



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Family Update – Friday 5th September

Dear Families,

It has been truly wonderful to welcome pupils and families (old and new) to the school this week. The rain has not dampened our spirits or the excitement of being back together. We are excited about all that this term has in store for us.

As I have visited classes around the school this week, the joy and buzz of learning has been palpable. I have been particularly struck by how some of our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception have settled in, and how friendships are already beginning to form.

Staffing

As well as welcoming in new pupils, we have also welcomed new staff members to the school.

Mr. Roberts has joined us and will be teaching our Year 5 & 6 pupils, alongside Miss Green.

Miss Quinn and Mrs. Khodja have joined as the Year 3 teacher and teaching assistant and Mrs. Hurtado has joined as our Spanish teacher.

Mrs. Hurtado will teach Spanish from Nursery to Year 6, ensuring that the high standards of spoken and written Spanish children leave St Mary's with is maintained.

Lastly (and rather excitingly), there were two St Mary's weddings over the summer break. Ms Young and Miss Oyenuga were both married over the summer. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating them both. Miss Young will be known as Mrs. Ramphul at school and Miss Oyenuga will be known as Mrs. Igbinonba.

Social Media

As many of you are aware, we use Instagram to share pictures and video stories and posts, to keep families updated about what is happening in the life of the school. The feedback from you all has been greatly positive. We will continue to share all the wonderful things that happen here, in this way. Please let us know via either the enrolment forms for new pupils, or via an email to the office, if you would like your child to be removed from this.

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 or traces of nuts. This includes Nutella as well as chocolate treats and things like baelava 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, donuts 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.

We thank you for working with us to keep our whole school community safe.

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> .

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.

We will extend the invitation for parents to join us, once routines have been established.

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 15th September (Reception to Year 6) and Tuesday 16th September, 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 class teacher, about what to expect in your child/children's current year group. The meetings will last no more than **30 minutes**.



Both inside and outside of the classroom, we have thoroughly enjoyed being reunited with friends and teachers, old and new.



Time for Celebration



We are incredibly proud to share with our school community that this week, The Telegraph published the top 100 ranked primary schools in England. St Mary's Bryanston Square has been ranked **Number 6 in England and Number 1 in London.**

We would like to thank the staff team for their hard work and dedication. Our staff team work tirelessly to ensure that children have the best possible outcomes. We would also like to thank our governors, families and pupils. It is a collective effort in which we all play a part.

If you would like to read the article, please click [here](#).

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 of 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 8 th Sept	3.30pm	Sayers Croft Meeting	Year 6 Parents
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
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	2.45pm	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)
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