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Family Update – Friday 18th December

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and joyful term, it has been a real pleasure to reflect on all that has been achieved in our school community. The Christmas season has brought many special moments and it has been wonderful to see our 2-year-olds, Nursery and Reception taking part in their Nativity, as well as Years 1 and 2 in their Christmas performance. Their confidence, enthusiasm and sense of joy have truly captured the spirit of this time of year.

A special mention must go to our school choir, who have shone their lights brightly over the past two weeks. They have performed with great maturity and commitment, singing alongside professional choirs, bringing carols to commuters at Marylebone Station and leading music in two services at St Mary's Church. We are incredibly proud of them and grateful to all staff who supported these events.

We would also like to thank our parents and carers for continuing to work in close partnership with the school throughout the term. Your support, encouragement and involvement make a significant difference to the life of our school and to the children's learning and wellbeing.

I wish to provide my thanks, on behalf of the whole team, firstly for your continued support and working partnership, which enables us to support your child in being the best they can be! Secondly, thank you for your kindness and generosity through the cards and gifts provided for staff. It is never expected and always humbly and graciously received.



As we now look ahead to the Christmas break, we wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 6th January 2026, from 8.45am.**

Re-introducing Parent Reading Sessions for Nursery – Year 2



As we look ahead to 2026, we are delighted to announce that it will be the National Year of Reading and we will be celebrating the joy and importance of reading across our whole school community.

To support this focus, we are pleased to reintroduce our **Friday morning Parent Reading sessions, from Friday 9th January 2026.**

We warmly invite **one parent or carer per child in Nursery to Year 2** to join us at 8.45am to read with their child in school. This shared time helps children see reading as a valued, enjoyable and pivotal activity, strengthening the important home-school partnership.

Reading plays a vital role in developing oracy, communication, stronger writing skills, supporting children to express themselves clearly, building vocabulary, deepening understanding and improving wellbeing. Most importantly, it lays the foundations for reading as a lifelong skill, opening doors to learning, imagination and confidence.

Due to space restrictions, we kindly ask that parents leave the school promptly at 9.00am, to allow the school day to begin smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture confident, enthusiastic readers. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing this special reading time together.



Dear God,

Thank you for all that we have been able to celebrate over the last two weeks. We give thanks for all of the performances and productions and the myriad of ways in which children have shown their talents.

We pray for a wonderful Christmas for all of our families and staff and that the time we spend with our loved ones will be filled with hope, peace, love and joy.

Help us, amidst the busyness of Christmas, to focus our eyes on your message of love for us.

Amen



Our EYFS children delighted everyone with their performance of A Wiggly Nativity. Every child took part with confidence and enthusiasm, using clear, loud voices and singing beautifully throughout. Their energy, smiles and joyful performances brought the story to life and made it a truly special occasion. We are incredibly proud of all the children – they were a joy to watch and a wonderful reminder of the true spirit of Christmas. 🍷 🍷

St Mary's Bryanston Square Year 1 – Autumn Term 2

English & handwriting – Writing letters to Santa



This term, Year 1 have been busy practicing their cursive handwriting and extending their sentences in English. We prepared to write our letters by thinking about how amazing we have been this year through our school values, then made a list about what we might ask Santa for. As a class we drafted a letter and then wrote them out individually in our neatest handwriting and on special lined paper. We then decorated our envelopes ready for the Year 1 team to post to Santa at the North Pole. We cannot wait to see what Santa brings us for all our hard work this year!



Community – Making cards for the Church Supermarket



On Monday, Year 1 came together to create beautiful, colourful Christmas cards for those in our community. The children discussed that there may be people less fortunate than us in the community and that this may be the only Christmas card they receive this year. So, we got our best colouring pencils out and created stunning, bright and beautiful cards for them to display in their homes. Well done Year 1, we hope we have made the members of the community who receive them smile with St Mary's joy!



Art – Decorating the Christmas tree



Year 1 had a masterclass in making snowflakes to decorate the school Christmas tree. They listened carefully to instructions on how to fold their paper and where to cut in order to make them as stunning as possible. All lesson they snipped and snipped, finishing off with a dusting of colourful glitter to make their snowflakes shine brightly. Good job Year 1, in helping to decorate our beautiful Christmas tree.



Christmas Show and Christmas Lunch

Year 1 and Year 2 performed an amazing Christmas show this week! We loved showing what we had been rehearsing for weeks to the rest of the school and our parents. They sung and signed their hearts out – we are so proud of them. Later on, we were blessed with an amazing spread for our Christmas lunch, with turkey and all the trimmings – a great big thank you goes out to the kitchen team! We enjoyed our lunch with crackers, Christmas music and all our favourite people at school!



Spanish – Feliz Navidad!

Year 1 have been progressing so well in their Spanish lessons! They had a thrilling Spanish Christmas lesson with the amazing Ms Hurtado, learning Christmas words and having a boogie to our favourite song, Feliz Navidad!



Attendance

Well done to Year 5 and 6, our attendance winners this week, with an astounding 100% attendance. That is no mean feat at this time of year!

Congratulations!

Class	<i>Attendance figures</i>
Nursery	90%
Reception	84%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99.5%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5 /6	100%