



## St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

*Following Jesus in all we think, do and say*

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### Newsletter: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents, carers, pupils, staff and governors,

#### Remembrance Day

Today at school, we stood with the nation and held a two-minute silence at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars around the world. Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Remembrance *Sunday* is also marked each year, which falls this Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November). Each class has created a beautiful Remembrance Day display to help remind and prepare the children for this special day when we honour and remember their lives and their sacrifices.

#### Feast of All Saints

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November was the Feast of All Saints and we were delighted that children and staff in Years 1 to 6 were able to attend a Mass celebrated by Mgr. Keith Barltrop in our parish Church. Mgr. Keith Barltrop reminded all gathered that All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity, or dignified remembrance, that celebrates the honour of all church Saints, whether known or unknown. He reminded all gathered that we are all called to be saints, that is, by being receptive to God's holiness and grace. The reverence the children showed in Mass is a credit to their parents and the school. We now look forward joining parishioners to celebrate Mass for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday 8th December at St. Mary of the Angels Church at 10am. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us.



**Remembrance Day RE Display:  
Swifts (Year 3)**

#### Reminder Mini Vinnies 2022-2023 – 'Turning Concern into Action'

This year, the Mini Vinnies team have decided to ask for donations of winter coats and fleeces for the **Calling London Winter Coat Campaign** and we are delighted to say that we are working once again with Chestertons, Notting Hill, to support this charity. You have until **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** to drop off your donations of coats, fleeces and jackets to the front office.

What winter clothing items are needed?

- Coats of all styles
- Jackets
- Gilets
- Fleeces

All coats and winter jackets in good condition are welcome for children or adults.



#### Sporting News

We send congratulations to the 13 children in Year 6 who took part in the William Greaves cricket competition at Lords Cricket Ground on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The children represented our school superbly, showing off their cricket skills and sense of fair play. Our team came a very respectable second, just missing out on the next round after losing a very close final match. We aim to increase our participation in competitions and participation events this year and are delighted to share that Joseph in Swans class will be representing the school and Westminster in the cross-country event at the London Youth Games on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, having come in the top ten in the recent trials. Well done Joseph and we wish you all the best for the event.

**Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup>- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** Anti-Bullying Week is an annual national event, supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance that aims to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'Reach Out' and the week will begin with '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** when children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.





Throughout the week there will be special anti-bullying activities and workshops in all classes. Our school's 'STOP' acronym continues to support pupils, staff and parents/carers in identifying and preventing/stopping bullying.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have produced resources for parents and carers in partnership with Kidscape, which provide information about bullying and tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying and tools to help you talk to your children about bullying. If you would like to get involved then please [click here](#) to access the parental tools and resources.

### Road Safety Week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup>- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Next week is also Road Safety Week. This is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated each year by the road safety charity Brake. The event aims to inspire settings, organisations and communities across the UK to take action on road safety and promote life-saving messages. Each year there is a different theme for the week and this year's theme is: *Safe Roads for All*. Throughout the week, each class will explore a lesson regarding Road Safety. We will also welcome a representative from our Westbourne Safer Neighbourhoods Team to our school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for a special assembly regarding Road Safety.



### Tower of London

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Year 5 had a fantastic school trip to the Tower of London. The children had an amazing day exploring the grounds and the tower. Thank you to Mrs Waine for organising such a memorable trip for our pupils in Year 5.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all who made an appointment to speak to their child's class teacher this week. If you were unable to keep your appointment, please contact the school office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for a phone consultation.

### School Street Update

Please see the letter below from Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg regarding the installation of enforcement cameras in the School Street area of Shrewsbury Road.

### Christmas Dates

Celebrating the Good News of Jesus' birth is such an important part of our school and liturgical year so we will be doing all we can to ensure our school community can come together to share in the joy and festivities in the run up to the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Day.

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral (Year 6 only)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am for parents/carers
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage School Trip to 'The Lyric Theatre'
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
	The Solemnity Immaculate Conception Mass at 10am (KS2 only)
	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 2:30pm at St. Mary of Angels Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.30pm for parents/carers
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2/School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens: Start of Term 3

### Additional Bank Holiday: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. Therefore, school will be closed for all pupils and staff on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Standards and Testing Agency will update schools as to what this means for key stage 2 test week for Year 6 pupils (scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023).

### **Prayer and Worship**

Ten Ten's November newsletter is now available for you to read [here](#) or by visiting the [Prayer and Worship](#) for Home section of the school website.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Wilson

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Headteacher

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Should you require this information in a different format, please do not hesitate to contact us via [Askhighways@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:Askhighways@westminster.gov.uk) or if you don't have access to the internet by calling the main Westminster City Council Switchboard on 020 7641 6000 and they will email the request on your behalf.

Dear Mary Wilson,

### Active Streets Programme: School Streets Update October 2022 – Introduction of select sites for CCTV enforcement

In January 2022 a trial of Experimental School Streets was launched as part of our Active Streets Programme which provides Pedestrian and Cycle Zones ([Section 6, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)) outside a school's main entrance. As a reminder whilst in operation these support the morning drop-off and afternoon collection times, Monday to Friday during term-time outside of your school gates.

The full details of our trial can be found by visiting [www.westminster.gov.uk/school-streets](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/school-streets)

An Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) allows for continual monitoring of the surrounding area. If necessary, the scheme outside your school could be modified, or withdrawn after consideration of changing local community acceptance which includes those of residents and the minority of parents who drive to school as well as the wider traffic and travel behaviours.

So, in line with our Fairer Westminster Strategy and as part of the on-going monitoring of our trial School Street locations, we are now planning the installation of CCTV Enforcement cameras outside your school.

In support of the above news we advise that all schools, residents and businesses can provide their feedback or further observations via [www.westminster.gov.uk/experimental-school-streets](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/experimental-school-streets) via the short questionnaire.

Also frequently asked questions can be viewed directly via [www.westminster.gov.uk/experimental-school-streets/faqs](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/experimental-school-streets/faqs)

And finally, its advised that I am to make a formal decision on the future of all of our trial School Streets in early 2023. So, if you wish to advise me of any support or otherwise for these please let me know via the email address below quoting '**School Streets**' or in writing to the address provided in this letter.

For any other queries related to this scheme, please contact us at [Askhighways@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:Askhighways@westminster.gov.uk) quoting '**School Streets**'.

Yours [sincerely](#),

CLlr Paul Dimoldenberg  
Cabinet Member [for](#) City Management [and](#) Air Quality