



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents and Carers

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all of you who made an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher this week. The number of you using the video call option increased which is great to see. Details of the next formal parent teacher meetings will be shared early in the new term. As always, please contact the school office if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

END OF TERM

School closes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 31st March for the start of the Easter holidays and reopens on Monday 19th April. The current staggered drop off and pick up times will remain in place next term and will be reviewed if and when DFE guidance changes.

SUMMER UNIFORM



The sun made a very welcome appearance earlier this week as we officially moved into spring and we are promised a mini heatwave next week which would be lovely.

A reminder that all pupils should be wearing the school's summer uniform when they return to school after Easter, more information about which can be found [here](#).

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER: TUESDAY 23RD MARCH

Pupils and staff answered Cardinal Vincent Nichols' call to take part in a **National Day of Reflection** on Tuesday 23rd March to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. It was a day of reflection and prayer, where we came together as a school community to ponder on all that has taken place this last year and to pray the pandemic comes to an end. We hope as you walk past the school hall you all get a chance to enjoy the beautiful daffodil window display made by the children in Nursery and Reception-reminding us all that there is hope for a brighter future. A special thank you to Kestrels class who led the whole school in a prayer service on the day and to all the children who respectfully observed the national minute of at midday.



WORLD SLEEP DAY: THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

World Sleep Day is an annual, global day to promote the importance of sleep and, to mark the day, we had a special virtual assembly and 'sleep' workshop for parents/carers. Here's what some of our Year 2 pupils thought about the assembly:

I learnt that if you sleep it helps your brain remember what you learnt from the day -Aaron

I liked when Mrs Waine said when we sleep, we have lots of rest and that means we have energy for the next day - Adrian

I learnt that you don't do exercise before bed because then you won't sleep well - Sienna

A big thank you to Mrs. Waine, our lead teacher for inclusion, for organising the events. We were delighted that so many parents could join us on the day so hope to offer more virtual workshops in the summer term with a focus on well-being and mental health. If you would like some support in creating a sleep routine for your child please contact Mrs Waine via the school office or by emailing senco@stmaryangels.co.uk

DIOCESAN MASS FOR SCHOOLS: FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

Earlier today we joined 90,000 other pupils and staff in a very special online Diocesan Mass for Schools, celebrated in the Crypt of Westminster Cathedral by Fr Chris Vipers. The Mass was a very powerful example of how our diocesan

family have come together in faith after what has been an unprecedented year. It also marked the beginning of Holy Week for our school, which we will continue with our journey to the foot of the cross next week.

LENTEN GIVING: MUFTI DAY ON TUESDAY 30TH MARCH

On Tuesday 30th March we will be holding a Mufti Day at school. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a voluntary donation of £2 to Marie Curie and are encouraged to wear something yellow as part of their outfit. In exchange, each child will bring home a beautiful Lenten gift which they have decorated in school. Pupils will be asked to place their donations in a bucket at the school gates on the morning of the Mufti Day. A reminder that our Mini Vinnie Team decided to support Marie Curie as part of our school's Lenten giving.



RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION CONSULTATION

Thank you again to those of you have taken part in the online consultation regarding Relationships and Sex Education which becomes a compulsory subject next term. The deadline for taking part in the consultation has been extended until the end of the school day on Tuesday 30th March so please do take the time to visit the online Parent Tool and read all the information provided before completing the online survey, if you have not done so already. To date, we have had 22 responses for which we offer our thanks but we would very much like to hear from more of you. Details of how to access the toolkit and the survey have been emailed to all parents and carers but are shared below for your convenience.

[Parent Consultation Tool](#)

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary

Username: **st-mary-angel-w2**

Password: **palace-gardens**

[Parent/Carer Survey](#)

<https://forms.gle/ARnrnGZ5hCb8qJxi6>

POLLING DAY: THURSDAY 6TH MAY – SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 6th May as the school is being used as a polling station for the London Assembly Election.

COVID-19 TESTING IN WESTMINSTER AND KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Information on testing sites and where to collect tests to be used at home can be found below.



Father God,

Thank you for the grace of Lent.

Please help us in our Lent journey to pray more.

Help us to stop doing some things so that we are free to go out to others with acts of service.

Show us how best to prepare for Easter.

Amen

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Wilson
Headteacher

Mrs. Hough
Acting Deputy Headteacher

COVID-19 TESTING IN WESTMINSTER AND KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Regular, twice weekly symptom-free testing is available for the school community, including pupils, parents, support bubbles and staff. Any staff or children with symptoms should follow the advice to self-isolate and book a test via the government website.

Location - WESTMINSTER	Opening Hours: Mondays and Thursdays	Opening Hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Opening Hours: Weekends
Little Venice Sports Centre, 10 Crompton Street, London, W2 1ND	8am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm
Moberly Sports Centre, 25 Chamberlayne Rd, Ladbroke Grove, Kensal Green, London NW10 3NB	8am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm
The Church House Conference Centre, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ	8am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	10am – 4pm

Location – KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA	Opening Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays	Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursdays & Fridays	Opening Hours: Weekends
Kensington Town Hall	8am – 5.30pm	8.30am – 5.30pm	10am – 4pm
Kensington Leisure Centre	8am – 4.30pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm
Chelsea Old Town Hall	8am – 4.30pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm
Malton Road	8am – 12pm	8am – 12pm	8am – 12pm

Further details of testing sites can be found via the following links:

- WCC - <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/testing> or <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/covid>
- RBKC - <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/newsroom/all-council-statements/rapid-community-testing-those-without-coronavirus-symptoms-who> or <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/council-services-and-disruption-updates/covid-19-testing-and-tracing>

Westminster

LFT tests can be collected free at the following locations between 1.30pm and 7pm, 7 days a week. There is no requirement to book in advance:

- Greenside Community Centre, 24 Lilestone Street, Marylebone, NW8 8SR
- Grosvenor Hall, Vincent Street, SW1P 4HB
- Lydford Tenants and Residents Hall, 74 Fernheard Road, W9 3EW

From Saturday 20 March 2021, it will also be available at these locations between 10am-4pm

- Little Venice Sports Centre, 10 Crompton Street, London, W2 1ND,
- Moberly Sports Centre, 25 Chamberlayne Rd, Ladbroke Grove, Kensal Green, London NW10 3NB
- The Church House Conference Centre, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ.

RBKC

LFT tests can be collected free at the following locations and times:

Kensington Town Hall, Horton Street, London W8 7NX:

Day	Opening time	Closing time
Monday & Wednesday	8am	5.30pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8.30am	5.30pm
Saturday and Sunday	10am	4pm

Malton Road, The Hub, 2-4 Malton Road, W10 5UP

Open daily from 1-8pm to support the LFD collection for schools, students, teachers.