



Family Update

Friday 15th May



Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful and busy two weeks of school. Year 6 have taken their national assessments (SATs) this week and we couldn't be prouder!

It has been great having Year 6 in for their very own Breakfast Club this week. Year 6, you have handled this week with great maturity and resilience and we are proud of you. You have faced the challenges of this academic year, with a great deal of fortitude and have continued to embody the school's Christian values throughout.

A special thank you goes out to Miss Green and Ms Pacarada, for the plethora of ways in which they have supported Year 6 both on and off site. We are incredibly proud of both of you too!

The Class of 2026



Over the next few weeks, there will be lots of events taking place to celebrate Year 6 and the end of their time with us here at St Mary's.

We know that they are ready to move on and our prayer for Year 6, is that they will take the values that they have learnt here, into the wider world with them.

We know that they will continue to flourish and thrive in their new schools and that their lights will shine brightly.

'EXCELLENCE WITH COMPASSION'

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12:30-31)

Sinfonia Smith Square



We are very excited that after three academic years working with Sinfonia Smith Square, they have invited us to join a three-year partnership, making us the only Westminster primary school that has an orchestra in residence!

In each academic year of their residency, the orchestra will work with every child in the school. There will be a wide range of workshops, mini concerts and masterclasses on offer to support the musical development of the children.

On **Thursday 11th June at 9:10am**, we are hosting an orchestral 'Stay and Play' session for children in Nursery and Reception. The musicians will take our Early Years on a magical, musical journey.

We are very excited about this opportunity and would like to invite any **younger siblings of our current Nursery or Reception class** to join the session, along with one parent.

On Saturday 20th June, St Mary's Bryanston Square School families are invited to attend the concert at Smith Square. Join Sinfonia Smith Square as they take to the seven seas in a hunt for the treasure of Chamber Music, and enjoy experiencing the beauty of the instruments of the orchestra a little closer. Together, you'll find hidden gems all around Smith Square Hall...

Families at St Mary's Bryanston Square are invited to use the discount code:
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More info and book here: <https://www.sinfoniasmithsq.org.uk/event/treasures-of-the-orchestra/>



Year 1 have been busy this term celebrating International Evening by sharing songs, stories and outfits from around the world. We enjoyed making colourful fruit kebabs in DT to give out at International Evening; we learned how to follow a recipe, chop safely and create tasty patterns. We even had enough left over to enjoy with our friends in the woodland area. Well done Year 1!

Year 1 enjoyed a Landmark Walk in London as part of their Geography learning. We spotted the River Thames, the London Eye and Big Ben. We sketched what we saw and answered questions along the way. Lunch in Parliament Square was a highlight, especially when we heard the big bell chime. Well done to all the children for their amazing behaviour and thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers!



Year 1 and 2 attended an in school workshop about Judaism as part of our learning in RE. Ruth, the incredible workshop leader, showed us how to write in Hebrew, provided kippas and tallits to wear and even led a Shabbat ceremony for us in the school hall. We all learnt so much and had lots of fun!



Year 2

Summer 1 Learning



Year 2 have had a very busy and exciting Summer 1! At the start of term, we celebrated International Day. We thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in different outfits and colours to represent countries that are important to us and sharing facts with each other about our countries. We also used our cooking skills in **Design Technology** to make pizzas, and share a little slice of Italy at International Evening.

In **History**, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We visited the Monument to the Great Fire of London and climbed all 311 steps to the top, for panoramic views of London! We used our **Geography** skills and compass skills to spot different London landmarks. We have also been inspired by Samuel Pepys in **English**. We have read excerpts of his diary, written letters to King Charles I and written recounts of our trip.



Sinfonia Smith Square treated us to a fantastic **Music** workshop, where we went on a musical pirate-themed adventure!

We had a fascinating workshop on Judaism, linked with our **RE** learning from earlier this year. We wrote our names in Hebrew, read the Torah and made candles for Shabat.





Events



Half Term Cricket Coaching

If you have children in Years 3-6, have a look at the flyer which is spread across the last two pages of this Family Update. There is a 3-day cricket opportunity, which may interest some children and families.

Dates for the diary

There is a lot happening this term, so please add the dates below to your diary so that you don't miss out.

All of the dates are available on the school website too.

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Wed 20th May	1.30pm	Church Service	Whole School
Half Term Holiday Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June			
Tues 2nd June	8.45am	Start of Summer Term 2	Whole School
8th – 12th June		Year 1 Phonics Check	Whole School
Wed 10th June	8.30am -6pm	Year 2 Trip to West Wittering Beach	Year 2 + 1 parent per child
Thurs 11th June	9.10am	Nursery and Reception 'Stay and Play' with Southbank Sinfonia	Nursery, Reception and their younger siblings



Events cont...



Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
15th to 19th June		Art Week Art exhibition at School Wednesday 17th June (3.30pm -4.30pm)	Whole School
15th June	11.30-1pm	Father's Day Lunch	Whole School (one male relative per child/family unit)
22nd to 26th June		Science Week	Whole School
Mon 29th June		Class Photos	Whole School
Wed 1st July	10am	Sports Day at Paddington Rec	Years 1-6
Thurs 2nd July	9.30am	Sports Day In school	Nursery and Reception
Fri 3rd July		End of Year Reports to Parents	
Tues 7th July	3.30pm -4.30pm	Parent Report Drop in	Whole School
Thurs 9th July	2pm -5pm	Summer Fair	Whole School
Mon 13th July		Year 6 Show	Year 6 parents
Tues 14th July	4pm – 5.30pm	Year 6 BBQ	Year 6 pupils
Wed 15th July	2.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Service	Whole School
Fri 17th July	1.30pm	End of term and the start of the summer holidays!	Whole School



Attendance

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	96.3%
Reception	97.4%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5 /6	98.5%

Well done to Year 2, our attendance winners this week!

Congratulations!

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our school and all the children and adults who make up our school community.

We give thanks for the many ways in which we have seen children and adults flourish here this week.

May Your love fill our hearts to overflowing, so that we can continue to grow in love and wisdom.

Amen



CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

SUMMER HALF TERM

TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026: 10am-3pm

@ GREY COAT HOSPITALSCHOOL, REGENCY STREET (ST MICHAEL'S SITE), PIMLICO, SW1P 4GH

WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2026: 10am-3pm

@ GREY COAT HOSPITALSCHOOL, REGENCY STREET (ST MICHAEL'S SITE), PIMLICO, SW1P 4GH

THURSDAY 28th MAY 2026: 10am-3pm

@ Westminster City School, Palace Street, Victoria, SW1E 5HJ



PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress
through and in cricket



IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 3 to 7.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis (some places are reserved for children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals)
- **AGES:** 7-12 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents/Guardians will need to provide a packed lunch and any refreshment
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles)

THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Nikhil Nomula (Middlesex Youth; Level 3 Coach).



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**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE
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