

**Friday 10th May 2024 - Newsletter 30**

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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

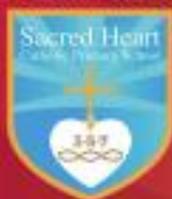
Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. The following children enjoyed their special day in our Parish Church:

**Adonay, Amarachukwu, Amoria,  
Brenna-Rose, Carter, Ella,**

**Florence, Jason, Layla, Mia, Millie, Natan, Nazrawi,  
Tadhg, Tillie and Zachary.**



On Sunday, they will be returning to Church for their Thanksgiving Mass which will be followed by a party afterwards organised by FOSH in the Parish Community Centre which will include the presentation of their certificates. A special thank you to everyone who made their special day such a success, especially our Parish Priests Fr. Spencer and Fr. Samuel, the catechists, their parents/carers and their families. We are so proud of each and every one of them.



# SUMMER FAIR!

**SATURDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024  
12 - 3PM**

CAKES AND SWEETS • HOT FOOD •  
ICE CREAM • CANDY FLOSS •  
TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE • GAMES •  
DJ • FREE ACTIVITIES • AND MORE



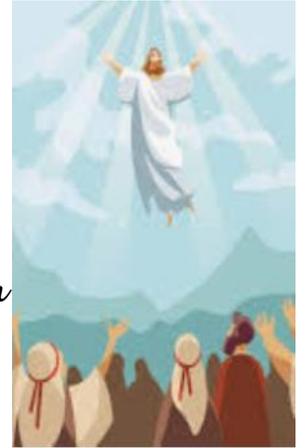
ENTRY FEE= ADULTS £1 - CHILDREN 50P

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MR. LANE

Several members of staff had the pleasure of attending the First Holy Communion in our Parish Church at the 11:00 am Mass last Sunday. It was again a very special day which the children very much enjoyed. They looked amazing in their beautiful outfits and it was obvious to see that their families were bursting with pride. I am looking forward to joining all the children who made their First Holy Communion this year for their Thanksgiving Mass this Sunday 12th May, at 11:00 am, and joining them afterwards in the Parish Centre for the presentation of their certificates and party which is being organised by FOSH.



Yesterday was the Feast of the Ascension which is an important feast day and is celebrated when Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter Sunday when Jesus resurrected; it is always celebrated on the sixth Thursday after Easter Sunday. The Bible tells us that, during these 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension, Jesus travelled and preached with his disciples, preparing them for his departure from Earth. It is a very important day in the calendar of the Catholic Church. We will be celebrating two more important feast days in June - Sacred Heart Feast Day on Friday 7th June and St. Peter and St. Paul Feast Day which is on Saturday 29th June.



We will be celebrating World Cultural Diversity Day next Friday 17th May. The actual day is Tuesday 21st May so we are marking the occasion in school beforehand. This event has been a regular in our school calendar for many years and it gives us the opportunity to celebrate what makes this such a special community. Further information about the day is included elsewhere in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing our many nationalities, cultures and backgrounds represented in school next Friday.

In a few weeks, we will be welcoming 24 French pupils to our school who are in London and want to see what school life is like in another country. They will be spending time in Years 3, 4 and 5. They are already excited to see one of our class assemblies and we look forward to learning from them. It will be fun for everyone!

FOSH had a productive meeting in school this morning preparing for the Summer Fair which takes place on Saturday 8th June, 12-3 pm. They will be meeting again before the Fair and are still looking for as much support as possible so please do all you can. Further information is included further in the newsletter. If you are able to help, please let the school office, Claire, Miss Palmer or a member of the FOSH team know.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Lane



One child per class is awarded a VIP certificate in our celebration assemblies. They also get lunch on a specially decorated table with table service!

