



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents, carers, pupils, staff and governors

Dress to Express

The school was brightened up by the sun today and by the colourful attire of the children who came to school 'Dressed to Express'. Thanks to your generous donations, we together raised £205 for the Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to find out more about the work the society does in our local areas, then click [here](#). Please contact Mrs Chadwick in the school office if you would like the school to refer you for some financial support. Your request will be passed on to Mrs Wilson who will call you to discuss further. We have helped ten of our families since the start of the pandemic and are always happy to support a referral where it meets the criteria for funding.

Travelling Book Fair: Tuesday 21st February-Friday 25th February

We're thrilled to announce that **The Book Fair** will be returning to our school after half term. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy some new books to read and enjoy at home and to raise funds for the school to buy new books for our classes.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. Click [here](#) to view the Spring 2022 catalogue. We have timetabled visits to the Book Fair as follows:



Monday 21 st :	Upper Key Stage 2 (Hérons & Swans)	3.30pm – 3.50pm
Tuesday 22 nd :	Foundation Stage (Ducklings, Robins & Sparrows)	8.40am – 8.55am and 3.30pm – 3.50pm
Wednesday 23 rd :	Key Stage 1 (Goldfinches & Kingfishers)	8.40am – 8.55am and 3.30pm – 3.50pm
Thursday 24 th :	Lower Key Stage 2 (Swifts & Kestrels)	8.40am – 8.55am and 3.30pm – 3.50pm
Friday 25 th :	Upper key Stage 2 (Hérons & Swans)	8.40am – 8.55am

Paying for books

All books purchased must be paid for online via a QR code that will be displayed at the Book Fair. We won't be accepting cash. Once you have scanned the QR code, selected and paid for your chosen book(s) you will be able to take your books home. You can also pay for books using The Book Fair's online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay and selecting our school from the drop down menu. On the day, we will have staff available to help if you should require any assistance.

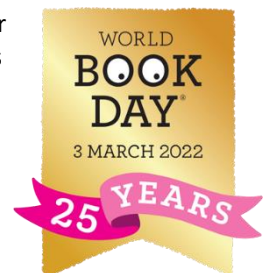
Author Visit: Renata Kaminska

As part of our celebration of reading in the run up to World Book Day, we will be welcoming Renata Kaminska, author of 'Hector - A Dog's Story' to our school on Wednesday 23rd February. Renata will hold a special assembly and Q+A sessions for the children. If you would like to know more about our special guest, then please visit Renata's website by [clicking here](#).

World Book Day 2022: Thursday 3rd March

We are so excited to be able to once again celebrate World Book Day together as a school by holding our traditional 'Book Character Parade' on Thursday 3rd March. All staff and children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Remember to bring your book along for the parade!

Throughout this special day, pupils will take part in fun activities linked to World Book Day. Remember to look on your child's class page for more information closer to the event. In the meantime, there are lots of resources on the [World Book Day website](#) that you can use with your child at home including activity ideas, free audiobooks and tips for parents and carers.



1066 History Project

History has been in the spotlight this week as our Key Stage 2 classes took part in an exciting history project led by Westminster Archives Education Officer Peter Daniel and two actors from the MoD Theatre Company. The children learnt all about the history of the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066 through role play, drama and song, ending their respective day's immersive experience by re-enacting the Battle of Hastings! The 1066 project also focused on the history of Westminster comparing and contrasting life in Westminster in 1066 to present day. The project also aims to address some of the mental health issues caused by

lockdown by encouraging the children to reflect on how a positive mind-set helped Duke William become a conqueror and understand the team work required to build a defensive wall made of Saxon shields. More news to follow on our Key Stage 2 class pages!



Catholic Life of the School: Prayer Services 2022

The children and staff are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us in prayer and worship at our forthcoming Prayers Services the dates of which are as follows:

<i>Robins</i>	<i>Friday 4th March 3pm</i>
<i>Goldfinches</i>	<i>Friday 11th March 3pm</i>
<i>Swifts</i>	<i>Friday 18th March 3pm</i>
<i>Sparrows</i>	<i>Friday 25th March 3pm</i>
<i>Kestrels</i>	<i>Friday 29th April 3pm</i>
<i>Swans</i>	<i>Friday 20th May 3pm</i>
<i>Ducklings</i>	<i>Thursday 9th June 9.15am</i>
<i>Hérons</i>	<i>Friday 10th June 3pm</i>
<i>Kingfishers</i>	<i>Friday 17th June 3pm</i>



Thank you!

A special thank you to Westminster City Council for the donation of plants and shrubs from the decommissioned Marble Hill Mound. With the help of a local gardener we have been able to transform three very sad and neglected beds in and around the school with 150 plants of 25 types including Choisya, Geranium, Peonies, Acers, Rosemary and French Lavenders. We have been advised that none of the plants have any toxicity or thorns and look forward to seeing them becoming established and thriving in their new home. We will be encouraging the children to tend to the plants under the supervision of staff members who are keen gardeners. If you would like to get involved in keeping helping our garden grow, please let Mrs Murphy in the office know and we will be in touch.

Polling Day

St. Mary of the Angels will be closed to children on Thursday 5th May as the school will be used as a Polling Station for the local council elections. We will write to you nearer the time re the remote learning that will be provided for the day.

Half-term Childcare

Please click [here](#) for details of holiday camp provision being offered by Fit for Sport at Bayswater Children's Centre.

Reminder: Parent Teacher Consultations

The dates for our spring Parent Teacher consultations are as follows:

Goldfinches, Kingfishers, Herons & Swans

Tuesday 15th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Thursday 17th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Ducklings, Robins, Sparrows, Swifts & Kestrels

Tuesday 22nd March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Thursday 24th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Appointments will be video or phone appointments and booking information will be sent home after half term.

After School Clubs

Booking is now open for next half term's Multi-sports and Art clubs and closes on Friday 18th February. To book please visit www.schoolgateway.com

School Street Update

From today & until further notice there will be no form of barriers in place at drop off and pick up time. We hope the use of cones, purchased by the school, has given all the time to adjust to the change after the sudden removal of the yellow barriers. In the meantime, we continue our campaign for the yellow barriers to be reinstated and for the other road safety improvements promised such as extended guardrails and zig zag markings outside of the playground gate to be implemented.

Have a lovely half term and see you on Monday 21st February for the start of Term 4!

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson
Headteacher

Mrs Hough
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)