



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Family Update – Friday 24th October

Dear Families,

And as if by magic, we have arrived at the end of the first half term.

I would like to take a moment to thank our families and the St Mary's staff team for your continued support, patience and encouragement over what has been a half term quite unlike any other. The partnership between school and families has been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for the strength and unity within our school community.

Whilst this half term has not been without its challenges, we have also found many 'silver linings'. There have been many moments of joy, resilience and growth to remind us of the depth and strength of our shared school values.

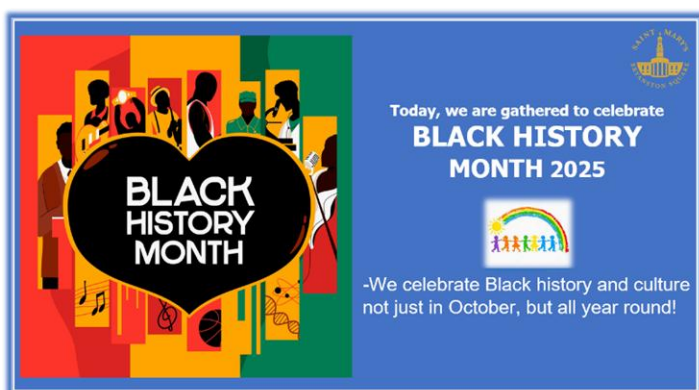
We look forward to the coming half term break and wish you and your families a restful holiday, however you are spending it.

Black History Month 2025

This morning, led by Mrs Stepinska, we came together to celebrate the end of Black History Month. This year's theme was "Standing Firm in Power and Pride".

It was wonderful to hear children from Nursery to Reception, share all that they had learnt. I was particularly impressed by the oracy skills of some of our youngest children.

Earlier in the week, I had a very interesting conversation with children in Year 2 who were shocked to find out that not only was I once a child, but that as a child, I had watched Baroness Floella Benjamin present Play School on BBC1. I now have it from some young but reliable sources, that I am a part of history!



Harvest Church Service

On Wednesday, we held our joint Harvest Service with our partner school Christ Church, Regents Park. It was a joyous occasion, led by Reverend Kirstine and Angie from St Mary's Church. We were fortunate enough to hear the choirs of both schools sing.

Thank you all for your generous donations to the Social Supermarket at St Mary's Church. The gifts of food and household items will make a huge difference within the community.

Everything has now made its way to St Mary's and is ready to be shared with those in our community who are most in need.

The Social Supermarket runs every Wednesday morning at 9.30am on the top floor of St Mary's Church. If you would like to continue to support the work of the Social Supermarket, please scan the QR code below to make a donation, or drop off any extra tins/products you have at the church between 9am and 11am on any Wednesday during term time.



Attendance

Well done to Year 4, our attendance winners this week.

Congratulations to both classes!

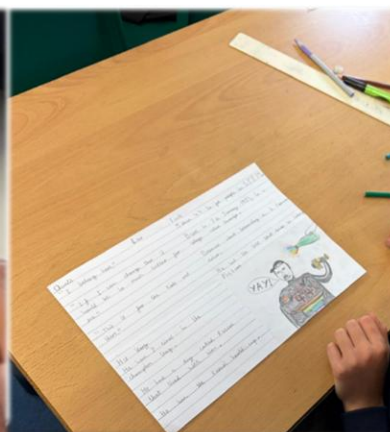
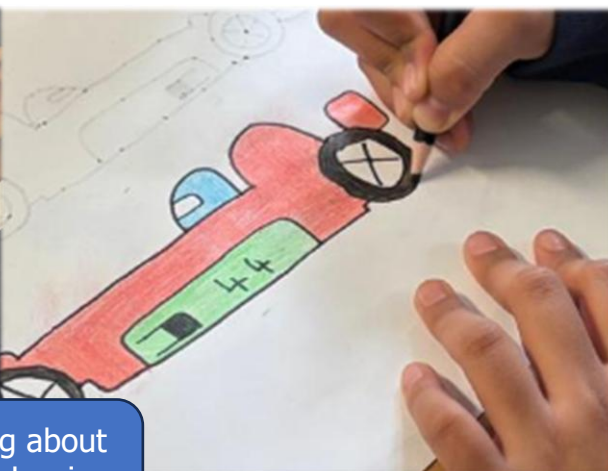
Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	93.5%
Reception	95%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5 /6	94.5%

Dates for Diaries

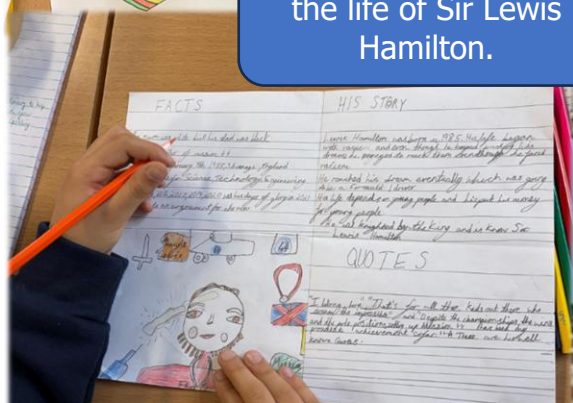
Due to the restrictions to the use of the building, we have had to postpone some events and make alterations to others.