Child's Name	Key	Reason
Bailey St Francis	Hunger to Achieve	Bailey is consistently Ready, Respectful and Safe. She always follows the instructions of the teacher.
Daisie St Brigid	Hunger to Achieve	VIP is awarded to Daisie for persevering with her writing and staying on task with all her learning.
Ayden St Teresa	Power of Me	VIP this week is Ayden for his super maths work. He has really shown the Power of Me by persevering through tricky questions on multiplication!
Nathan St John Paul	Curiosity and Wonder	Our VIP in St John Paul this week is Nathan. Nathan always displays our school's expectations and is a wonderful role model to his peers. He has demonstrated Curiosity and Wonder this week by asking some wonderful questions to expand his learning in RE.
Achraf St Bernadette	Power of Me	My VIP is Achraf. Achraf has shown the 'Power of Me' key during our swimming lessons. He has shown confidence and bravery when attempting new skills. He has continued to listen to instructions and apply these to his techniques in the water - well done!
Raphael St Martin	Power of Me	Raphael has been showing great focus during our Maths lessons and nominated himself this week to explain the steps of solving column addition involving carrying, which is a concept he previously found a little tricky. Keep up the great work, your efforts are really paying off!
Amelia St Catherine	Power of Me	Our VIP this week is Amelia. Amelia always shows the five keys and is a fantastic role model to the class. She is responsible and enthusiastic at all times.
Alejandro St Elizabeth	Power of Me	Alejandro has made a HUGE effort to learn his times tables and his hard work is paying off! He is confident and building speed ready for the times table check. Keep up the good work!
Amen St Benedict	Hunger to Achieve	Amen is new to our class and school community and has fitted in like she was always here! She has a positive learning attitude and is always ready, respectful and safe.
Steven St Faustina	Curiosity and Wonder	Steven has demonstrated 'Curiosity and Wonder' this week, especially in Science and Art. He has shown inquisitive thinking and has approached our new topics with lots of interest. He produced a detailed scientific diagram of our experiment this week to show his understanding and created a Benin inspired pattern in art. Keep it up Steven!
Freya St Maximillian	Power of Me	Freya for Power of Me. Well done Freya for trying your hardest this week. You have been especially interested in our Greek myths and creating your own stories. Keep up the good work!
Hannah St Josephine	Community Unity	A big well done to Hannah who has shown 'Community Unity' throughout her time in Year 6. Hannah has consistently been a courteous member of Saint Josephine and shows respect and kindness to everyone she meets.

## Parish Updates

### **Baptisms at Sacred Heart Parish:**

Are you planning to baptise your child?

Please get in touch with the parish office for details about the upcoming Baptismal preparation meeting for parents and godparents on Saturday, May 18th.

Parish Office opening times are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:  
9:30 am- 3:00pm

### **Foodbank!**

The next foodbank is Saturday 18th May from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's first come, first served, and everyone is welcome!

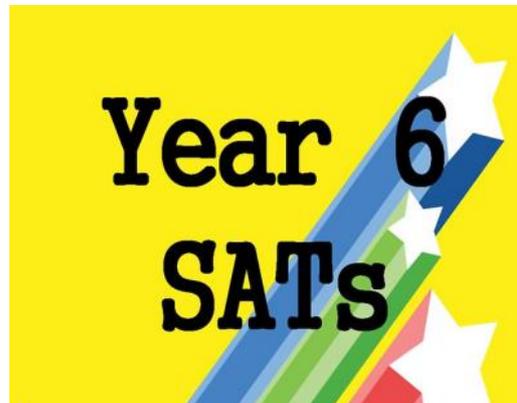
### **YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th May**

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their SATs next week. They will have tests every day from Monday to Thursday, and we wish them the very best of luck.

We know they have worked really hard preparing for these tests and will do their very best.

Year 6 pupils are welcome to come to school a little earlier next week to have some breakfast before the beginning of the school day. We are encouraging Year 6 pupils to come into SMMA hall at 8:20am where they will be given a pastry and a juice.



There will be no booster classes before school next week.

### **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

**Monday 20th May, 3:45-4:15pm**

This session for parents/carers will go over the timetable for the week and other important information, such as a suggested packing list. The residential visit to Cardfields takes place from June 17-21, 2024 This meeting will take place in the SMMA Hall.

## Class Photos

On Wednesday 22nd May the children will be having their class photos. Please ensure they come to school looking smart and in the correct uniform.



## Concerns

If at any point you have concerns or are unhappy with any aspect of your child's educational experience, we recommend you speak with your child's class teacher. Open communication is essential for us to address any issues promptly and effectively.

## HOT WEATHER

Thankfully, the weather is lovely at the moment. Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle which they are able to refill in school. Please also remember to apply sun cream if your child requires it.



## Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7:45-8:45am and After School Club runs daily from 3:30-6pm. If you would like your child to attend please sign up via the Eduspot App (Parent Pay) **before midnight on the day before**. This ensures that our chef prepares enough food for all children in attendance. **Parents/carers whose accounts are in arrears will not be able to use the clubs until their accounts are in credit.**

## Y1-6 SPORTS DAY - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 1st July 2024**



Please note the date for our Year 1-6 Sports Day.

Timings will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

## EYFS SPORTS DAYS (NURSERY AND RECEPTION)

**Nursery - Tuesday 2nd July, 9:15-10:15 am**

Nursery children will be participating in some activities in the Nursery playground for their Sports morning.

Parents/carers are invited to come and watch.

**Reception - Monday 8th July, 9:15-10:15 am**

Reception children will be participating in some activities in the front playground for their Sports morning.

Parents/carers are invited to come and watch.

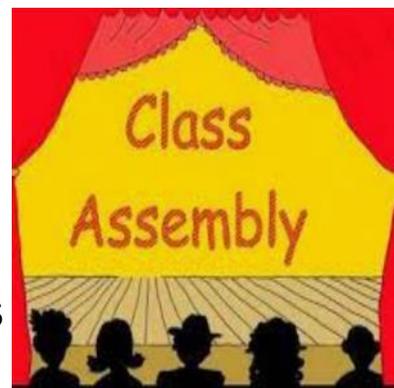
The gate will be closed as usual at 9:00 am after the soft start has finished and then reopened at 9:15 am so parents can come onto the playground for the beginning of the Sports Day.



# CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class will be having one more class assembly this academic year, some will be this term and others in the Summer Term. We look forward to seeing you at your child's class assembly.

**All assemblies start at 9:45am.**



Friday 17th May Y2-St Teresa  
 Friday 24th May Y3-St Martin  
 Friday 21st June Y3-St Bernadette  
 Friday 28th June Y1- St Brigid  
 Friday 5th July Reception St Jude and St Peter  
 Friday 19th July Y6- St Maximilian and St Josephine

**WEEK 2**  
 22/04/24, 13/05/24,  
 10/06/24, 01/07/24, 22/07/24

## MENU

Eat the  
Rainbow

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Mains</b> <small>HAPPY TUMS</small>	Chicken Pasta Bake (G, Mk)	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne (Mu)	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy (G)	Beef Lasagne (G, Mk)	Fish Cakes with Tartar Sauce (G, F, E)	<b>Orange</b> APRIL 23rd - St George's Day
<b>Veggie</b> <small>MEAT FREE</small>	Tomato and Basil Pasta (G)	Mild Vegetable Chilli Con Carne (Mu)	Vegetable Sausage Rolls (G, E)	Vegetable Lasagne (G, Mk)	Roasted Pepper, Courgette and Bean Crumble (G, Mk, Mu)	<b>Yellow</b> MAY 16th - Outer Space Day 23rd - National Biscuit Day
<b>veg</b> <small>EXTRA GOOD</small>	Green Beans Baby Carrots	Steamed Broccoli Sweetcorn	Steamed Cabbage Swede	Sweetcorn Chef's Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas	<b>Green</b> JUNE 18th - Teddy Bears' Picnic
<b>Carbs</b> <small>FUEL FOOD</small>		Savoury Rice	Roast Potatoes		Oven Baked Chips	<b>Purple</b> JULY 4th - World Chocolate Day The Olympics
<b>Dessert</b> <small>SOMETHING SWEET</small>	Honey Cake (G, E)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Raspberry Jam Sponge (G, E)	
<b>Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.</b>						

**ALLERGENS**

Ce = Celery  
Cr = Crustacean  
E = Eggs

F = Fish  
G = Cereals containing Gluten

L = Lupin  
Mk = Milk  
Mo = Molluscs

Mu = Mustard  
N = Nuts  
P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds  
So = Soya  
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

# Gymnastics Competition

This week, 6 pupils from Years 3 and 4- Charlotte, Annaliese, Ada, Isla, Sofia and Mia- represented the school at a RISE gymnastics competition. They demonstrated their brilliant skills in vault, bench, floor and paired work and their hard work definitely paid off, with everyone achieving silvers and golds for each category. We are very proud of them!



# THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Parents/carers are emailed the Wednesday Word every week. Please take the time to read it with your child(ren). There are some lovely activities which you can do with your child(ren) and also link in with your child's Religious Education lessons in schools and with the liturgical year.

**THE WORD** Wednesday **SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** **A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them.

Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other - living and working in unity.

Pope Francis reminds us, "It is Jesus himself who continues to care for his Church. Small gestures of tenderness and care, make people feel that the Lord is with us."

Enjoy a special time together this evening hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CARE**.

*Don Henry Wardbrough*

**A Word from Pope Francis** "Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home. Above all, take care of people in need."

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

*Adapted from John 17:11-19*  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

**2024 The Year of Prayer, Family Time, Prayer & Share**

**Good News for Everyone** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' prayer is a reminder of the tremendous care that God has for each person - the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us.

**Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME**

**1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, protect the people you have given to me. Keep them true to your name, so that they may be one with each other, just as you and I are one. Since I have been with them, I have taken care of them, and I have kept them true to you. Now I am coming to you. But before I do, I am saying these things to share my joy with them to the full. Jesus had always cared for his followers. What did Jesus want to share with them before he went to his Father?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

**2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...**

"Cast your cares upon God, for you are his and he will not forget you." *St John of the Cross*

**CARE**

Ask your child what the word 'care' means to them. Who do you know to be a caring person? Each of you give an example of where or when you feel God's care. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family and your friends; spending time alone with God in prayer at home; worshipping God with others; receiving help from others. Saying the 'Our Father', and really thinking about the words; it's a great way to speak to God and to ask for God's care.

Throughout the world, our Catholic schools and parishes educate and care for millions of children. Jesus cares for us and he wants us to care for others too. Each of you talk about a time when you recently showed your care for someone. Is there anyone who needs your care right now? As a family, choose a way in which you will especially start to show your care for others and for the earth, our common home.

**3 Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to see the needs of others, to care for creative, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen.**

**FINDING FIVE**

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**  
SMARTSEARCHES FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

FATHER HEAVEN  
JESUS PRAYS  
DISCIPLES  
UNITY  
PROTECT CARE

SUPERSEARCHES FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **okbk** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words:  
**okkrube caborek fokhemb habveko**

"Since I have been with \_\_\_\_\_, I have taken \_\_\_\_\_ of them, and I \_\_\_\_\_ kept them \_\_\_\_\_ to you."

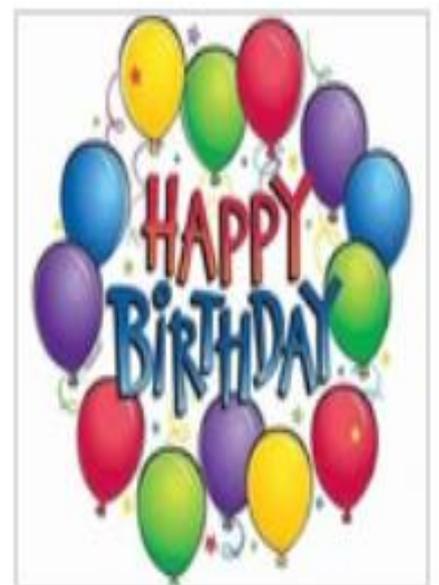
Just like Jesus, we too can look out for our friends and family. Whether it's helping with a task or just listening, showing care helps love to grow in all our relationships.

This week I will try my best to...

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following pupils a very happy birthday for the next week:

Ruby (Y5), Achraf (Y3), Bethel (Y5), Joseph (Y2), Santino (Y2), Adonay (Y3), Shiloh-Anne (Y6), Daniel (Y4) and Fergus (Y6).



# P.E. LESSON DAYS

Thank you for ensuring your child/ren attend school in their PE kit on their PE days.

As a reminder, the PE uniform is:

- Standard white Sacred Heart PE top
- Blue Sacred Heart PE shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms

The children should not be wearing football kits or brightly coloured sports clothing. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, please ensure they do so as soon as possible. The uniform is sold at Rough Cut Casuals, [16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ](#).

There may have been some changes to your child's PE days from last year, so please look carefully at the below information:

The PE days are as follows:

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 - Wednesday

Mrs Harney (Sharon) will send morning reminders on your child's PE days.





# FOSH celebrate Cultural Diversity day!

Friday 17th May 2024

Children are welcome to wear their own  
cultural clothes or their uniform.

Look out for the decorations in the hall and admire  
everyone's cultural dress.

3:45-4:45 in the back playground come  
and celebrate with FOSH by seeing  
traditional performances from different  
children and enjoy traditional food from  
all over the world.

