



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Family Update – Friday 19th September

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to walk around the school this week and see how well children have settled in. The classrooms are purposeful and children are eager to learn.

Our school community continues to grow as we welcome in new children and families. Children and staff have been keen to extend a warm welcome and share our school's Christian values of Love, Respect, Forgiveness, Feeling Safe, Curiosity and Honesty with the newest members of our school.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Over the course of the week, you will see different members of the Senior Leadership Team on the school gate, welcoming you and your children in, and then waving you off at the end of the day.

Do say 'hello' when you see us.

Mr Lee Duffy
Executive Head Teacher

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead*



Mrs Sasha Marius-Beeko
Head of School

*Designated Safeguarding
Lead*



Mrs Jacqueline Schroer
Assistant Head Teacher



Mrs Jadwiga Stepinksa
Assistant Head Teacher



Spanish Day

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On Friday 26th of September, it is The European Day of Languages.

On this day each year, we shine a light on the European language that we teach in school: Spanish.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the Spanish Flag. They can wear red clothing, yellow clothing or both!



Throughout the day, we will try Spanish foods, learn Spanish songs and listen to stories too. This is always a fun-packed day and an opportunity for children across the school, to share in the joy of immersing oneself in a new language.

Attendance

At St Mary's we work with families to ensure that all pupils have good attendance at school. Children's attainment and their attendance are directly linked. We know that on occasion children become unwell and need to be off school but thankfully this is rare for the majority of children.

In the last academic year, 936 sessions (a morning or an afternoon) were lost to illness and 122 sessions missed for medical or dental appointments. We are aware that hospital appointments cannot be easily moved but we do ask that routine/non-urgent dental appointments or GP appointments are scheduled towards the end of the day or during the school holidays. This will ensure that children are in school for the maximum time possible, adding to their learning.

Attendance

Well done to **Years 5 and 6**, our attendance winners this week, who achieved **99.3%** attendance.

Congratulations!

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5 /6	



Our value of Curiosity is present all around the school. We have delighted in trying new foods, learning new skills, encouraging our friends and thinking deeply when presented with mathematical calculations and problems.

Dear God,

Thank you for all this week gone by. We give thanks that our school community is growing and pray that you will be with us each day as we learn and play together.

As the seasons begin to change, help us to be thankful for the world which you have created and the goodness that there is all around us.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



Dates for Diaries

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/>

Please note that the time for the school service on October 22nd has changed to 1.30pm.

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Mon 22 nd Sept	3.45pm	Secondary Transfer Meeting	Year 6 Parents
Fri 26 th Sept	All Day	Spanish Day (European Day of Languages) Come dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag	Whole School
Sat 27 th Sept		Westminster Mile	30 children Those who have been allocated a place will receive a letter from Mrs Hardie.
Wed 1 st Oct – Fri 3 rd Oct	3 Days	Year 6 at Sayers Croft	Year 6 pupils
Tues 21 st Oct	2.30pm - 6pm	Parent Teacher Meetings	Whole School
Wed 22 nd Oct	1.30pm	Harvest Church Service at St Mary's Church	Whole School Parents are warmly invited to attend.
Fri 24 th Oct	9.05am	Black History Month Celebration	
Fri 31 st Oct		Secondary Application Deadline	Year 6
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct		Half Term	
Tues 4 th Nov	3.30pm - 4.45pm	Light Disco – as a Church of England School, we do not celebrate Halloween	All children (run by staff)
10 th -14 th Nov		Anti-Bullying Week	
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.
Mon 8 th Dec	3.30pm	FOSMA Christmas Fair	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