



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've visited every class this week and it's been great to see the children really engaged in their learning and trying their very best (10 out of 10 learning). I've seen some amazing art work by from Years 2 to 6 looking at Modernism and Surrealism with a focus on exploring artists such as Beatriz Milhazes and others. The children in Reception created some beautiful Collages and Year 1 designed stunning candles in their RE books. Well done everyone!

Well done also to Year 3 & 4 who represented the school in Tag Rugby and Football this week.

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) visited our school last week. The assemblies focussed on Catholic Social Teaching Values such as 'Option for the Poor' and 'Human Dignity'. The children enjoyed the presentations and asked lots of really thoughtful questions. The children also managed to raise £264.37 for the charity. Thank you everyone.

Have a good weekend.

God Bless.

Mr M Brannigan

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the celebration of harvest.

Thank you for our food.

Thank you for the rain, the soil, the sun and the farmers who grow our crops.

Help us always to remember to say thank you.

Please help us always to think about the needs of others.

Amen.

Pupil of the Week

Reception – Dominik – For listening well, answering questions, sharing his ideas and trying his best at all times.

Year 1 –Joshua– For working hard to improve his listening and participation skills in class,

Year 2 - Olivia – For working extremely hard in all subjects with a big smile on her face and never giving up.

Year 3 – Gabriel - For showing outstanding effort and excellence in class and around the school.

Year 4 – Luke – For inspiring sportsmanship and encouraging your teammates.

Year 5 – Levi - For always demonstrating great learning behaviour and working with focus in all lessons.

Year 6 – Riley – For his diligence, reflections and carefully considering his learning.

School Diary Dates

Monday 14th October - Nasal Flu Immunisation R-Year 6

Wednesday 16th October – Y2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

Wednesday 16th October – Tag Rugby Tournament (10 students)

Wednesday 16th October – Reception visit by London Fire Brigade

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents’ Evening 3.40-5.40p.m.

Thursday 24th October - Parents’ Evening 5.00-7.00p.m.

Friday 25th October – Year 6 Holy Lodge WW1 Trip

Half Term – 28th October – 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November – INSET Day – School Closed

Wednesday 6th November – Whole School Mass – 9.30a.m.

Friday 8th November – Year 6 Remembrance Assembly – 9.00a.m.

PTA Diary Dates

Autumn trail will be held in the week before half-term.

- Friday, October 18th - Second-hand sale for costumes and Christmas jumpers.
- October 25th - Mufti Day and Autumn Silent Disco: KS1 5-6 PM, KS2 – 6.15-7.15 pm
- Friday 8th November - Mufti Day
- Friday 15th November - Mufti day
- Friday 22nd November - Mufti day
- Friday 29th November - Mufti Day
- December 1st - Christmas Fair, from 11 pm to 3 pm.
- December 8th - Carol Singing TBC
- December 14th - Santa run TBC
- Thursday, December 19th - Christmas movie night
- Friday 20th December - Mufti day

Open Morning/Days – School Admission 2025-2026

We are pleased to announce a series of open morning/days for parents and carers to visit the school. They will consist of a tour of the school, followed by a talk by the Headteacher and a member of the senior leadership team. Our scheduled open days are as follows. Please click [here](#) to book a place.

Friday 15th November 2024 – 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 – 2.00-3.00pm

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – 9.30-10.30am

Harvest donations

Thank you so much for your Harvest donations for the Care and Share Foodbank. These were displayed in our Harvest assembly on Monday.



Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year that happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee year is called 'Pilgrims of Hope', and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, a new global debt crisis and the climate crisis. Your challenge is to find out what pilgrimage means - where do people make pilgrimages to? Has anyone in your family ever been on a pilgrimage? Can they tell you about it? Can you research a pilgrimage site like Lourdes, Canterbury or Fatima? You can present your research in any way you like. Mrs El - Khoury is going to make a whole school display of our research in the corridor. Please bring your work to school by 18th October.

October: Black History Month

This year's theme is "Reclaiming Narratives," and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. This theme underscores a commitment to correcting historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories and the full complexity of Black heritage. It's about taking control of stories and honouring heroes while challenging the narratives that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals both in the UK and globally.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

School Immunisations

Help children get a healthy start to the new school year by ensuring they are up to date with all their routine vaccinations.

When your child starts or returns to school, they will have increased contact with other children. If they are not up to date with their routine immunisations, they may be at risk of catching preventable diseases, including measles, whooping cough, meningitis, diphtheria and polio.

Please check that your child is fully up to date with their routine immunisations before they start or return to school. You can check if your child is up to date by checking their Red Book or contacting your GP surgery. For a full checklist of vaccines and when they should be given visit -

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Parent Information/Workshops

Talking to children about racism

If you want to chat to your child/ren about racism, you might be worrying about how to start the conversation. You might worry about saying the wrong thing. Or you may want to shield a child from difficult issues. However you're feeling, the NSPCC have advice to help you start the conversation. This page is for parents and carers who want to understand what racism is, how it affects young people and what they can do to be anti-racists.



[Talking to children about racism | NSPCC](#)

Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed your child might now be entitled to the pupil premium grant. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

How to Apply – Pupil Premium

For queries and to apply for free school meals, please contact our school office admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk More information about free school meals can be found at: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free_school_meals

Community Information

Half term at the Museum of Richmond

Family workshop: Spooky stained glass

Tuesday 29 October to Friday 1 November, 10am to 12noon

Discover the stories of the Ghosts that haunt the remains of Richmond Palace. Join us on a ghost walk around the Palace's remains, then head back to the Museum to create spooky stained glass, inspired by the Tudor stained glass we have from the Palace! £6 per child - adults are free. To book [click here](#).

Free crafts: Spooky Pumpkins

Need to get the kids out of the house for a few hours? Pop into the Museum for our FREE crafts and get creative as a family! Available from 1pm each weekday and Saturday the Museum is open. No need to book, just drop in.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer.

News from the PTA



We are very proud to have our new branded hi-vis vests, which were funded by the PTA. The children wore them with pride. 😊

Please join us for the silent disco on Friday, October 25th. This is our very first silent disco, and it's an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on SCOPay, and we will be selling tickets in the playground at drop-off next week. <https://www.scopay.com/login>

Thank you

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