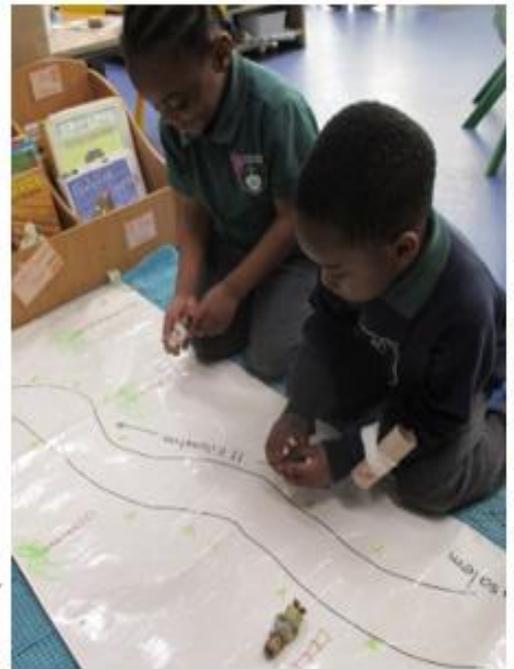
## EYES Phase News



### Nursery: St Anthony & St Nicholas:

The painting easel has been very popular in Nursery this week. Here is some of the artwork with captions: "My alien is called Parmen and he is green. He came from a rocket." and "It's blue, green, red, black. It's Sonic. He runs so fast."

The children also did RE in their child initiated play. Here they are using a map and story props to re-tell the story of The Walk to Emmaus.



### Reception: St Peter:

This week we have continued to develop our understanding of subtraction. We have been using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to takeaway. Archie said, "I know  $10 - 1 = 9$  because 9 and 1 makes 10!"

We have been playing the "Subtraction Splat" to demonstrate our understanding!



### Reception: St Jude:

St. Jude have been loving our subtraction topic in Maths and have completed lots of fun activities to help us take away. Today we played 'Subtraction Skittles': bowling to help us subtract from 10!

Some of us even noticed a pattern that if  $10 - 7 = 3$ , then  $10 - 3$  must be 7!



# KS1 Phase News

## Year 1-St Brigid

Our class attended a workshop at the Ragged School Museum this week. This was linked to our topic 'Victorian days'. We learned so much and the children were shocked by how children were treated in the past.



## Year 1-St Francis

This week, St Francis class visited the Ragged School Museum. We got to experience a real Victorian lesson and what it was like to do our laundry. We even got to use some real Victorian equipment!

## Year 2-St Teresa

In R.E, we have started looking at the story of the Conversion of Saul which we read together from the Bible. We then sorted the story into order and used this to help us act it out in our groups. We really enjoyed acting it out and using our drama skills! We then discussed and thought about how each character might feel and why we thought Saul decided to convert to Christianity!



## Year 2-St John Paul

In Year 2 we have been learning all about the conversion of Saul. To help us remember the story we acted it out and then wrote the story in our RE books. Ask us to retell the story to you at home!

