

Summer Term
20th April 2024



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

Upcoming dates.

22.04.24
Earth Day

23.04.24
St. George's Day -
children to wear red
accessory

24.04.24
Sports Day

03.05.24
Reception Parent
Assembly and parent
lunch

09.05.24
Tower of London Trip
(Y2)

10.05.24
Year 1 parent assembly
and parent lunch

WC 13.05.24
Year 4 swimming (all
week)

WC 13.05.24
Year 6 SATs begin

15.05.24
Reception going to
Paradise Wildlife Park

A new term and a new season.

Hello families,
Welcome back following the Easter break! It was lovely to see the children returning, refreshed and ready to learn.

It is a very busy term and it is hard for us all to believe that it is already the last full term of this academic year.

There are some exciting events on the horizon this term; school trips, sports day and of course the SATs are fast approaching.

Next week we will have sports day on Wednesday and we welcome families to attend to cheer on the children!

The St. Mary's children excelled during a recent chess tournament with two of our year 2 boys (Leo and Raphael) really doing the school proud.

In the coming weeks, the children will have the opportunity to take part in some yoga and mindfulness taster sessions to support their mental health.

A reminder that next week is St. George's Day, the children can wear a red accessory such as a hair ribbon or red socks.

Please ensure you are keeping an eye on Google classrooms and on your emails to stay up to date with all the goings on!

God Bless,
Mrs. Sharkey



A Spotlight on Year 1



Children in year 1 have started their DT project this week. We have been making treasure and trinket chests inspired by our last guided reading book *How to Find Gold* by Viviane Schwarz. We have been carefully designing our boxes and thinking about how we might use them when we take them home. Some children even brought in things from home to decorate and personalise their jewellery box!

In Maths we have been learning about arrays. Using arrays supports us when we are working on multiplication problems, especially word problems. We even made our own giant arrays in the playground and on the carpet.



Our new English text is called *Bog Baby*. This story will support the children in their understanding of a variety of curriculum areas - we will explore habitats and the adaptations that allow animals to survive in harsh conditions. We will also spend time talking about ways in which we can care for the environment to make sure that animals can continue to thrive in their habitats.

This book links nicely to our science topic of plants too! In the coming week, we will be planting seeds and watching them grow.



And finally, we have had a huge focus on phonics over the last few school weeks. This is always a priority for year 1 in particular. The children have been working on silent letters this week. We have looked at digraphs such as *wr* - as in *wrist* and *wrong*, *mb* - as in *comb* and *numb* and *kn* - as in *knee*, *knot* and *knit*. The children have been working very hard and it has been a delight to see the progress they have made in their reading. Thank you for your positive feedback.