

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have a read of what all your children have been up to this lovely sunny week!

### **Prayer Life of the School**

As we continue in the month of May, EYFS presented flowers to the statues of Mary in the school and asked her to pray for the children of the world who are caught in conflict. Year 1 explored icons of Mary around the school and looked at various depictions of her in art. They responded in prayer.



Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for all children who are suffering. Bring comfort and healing to them. Help them find strength and hope. Be a source of mercy and love for them all.

Amen

### Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 who worked very hard all week on their SATs exams, and certainly deserve a few weeks of more relaxed learning now. We are all looking forward to seeing them enjoy the rest of their last year at school including their residential, Leavers Mass and the musical production, which always proves to be a highlight of the year. Thank you to all the staff who have supported them so well during their exams and who manned breakfast club this week. Here they all are on Thursday enjoying a continental breakfast ahead of their reasoning paper 2.



#### **Year 4 Brain Buddies**

Year 4 had the first part of their 'Brain Buddies' with Maya. They started thinking about the different emotions and what they feel like in our bodies. They have part 2 next week!

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Year 5 Gardening Club
Year 5 had an extremely informative session at the Museum of the Order of St John last Thursday. They learnt about the Theory of Evolution and Charles Darwin. The children got to paint pictures and dress up like Victorians!



### **Providence Row Assembly**

Maria from Providence Row gave an assembly today to talk about the charity, what they do and how they help homeless people.



### **Islington Festival of Cycling**

Join the fun at the Islington Festival of Cycling on Sunday 25 May in Highbury Fields! With the aim of celebrating cycling in Islington, there's something for everyone. Enjoy two led rides organised by Cycle Islington – a relaxed family route and a longer ride linking up with neighbouring boroughs. Head over to Dr Bike for a free safety check and learn about bike marking and e-bike security with Islington Council's community safety team. Try out all-ability cycling with Pedal Power CIC and Bikeworks, or hop on their free e-cycle taxi service for a unique side-by-side ride around the

There'll also be lawn games and a 50km group ride led by the Islington Cycling Club for confident riders (starting at 9am).





# **Health and Safety Officers**

The mini first aiders gave a practical session in Year 2 on Tuesday where they explained the basics of first aid and health and safety. They did an excellent job and the Year 2 children listened very well.



# **After School Enrichment Clubs**

Our after-school enrichment programme is going very well this term. Miss Manzone popped into Yoga, EYFS/KS1 Dance and EYFS football on Tuesday and Wednesday where the children were all having a lovely time in the sunshine and dancing to beautiful ballet tunes.



# EYFS/ KS1 Disco

EYFS and Key Stage 1 had a great time at the disco on Friday they boogied on down and enjoyed the snacks, including biscuits ice-lollies and popcorn!. Thanks to the **School Council** for having this awesome idea and helping out on the night. Watch this space for the KS2 disco next half term! They raised an impressive £100 which will go to a charity that the school council decides upon.

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# **Class Assemblies**

Year 4 assembly – Wednesday 21st May 2025 9.15am Year 3 assembly- Thursday 22nd May 2025 9.15am Year 2 assembly - Thursday 5th June 2025 9.15am Year 1 assembly - Thursday 19th June 2025 9.15am Reception assembly – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.15am Nursery assembly -Wednesday 16th July 2025 9.15am

# Meet our Clergy and First Holy Communion



Parents and carers are warmly invited to a series of three meetings where you will be able to meet with Fr. Ivano, Canon Chris, Miss Peters and Miss Bessant. The meetings are designed to discuss moving forward together in our faith as well as what we do in school. It will also be an opportunity to talk about your children's Sacramental journey; including finding out information about preparation for your child's First Holy Communion.

All meetings will take place at 2:30pm in school.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025



### **Term Dates for Next Year**

See below for term dates for 2025/2026These will also be uploaded to the school website.

#### Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025

Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Last day at school for children: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (School closing at 1.15pm)

- Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Inset Days Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

### Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

### Children return to school Monday 5th January 2026

- Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Last day of school for Children: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Last day at school for Children: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (School closing at 1.15pm)

- Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Inset days Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026
- May Bank holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

INSET DAYS	
1	Monday 1st September 2025
2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
3	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
5	Tuesday 21st July 2026

# **Year Group Masses**



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Monday 2nd June 2025, 1.05pm Year 6 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's. Monday 9th June 2025, 1.05pm Year 5 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's. Monday 23rd June 2025, 1.05pm Year 4 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to all of the above!

### The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul



# Monday 30th June 2025, 9.30am

We will be celebrating the feast day of our school saints: St Peter & St Paul. This will take place at the church of St Peter & St Paul , Amwell Street.

Parents/Carers are warmly invited!

Children can come to school on 30-6-25 wearing something blue and/or yellow with their uniform - it is not own clothes day.

# Packed Lunches

Please remember if your child has packed lunch the importance of making sure it is a balanced and healthy meal. The leaflet below is available from the school office and gives you guidelines. You should include foods from all 5 categories below. Juices should be unsweetened fruit juice. If you include crisps or cakes it should really be a small portion and not an alternative to the carbohydrate component.



### Parent Pay

As we are nearing the end of this half term, please log into ParentPay and Please ensure you have paid up any outstanding debts on ParentPay.



# **After School Enrichment for Summer Term**

NB: If you sign up for an enrichment club you have committed for a half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spanish 3:15- 4:15pm £5 Homework Club 3:15- 4:15pm £5	EYFS Football 3:15- 4:00pm £5 Music Ensemble £5	I Heart Dance EYFS/KS1 3:15-4:15 £8	Coding 3-4:15pm £5 Perform Drama KS1/2 3:15-4:00 Jungle Rumble £8	KS1/2 Football 3pm-4pm £5
	Yoga- Feeling Better 3:15-4:15pm £5	I Heart Dance Street Dance 4:15-5:15 £12		KS2 Film Club 3:15-4:30 £2.50

# **PTA Summer Cake Sales**



22/05/25	Years 1 and 2
19/06/25	Years 3 and 4
03/07/25	Years 5 and 6

# P.T.A Request

The PTA are still looking for donations of unused uniform with the current logo. EYFS are always in need of leggings shorts socks and new underwear. Please bring in to the school office if you have spare.



## Office Times and Late Arrivals



Please be advised that the school office opens at 8am and closes at 4pm. From Monday if your child is late and admitted through the front office you will have to take any scooters or bikes home with you.

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# **Attendance and Punctuality**

Whole school attendance this week was **92.68%** which is a slight improvement. Remember the national expectation is **96%** 

The class with the highest attendance this week was Sapphire- Year 6 with 100% attendance. Well done to them. They clearly all wanted to complete their SATs!

The class with the best punctuality was Ruby- our Year 5 with 7 lates this week.



**Every Day Really Counts!** 

Please be advised that holidays are no longer authorised and are subject to fines in line with new government guidelines and in keeping with all schools in Islington. Please see our new attendance policy on the website for further details.

### **The Wednesday Word**

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus gives his disciples the new commandment 'to love one another; just as I have loved you. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it. Jesus loved his friends with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity. And this is what we are now instructed to do.

### A Word from the Saints

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action' St Teresa of Calcutta

Kind regards,

Have a good weekend

Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone

