



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Family Update – Friday 12th September

Dear Families,

School Values

Our school has six Christian values, which guide us in our daily lives and work in school. These values support our school vision of

Excellence with Compassion

based upon the biblical text

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbour as yourself"

Mark 12 : 30-31

This half term, our school value is the value of love.

How do we as a community, individual or group demonstrate love to those around us?

This week, children in our school welcomed new friends into their classrooms, inviting them to play games, helping them to follow routines, translating English into other languages. These are the demonstration of love that we have on show.

Over the weekend, we ask that you talk with your child about how they can demonstrate this value to people at home, people at school and others within our community. Remind them that this could be a simple gesture such as holding the door open, or saying 'good morning'.

Wrap-Around Care

We currently provide a wrap-around club each day from 3.30pm until 6pm.

The club allows children to take part in a range of activities, both indoors and outdoors and includes a snack consisting of fruit, juice/water, rice cakes, bagels and more.

Angela, who leads wrap-around club, has welcomed children from Reception to Year 6 this week and they have all had great fun! In order for wrap-around care to be sustainable, we need a few more families of children from Reception to Year 6, to use the provision on a regular basis.

Book your places via the Arbor app either for sessions from 3.30pm – 6.00pm or 4.30pm – 6.00pm.

NB: If your child has an Education Healthcare Plan, a separate discussion would need to be had about the suitability of the provision.

End of Day Safety

This is a reminder to all parents and carers that once you have picked up children at the end of the day, they are your responsibility. Enford Street is a dedicated school street between 3pm and 4pm but you will have seen that many motorists still drive down the street between these hours.

So that children do not wander off, it is vital that once a member of staff has handed over your child/ren, that they stay with you and you are aware of where they are at all times.

Although there will always be at least one member of staff at the school gate, this is designed to be an added layer of safety, in addition to your vigilance.

Westminster Vitality Mile - Saturday 27th September

The Westminster Mile is back on Saturday 27th September! The schools' wave will start at 11:15am, with children running one mile around St James's Park and finishing in front of Buckingham Palace. All participants will receive a medal at the finish line. The event is open to children currently in Years 2-6. If your child would like to participate, please complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/ks7X6TUByYR55RcKA> .

Food in school and birthday treats

St Mary's is a nut-free school. There are members of our school community for whom nuts, whether consumed or airborne on the breath of others, can cause severe allergic reaction, anaphylaxis or fatality. For this reason, we ask that parents do not send food into school that contains nuts, traces of nuts and foods containing sesame. This includes Nutella as well as chocolate treats and things like baclava that are so often generously given to members of staff.

The severity of the allergy means that these rules must be observed at all times, to ensure the safety of all our pupils. We also ask that for birthdays, parents do not bring party bags, doughnuts or iced cakes in for children's birthdays. If you would like bring a treat for your child's birthday, please make fruit kebabs or bring in plain un-iced fairy cakes. These will need to be shared off school premises and handed to parents rather than children.

Thank you to all of those parents this week who have adhered to these new guidelines.

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 15th September (Reception to Year 6) and Tuesday 16th September (Nursery), we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

This is an opportunity for parents to come into class to see a short presentation from the class teachers, about what to expect in your child/children's current year group. These meetings will last no more than **30 minutes**.



In Nursery/preschool we have been reading 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. We have been learning about different feelings and emotions. This morning, we made monsters and faces using playdough.

Friday Collective Worship

The focus for the start of the academic year will be establishing routines and helping children settle into routines. To begin with Years 1-6 will attend Friday Collective Worship and Nursery Reception will begin to join us in phases. This month, Collective Worship will be for children and staff, in order to prioritise children settling into routines.

In October, we will extend the invitation for parents to join us.

Attendance

I know that this week, travelling to and from school has been a challenge for some of our families and staff team. Thank you all for your efforts to be at school each day this week, ensuring that children are not missing out on their learning. I hope that this weekend provides opportunities for a well-earned rest this weekend.

Attendance

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

Congratulations!

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	92.2%
Rec	93.1%
Y1	97.4%
Y2	98.3%
Y3	91.4%
Y4	93.8%
Y5/6	99.3%

Dear God,

We give thanks for all of the children, families and staff team who make up our school community.

As we embark on this new academic year, we pray that you will be with us. Guide us each day so that we can live out the values of our school and may your love inspire us to embody our school vision: Excellence with Compassion. 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/>

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Mon 15 th Sept	9.05 am – 9.30am	Meet the Teacher Morning for Parents	Reception to Year 6
Tues 16 th Sept	9.05 am – 9.30am	Meet the Teacher Morning for Parents	Nursery
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
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 Time change	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	
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.

A Message from Marylebone Cricket Club



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce a new **Community After-School Club** hosted by **MCC Lords**, taking place **every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**.

This free club is open to **all children who attend a Westminster state school**, and offers a fun, safe, and engaging environment for young people to enjoy cricket. Whether your child is passionate about cricket or simply looking for a place to make new friends and stay active, this club is a fantastic opportunity.

Details:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 4:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 4:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 4:00 – 5:00

- **Where:** MCC Lord's Indoor School (St John's Wood, NW8)
- **Who:** Open to all children attending Westminster state schools in KS2.
- **Cost:** Free of charge

Spaces may be limited, so we encourage early registration. For more information or to sign up, please register via the following QR code.



We look forward to welcoming your child to the club and building a vibrant community together.

Warm regards,

Harry Thompson

Community Coach

MCC Lord's

Smartphone Awareness

The Connected Lives charity, linked to St Mary's Church, is offering this webinar on smartphone safety.

The offer is free to St Mary's parents if you sign up using the code: CNWL

