can [read more](#) about the progress we have made since the last survey and also find out more about what parents said about our school. Your comments are so valuable and genuinely go into making improvements at St. Mary's.

Sports Day: Tuesday 23rd June at 1.30pm

The children have been developing their athletics skills this half term in PE and these will be on show in a few weeks on Sports Day in Oak Hill Park. We will send out a separate letter soon, with sports day reminders. Note that 30th June will be our back up date should the weather be wet!



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

- **Do you have a picnic blanket that we could borrow?** As we have done for the last 2 years, 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!



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.

Later this term, we will be learning this very beautiful and poignant hymn called God is Watching Over You.

[Click here](#) to listen to it.

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 6th July.
- Children in Reception will be bringing home their first school report before consultations too.

Sir David Attenborough Birthday:

We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, on 8th May, by asking the children to draw one of their favourite animals. It was a great opportunity to discuss the huge impact he has had on our world and how inspirational he is! We posted the pictures to him and received a wonderful reply from his daughter, which the children were extremely excited to receive.



Safer Screen Workshops

On Monday this week, KS2 classes had Safer Screen workshops, delivered by the company One Collective Power. The children explored how digital devices and online platforms shape their daily lives, gaining a clearer understanding of their screen habits and how to make choices that support their wellbeing. The workshops helped them to recognise persuasive design, build healthier digital behaviours and develop the skills needed to responsibly navigate an increasingly connected world.



Educational Finance Workshops

On Wednesday, all KS2 classes had a Finance Workshop delivered by The Money Charity. Year 3 and Year 4 took part in The Money Challenge, an interactive introduction to money, where they explored how people earn it, discussed 'needs' versus 'wants' and planned spending within a set budget. Year 5 and Year 6 took part in The Spending Challenge, a budgeting workshop in which they planned for an event, helping them build confidence and practical skills for managing money as they begin to take on more financial responsibility.

NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' Programme

Over the next few weeks, all children will be taking part in the NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' (SOSS) Programme. It will teach them how to recognise when something doesn't feel right, understand their rights and seek help from trusted adults to stay safe. More information will follow soon.



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 6th July.**

Please help us support this charity by bringing your donations to school on these days. Children will need to take donations to their classrooms.

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Tinned Meat
Pasta Sauces
Tinned fish
Coffee
Toilet rolls

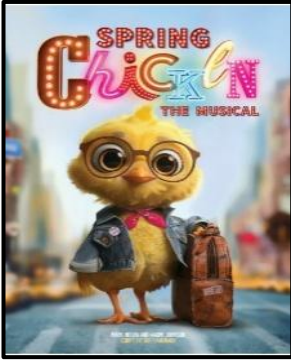
Packed lunch items:

Small long-life juices
Chocolate bars
Bags of crisps
Small boxed of dried fruit



Outdoor equipment donations:

We have set up a [playground wish list](#) on Amazon which includes lots of sporty equipment. The children LOVE being active at playtimes, and we can't keep up with buying equipment! Movement and exercise are so good for wellbeing and learning! Please give what you can.



Y5/Y6 End of Year Production:

Spring Chicken - The Musical: It's finger-clickin' good!

Our oldest children are already beginning to learn lines and song words for the end of year production in a few weeks' time.

Parents in those classes, please save the date – **7pm on Tuesday 14th July.**

More information to follow!



Clean and Healthy Waterways Schools Design Challenge

Groundwork London, on behalf of the Mayor of London, is inviting primary school pupils aged 4 to 11 to take part in the Clean and Healthy Waterways Schools Design Challenge 2026.

Children are asked to create colourful, creative designs inspired by the theme, 'The River of Life and activity in, on or beside London's waterways'. From wildlife and community, to journeys, memories and inspiration for a future where all Londoners can connect with water and nature. This challenge celebrates London's rivers, canals and wetlands.

Winning designs will be featured on eight benches in four London boroughs, and the top entry will win a free workshop for their class. Applications must be submitted by 26 June 2026. To find out more, visit the website: <http://bit.ly/4emLYVs>



St. Mary's Church News:

Our welcoming and inclusive parish church is seeking to appoint a Children's Outreach Worker.

EAST BARNET PARISH CHURCH
St Mary the Virgin

Please share this opportunity with your networks, as we are keen to recruit an outstanding candidate.

To apply applicants should send a cover letter and CV demonstrating your suitability to

administrator@stmaryseastbarnet.org

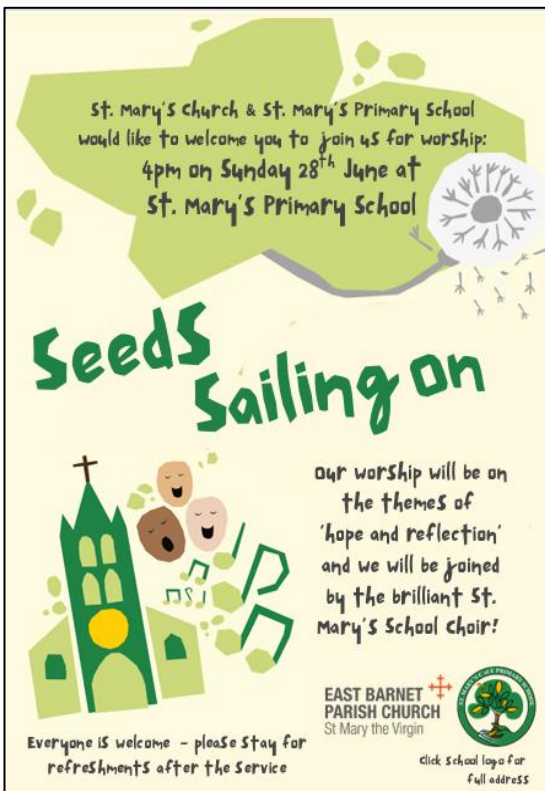
For more details please visit <https://stmaryseastbarnet.org/jobs/>

Church/School Services:

We have two special church services coming up in the next few weeks. Take a look at the flyer about our first service on 28th June.

We are also looking forward a Pet Blessing service at 10am on Sunday 5th July up at St. Mary's Church.

The St. Mary's School Choir has been invited to perform at both services. Please come along!



The Grove After School Club:

Please don't forget that if you need child care after school, you can book your child into The Grove. Check out our website for how to book. It's really easy to book, and the club is really well loved by the children and lots of parents who have already used it. Here's a quote from one of our parents:

'We cannot express enough how much more our child prefers The Grove compared to his previous after school club! He absolutely loves the staff who run it and he says the food is brilliant. The variety of snacks and amount they get is fantastic. He loves the games they play and is really happy that they can go outside now the weather is warmer. He also loves getting to choose some songs to play.'



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:

- Summer Fayre: Saturday 20th June
- YR educational visit: Monday 22nd June
- Sports Day: afternoon of 23rd June
- Academic reports for Reception coming home: w/c 29th June
- Y3 educational visit: Wednesday 1st July
- Y1 educational visit: Thursday 2nd July
- Communion service in school: Thursday 2nd July am. **Please let us know if consent has changed since the last communion service last term.**
- Summer music concert: Friday 3rd July (more information to follow)
- Parent Consultations – w/c 6th July
- Food bank donations to school: Monday 6th July
- Children will meet their new teachers: Wednesday 8th July
- Y5 and 6 end of year production: Tuesday 14th July at 7pm
- Fun day in school: Thursday 16th July (children come in sporty non-uniform)
- Leavers' service at Church: Friday 17th July
- School closes for summer: 3pm Friday 17th 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

