



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,

As we come to the end of the school year, we look back on another eventful year. Together, we have faced many challenges most notably the need for the vast majority of pupils to learn from home again in the spring term. We are incredibly proud of all our wonderful pupils who have demonstrated tremendous resilience and who have worked so hard, at school and at home.

Of course the children couldn't have achieved any of this without the partnership between home and school. Thank you all for your support for your child and the school throughout the year and to thank you to the dedicated staff team here at St. Mary of the Angels. The strength of the home school partnership has been enhanced further by the difficult times we have faced together and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in the new school year.

FAREWELL YEAR 6

We are delighted that our Year 6 pupils have ended their time at St. Mary of the Angels with a range of special events including two days kayaking and canoeing on Regents Canal and a trip to Chessington World of Adventure. On Monday, parents and carers and younger siblings joined Year 6 pupils and staff at our Leavers' Mass celebrated by Fr. Keith. The live performance of their amazing production of Peter Pan, due to take place yesterday, had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. However, the video of the performance last week was professionally filmed and so our Year 6 families can enjoy the video together and treasure it for years to come. So we say thank you and goodbye to our talented Year 6 pupils and wish them much happiness and success for the future.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Our school is blessed to have a committed and experienced group of volunteers who serve on our school's governing body. Mr. Arthur Soares, our longest standing foundation governor, is stepping down after 21 years dedicated service to the children and families of St. Mary of the Angels. Arthur has served as chair of governors and chair of the finance committee and has been instrumental in developing and supporting his governor colleagues to enable them to take on additional responsibilities as link governors and chairs of committees. We thank Arthur for his service and for his generous donation of £400 which he has asked we use to purchase a religious statue for an area in our Key Stage 1 playground. Our Mini Vinnies team met today to put forward some ideas and we will update you further in September.

We also say thank you to Mr. Goitom Seyoum who is stepping down after serving as a parent governor since October 2020. This leaves us with a vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor and more details of the role and the nomination process will be sent home in September.

NEXT STEPS FOR SCHOOLS

On July 16th schools received guidance from the Department for Education regarding the move to Step 4 of the government's roadmap and the lifting of legal restrictions that have been in place throughout the pandemic. Along with the vast majority of schools that were still open we have continued to operate the bubbles systems, use of face masks etc. until today, the last day of term. However, the school will have a new COVID-19 risk assessment and operation plan in place for the start of the autumn term which we anticipate will include the removal of the bubbles system while other systems put in place to minimise and control the risk of infection will stay in place. One such system will be the arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the school day (see below). We will of course update you on further before the start of the new school year. In the meantime, updated information for parents and carers can be found [here](#) or by copying and at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Drop off

	Start time	Entrance
Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception)	9.00	Nursery Gate from 8.45
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	9.00	Playground gate from 8.45
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	9.00	Playground gate from 8.45
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)	9.00	Playground gate from 8.45

Pick up

	Finish time	Collect from
Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception)	15.20	Nursery Gate at 15.20
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)	15.30	Nursery Gate at 15.30
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	15.25	Playground gate 15.30
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)	15.30	Playground gate 15.30

SCHOOL STREET

Westminster City Council have yet to confirm if the temporary School Street arrangement which has seen part of Shrewsbury Road closed during drop and pick up time during the pandemic will still be in place in September. We do know that the council are looking to put a permanent scheme in place but that this may not be until the spring term due to the legislation that is required to do so. The school is pushing hard for the scheme to remain in place in September and we will update you as and when we hear any further news.

WELCOME TO YEAR GROUP MEETINGS

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we very much hope to invite parents and carers to join their child's class teacher and Key Stage leaders in school for these meetings which will take place as follows:

Welcome to Reception	Tuesday 14 th September 9am
Welcome to Year 2	Wednesday 15 th September 9am
Welcome to Year 6/Secondary Transfer	Wednesday 15 th September 2.30pm
Welcome to Year 3	Thursday 16 th September 9am
Welcome to Year 5	Thursday 16 th September 3pm
Welcome to Year 1	Friday 17 th September 9am
Welcome to Year 4	Friday 17 th September 3pm
Welcome to Nursery	Tuesday 21 st September 9am

AND FINALLY

On behalf of the staff and governors, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

'Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.' Isaiah 40:31

Mrs Wilson

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Headteacher

Acting Deputy Headteacher