Important events for the remainder of the academic year. All of these dates are also on our school website calendar here: <https://www.stmbs.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Fri 31 st Oct		Secondary Application Deadline	Year 6
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct		Half Term	
10 th -14 th Nov		Anti-Bullying Week	All year groups
17 th -21 st Nov		Maths Week This will include a business fair on Friday 21 st November where children can come dressed in business attire.	Business Fair 21 st November 2.15pm -3.15pm. Parents can purchase items from 3.30pm -3.45pm.
Wed 19 th Nov	5pm (TBC)	Choir (and additional children from Years 3-6) singing at the official Christmas Tree Lighting outside St Mary's Church.	All members of our school community are welcome to come and watch the festivities.
Mon 24 th Nov	2.30pm - 6pm	Parent Teacher Meetings	Nursery to Year 2
Tues 25 th Nov	2.30pm - 6pm	Parent Teacher Meetings	Years 3-6
Wed 3 rd Dec	3.30pm	Festive Bake Sale	Whole School
Mon 8 th Dec	3.30pm	FOSMA Christmas Fair (TBC)	Whole School
Mon 15 th Dec	9.30am	Early Years Christmas Show	Nursery and Reception parents
Tues 16 th Dec	9.30am	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Show	Year 1, 2 and 3 parents
Tues 16 th Dec	4pm – 5.30pm	Carol singing at Marylebone Station	Choir plus children from Years 3-6.



Year 4 learning about the life of Sir Lewis Hamilton.



The choir, led by Mrs Igbino, sang beautifully at our joint Harvest service.



Year 5 & 6 were visited by volunteers from the construction company Skanska and learnt about careers in architecture.

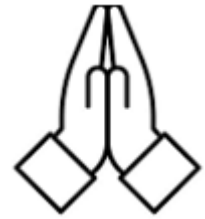


Our summer 2025 grade cohort, achieving grade 3, initial grade and grade 2 violin.

Dear God,

We give thanks that over this half term you have shown us the importance of love, support and community.

As we approach this half term, we pray for rest and restoration for ourselves, the team at St Mary's Church and our neighbours on Enford Street who have been displaced.



Help us as the season changes and we look towards Advent, to have hope in our hearts and the ability to focus on your light, shining brightly in all circumstances.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

A festive poster for a bake sale. It features a warm brown background with white snowflakes and stars. A red diagonal line runs across the center, with various Christmas-themed cookies and a cup of hot chocolate placed along it. The cookies include a star-topped cupcake, a gingerbread house, a gingerbread tree, a candy cane, a snowflake, and a star-shaped cookie. The hot chocolate is in a brown cup with a white swirl and a red star on top. The text is in a mix of red and white fonts.

Festive Bake Sale

WHERE: EDIBLE GARDEN
ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY
3RD. DECEMBER 2025

TIME: 3:30 -4.30PM

Enjoy: Festive Holiday
Beverages, Cozy Hot Chocolate,
Mulled Wine, Tasty Treats.
Plenty Of Laughter And Joy.
Ideal For After School
Pickups!

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Adult and Child Swim Free This School Holiday



Ditch the screens and grab the swim gear with our NEW OFFER!

Adults and children living in Westminster can enjoy **FREE SWIMMING** in [Westminster Council Leisure Centres](#) with pools. Whether it's to get active together, learn a new skill or just have fun in the pool, it's a great way to stay active and healthy and spend quality time together.

These are the New Offer rules and conditions:

- One free adult per qualifying child.
- Free swim session times vary by leisure centre so be sure to check websites for details.
- Children under 8 must be supervised in the water by an adult (18+), with a maximum ratio of two children to one adult.
- Participants must register for the ActiveWestminster card in advance and provide proof of residency in Westminster.
- All swim sessions must be pre-booked. Wristbands to be collected at reception.
- Available Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm during school holidays.

Our pools

- [Marshall Street Leisure Centre](#)
- [Moberly Sports Centre](#)
- [Porchester Centre](#)
- [Queen Mother Sports Centre](#)