



**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,

**Eastertide**

'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!' is the joyous call and response we have been sharing every time we gather as a school for worship now that we are in the full flow of Eastertide celebrations. Through our daily prayers in class and our weekly Gospel assemblies, we look forward in hope and anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, marking the birthday of the Church and a renewal of our mission as followers of Jesus. The monthly Ten Ten newsletter can be accessed via the link below and shares some of the content the children will experience throughout May and suggests ways to support your family in prayer at home. [www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

May is also traditionally the Month of Mary, with Marian feast days, May processions and a focus on the Rosary. Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too, and like a good mum who prays for her children, Mary prays for us. She accompanies us in our prayers and is there to walk alongside and encourage us, always leading us to her Son, Jesus.

**National Curriculum Tests: Year 2 and Year 6**

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be taking end of Key Stage 2 tests; more commonly known as SATs, in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. These tests have to be completed on set days and have been pushed back a day because of the Coronation Bank Holiday. A letter has been sent to Year 6 parents with further information.

Our Year 2 pupils will be sitting their national curriculum assessments in English and Mathematics over a two-week period beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. These tests are intended to inform the class teacher's assessments of the standards pupils are working at and are not strictly timed and incorporated into everyday classroom activities. The Department for Education announced in July 2022 Key Stage 1 that these tests would become non-statutory from the academic year 2023/2024.

**Coronation Celebration Lunch**

Today we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a fantastic coronation lunch in our school hall, prepared by our fantastic kitchen team. All the children looked wonderful in their party clothes and certainly dressed to impress! To prepare for the celebrations, each pupil designed and decorated a piece of bunting with a Royal theme which will be hung around the school. Thank you to all parents and carers who donated cakes for classes to enjoy for our afternoon tea. Our day culminated by coming together in worship to pray for King Charles during which we learnt about the spiritual significance of the different parts of the coronation ceremony and sang a rousing rendition of 'Our King' – a song written especially for the Coronation. Many of you will have heard your children singing this at home so we thought you might like to listen to it together at home which you can do by clicking [here](#). A special thank you to Abbie, Shyanne, Kayon, Parmis, Adyan and Mary J in Kingfishers class who shared the actions they had created for the song which we all enjoyed joining in with.



**Sports Days**

Miss Cox has been working closely with our sports coach Mr Murray and his colleagues from QPR to plan our annual sports days (see dates below). More information will be sent home the week before each event and we hope that as many parents and family members will be able to join us at Paddington Recreation Ground from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**Key Stage 2:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**STEAM Week 2023: Growth**

Congratulations to the following pupils who won last term's STEAM Week poster competition and were awarded with a science themed prize from Miss O'Brien and Mrs Wilson. Miss O'Brien and all class teachers were very impressed and delighted with all of the entries – it was very hard to pick the winners!

Ducklings & Robins  
Goldfinches  
Kingfishers

Alfie  
Jack  
Cecilia  
Swans

Swifts  
Kestrels  
Herons  
J.J

Mikaela & Betty  
Ashwin & Aaron  
Alexander

### Foundation Stage Fun Day

We are delighted that our new Foundation Stage playground is finally finished and can be enjoyed by all pupils in Nursery and Reception. To celebrate, we invite parents and carers of pupils in Nursery and Reception to join us in our annual Fun Day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school family to come together and we hope you will be able to join us on the day. Older siblings in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will join the fun when their school day finishes at 3.30. A letter with more information will be sent to Foundation Stage parents and carers next week.

### Family Hub: Bayswater Children's Centre

Westminster City Council have opened a new Family Hub in Bayswater Children's Centre which is the blue building adjacent to the school. Family Hubs aim to bring together all the support you may need as a family, from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 (or 25 if they have a disability). Information regarding the services this new hub will offer has not yet been published on the Westminster website but we will update you when we know more. In the meantime, please click [here](#) to see what's on offer in the other three Family Hubs or pop in to the Children's Centre to see what is currently on offer.

### Term 5 Dates

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Coronation of King Charles III – School closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Duckings to Forest School (AM)
	Goldfinches to Forest School (PM)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Robins at Forest School (AM)
	Kingfishers at Forest School (PM)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Kestrels trip to Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Herons Coding Trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Paddington Rec 9.30 to 12.30 (more info to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Stage Fun Day 2-4pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Swifts Prayer Service - 3pm (School Hall)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Goldfinches Trip to Meanwhile Gardens
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Swans Assembly – 9.10am (School Hall)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Sports Day at Paddington Rec 9.30 to 12.30
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Robins Prayer Service – 3pm (School Hall)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes at usual time – End of Term 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term – school closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Beginning of Term 6

### Term & Holiday Dates 2023/2024

A reminder that these are available on the school website's homepage or by clicking [here](#). The new school year for pupils starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### A Prayer for King Charles III

#### Father God,

We praise you for your honour,  
glory and righteousness.  
Bless the King to rule over  
our nation as You do,  
with love and kindness for all.

#### King Jesus,

Just as you came to earth  
to point people to God,  
may the coronation of King Charles  
help others to encounter You.  
May the King lead people in Your ways.

#### Holy Spirit,

Fill King Charles with your justice and mercy,  
bringing peace through his reign.

Amen



Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend! See you on Tuesday.

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Headteacher

Miss Percival  
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Hulands  
Assistant Headteacher