



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 9 | 24th June 2022

Yesterday, we were treated to an incredible assembly by our Year Two class. They talked to us all about God's treasures and our responsibility to look after our world. A very important message that was delivered with such enthusiasm and confidence. It was a pleasure to welcome parents into school to watch the assembly and a huge thank you to them and to Mrs Anderson and Ms Houghton who helped the children prepare. We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents into school next Thursday for our final class assembly of the year.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Reception Hearing Test	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Maths Adventure Day
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Whole School Mass Lead by Year 5	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 3D Cake Sale
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Reception Assembly	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Holy Communion Party
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Math's Week London Celebrations	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production 7pm
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Year 5 Trip to Beekeepers	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Y3 Orleans House Gallery
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Mufti Day (Home produce)	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production 7pm
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Girls' Basketball	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> – New Reception Children Stay and Play 2-3pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Sports Day	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Cake Sale
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> – School Summer Fair	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Cycle Training
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> – London Youth Games Basketball	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Curry and Quiz Night
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> – New Reception Parents' Welcome Evening 7-8pm	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Junior Disco
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Reports to Parents	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Leavers' Mass 9.30am
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Movie Night	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Last Day of Term 1pm finish

## First Holy Communions

Last Saturday we were very fortunate to be able to celebrate the First Holy Communions of many of our Year Three children. The children read and sang beautifully and it was so special for us to be able to share this occasion with them, their families and the parish community. The children have produced a beautiful communion banner that we look forward to displaying in the school. Thank you to Sophia Arcari for all her hard work creating this and to Gemma O'Reilly and her team of helpers for producing the stunning floral displays that decorated the church. We are so grateful to Mrs Desouza, Mrs Delap, Mrs Farrell-Cotton, Mrs Black and Mrs Saunderson for all their work preparing the children to celebrate this blessed sacrament and, as always, thank you to Father Adrian for all the support he has given the children and the school.

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## And they're off...

Earlier today, the group of parents cycling to raise money for the school set off for Paris! After a rousing send off from the children and teachers, they are riding 118km today and another 188km tomorrow to arrive in Paris just after mid-day. Thanks to 82 donors, they have raised almost £4,000 so far. Can you help them get to £4,500? <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/l2p-bike-ride-2022>

Everything donated will support the school's hardship fund and student wellbeing, along with Ukrainian Scouts camps for displaced children. Follow the school's Instagram account to see updates from the road this weekend - @stmarymagdalensmortlake



## Maths Adventure Day

In addition to our maths celebration on Thursday 30th June, we have also invited Subject Revolution in to lead a Maths Adventure Day across the whole school. The hall will be converted using 3D designed backdrops, props and resources and the KS2 children will be taking part in an interactive adventure called The Dark Codes. It is an escape-room style event where the children will work in teams, using their maths skills in practical challenges to reveal codes needed to defeat an alien invasion. There will be interactive videos, theatre and some big surprises along the way. The EYFS and KS1 event involves the children working  
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in teams using their maths to save a hapless Prince. The children will be using a range of maths skills including logic, shape, pattern and number and applying these skills in a fun and meaningful way. There will be lots of application of skills and knowledge and will generate a real buzz about maths in the school!

### **School Trips**

It has been wonderful for our pupils to be able to go out and about on some school trips this term. These excursions really make the most of the wonderful attractions we have in the local area and are planned to enrich the children's learning. This week many of our children have visited the Barnes Literature Festival and been inspired by the authors and illustrators they have met. Our Year 3 children have visited the British Museum and our Reception and Year 1 children have visited the Vauxhall City Farm. A huge thank you to Mrs Barrett and the teachers for organising these trips and to all the parents who have helped out. These trips would not be possible without your support.



### **Sports Day Reminder**

Just a reminder that sports day will now be held on Friday 1st July. Children can be taken home after the event but we also understand that the change of timings mean that some children may have to stay at school and, as before, this can be booked via NS Sport. If you have booked for Friday 24th this will automatically be transferred to the 1st July. If we are unable to run sports day on the 1<sup>st</sup> then there is no alternative date and the competition will take place in smaller groups in school.

### **The Blue Prescribing Project**

The Wetlands Centre in Barnes is working with the Mental Health Foundation on the Blue Prescribing Project which aims to improve health by harnessing the link between people and nature. The programme is designed for vulnerable single parents, people with long term health conditions, vulnerable diverse groups and people recovering from long COVID19. More information can be found at <https://www.wwt.org.uk/our-work/projects/blue-prescribing/> . If you or someone you know would like to be part of the programme you should email [blueprescription@wwt.org.uk](mailto:blueprescription@wwt.org.uk)

### **Kew Gardens**

As the summer holidays approach and the weather improves it is always great to have the option of a day out, close to home, that doesn't cost a fortune. If you are in receipt of universal credit you can now buy a ticket for Kew Gardens for £1. More information can be found at <https://www.kew.org/about-us/press-media/kew-for-one-pound-universal-credit>

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception — Luke Wadie

Year 1 – Circus Class – Charlie Farrant

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Grace Fox

Year 3D – Leap Class – Rose Thistleton

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Lucia Newbold

Year 4 – Journey Class

Angelica Perry Pecikoza

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Jacob Szymczak

Year 6 – Parade Class – Nuala Harrington

### **Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Evie Couch for fantastic fractions.

Hugo Sharman, Oliver Gardiner, Frieda Amechi,  
Emilia Newbold, Sophie Gardiner, Chloe  
Gardiner, Zosia Gorny, Xaviera Driussi for  
fabulous French.

I hope you enjoy the weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher