

Summer Term
2nd May 2025



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

5th May
Bank Holiday

6th May - 19th
May
Year 4
swimming. Late
finish for year
4.

15th May
Reception going
to The Zoo

16th May
Year 1 Sharing
Assembly and
Lunch

23rd May
God's Planet
Workshops

23rd May
FOSM -
GameFest (year
4-6)

Welcome back

Hello families,

This half term is a very quick one which means it is quite busy. We have Ben from Essex Cricket working with our children on Mondays to develop their Cricket skills just in time for summer.

We have school trips on the horizon - Reception children are off to the zoo; Year 1 is heading to the Postal Museum (my personal favourite!) and the upper school choir are off to the theatre.

We have had NatWest Bank in for our lower KS2 children delivering money workshops to develop their understanding on spending versus saving.

As Catholics, we have had Pope Francis in our hearts and in our prayers during this time of mourning. The children have been offering up their prayers and we have been closely looking at his teachings and his life's work in our classrooms.

Finally, I know you will join me as we wish our Year 6 children the best of luck in their upcoming SATs. God Bless,

Mrs. Sharkey



“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.”

Pope Francis

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A Spotlight on Year 4

Year 4 children recently enjoyed a fantastic cricket session led by Ben, a specialist coach from Essex Cricket! The sun was shining, and the children were buzzing with enthusiasm as they gathered outside, ready to learn some essential cricket skills.

Throughout the session, the children had the opportunity to hone their bowling, batting, and catching techniques. It was wonderful to see the coach engaging with each child, providing helpful tips and encouragement. A big thank you to Essex Cricket for delivering such an inspiring session.



We've had an exciting term! Our Year 4 children took part in an engaging reading research project conducted by the UCL's Neuroscience of Communication Development Lab (N-CoDe Lab). This study focuses on understanding the mechanisms behind reading motivation in children, and our participation was a wonderful opportunity for the class to contribute to important research.



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Year 3 and 4 children recently took part in a fantastic workshop delivered by NatWest Money Sense, all about saving our planet! The pupils were actively engaged in learning how they can save money by adopting more environmentally friendly practices at home. They discovered the advantages of renewable energy and explored various activities that tend to consume a lot of energy.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the 'Family Savings Challenge' competition. In this fun activity, students worked in groups to calculate how much a family of four could save by changing their daily energy usage. It was a great way for them to grasp the real-world impact of their choices and encourage their families to embrace more eco-friendly habits.



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A Huge well done to the children who demonstrated excellent Sportspersonship during sports day this week. Thank you again to all of the parents who cheered us on and a special thanks to the parent volunteers, The Friends of St. Mary's, Mr. Johnson and all of the school staff for their hard work.



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