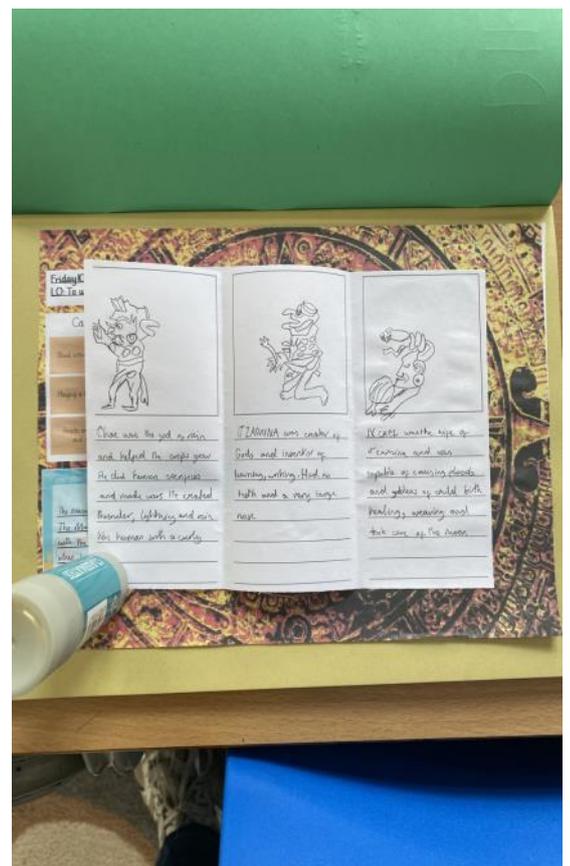
# LKS2 Phase News

This week St Martin de Porres and St Bernadette were treated to a fascinating Science workshop 'As if by magic', where we witnessed a vast display of chemical reactions, such as colour changing potions, freezing things with liquid hydrogen, setting things on fire and noisy explosions. We were completely mesmerised as the scientist taught us lots of interesting facts as we watched the experiments in awe.



This week, Y4 St Elizabeth have been calculating with money, including problems that involve giving change. We practised using the column method to subtract from what we were paying with, which quite often involved double exchanging! On the final day, we got the chance to design our dream house, selecting our own sofas, curtains, TVs, pets and luxury items. We got £20 to spend.

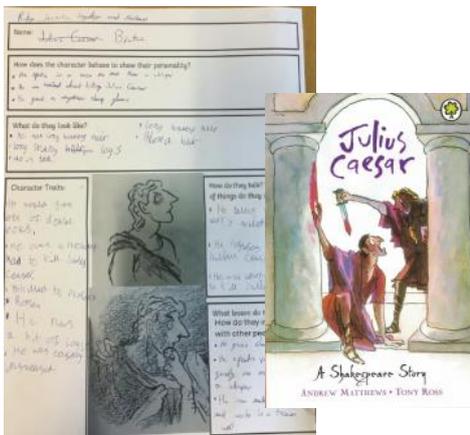
In Year 4 St Catherine, we have been learning about the Ancient Maya. This week we learnt about their many amazing and interesting Gods. Did you know that the Maya used to make sacrifices?



# UKS2 Phase News

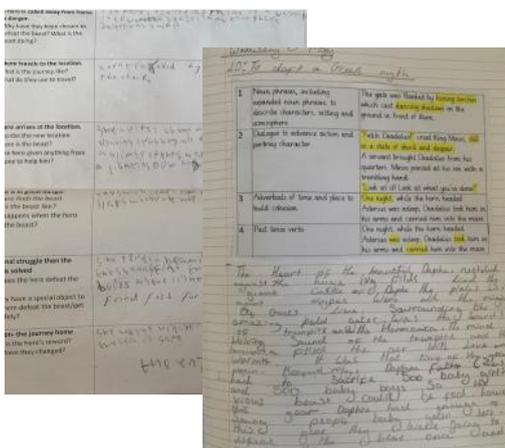
This week, in PE, Year 5 Saint Faustina have been working on their athletic skills. We examined the javelin and shot-put techniques before splitting off into groups and practising our throwing and relay skills.

Well done to all of Saint Faustina on your sportsmanship!



Year 5 Saint Benedict have recently started our new book 'Julius Caesar'. This week, we have looked at the main theme in the book and completed a character analysis on Brutus in groups. We looked at his personality, appearance and his most common traits.

This week, Year 6 Saint Maximilian, have looked at the chronology of key periods and events in Ancient Greece. We sequenced key dates on a timeline, wrote about the different periods of History and compared Ancient and Modern maps of Greece to see what was similar and what has changed.



This week, Year 6 Saint Josephine have been planning and writing our own Greek inspired myths. We have taken inspiration from 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and other Greek myths we have looked in Reading. Lots of our myths contain terrifying beasts and brave heroes!

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## OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

The Open Evening for Secondary Transfer admission to St Michael's, will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Guided tours will be held between 5pm and 7pm. Mr Stimpson, Headteacher, will make a short presentation at 5pm and 7pm in The Sports Hall. You can attend the presentation before or after your tour, however, **all tours must be finished before the 7pm presentation.**

There are 128 places in each year and we are historically heavily oversubscribed. The following criteria will be used when pupils are selected for entry to the School.

1. Catholic girls :
  - from a Practising Catholic family
  - who have made their First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church

*Girls who are registered as Pupil Premium with their primary school and are ranked amongst the top 200 places in the entrance test will be given priority for a maximum of 32 places, as long as they have met the Catholicity criteria and confirmation of their status has been provided by the application deadline.*

The online application form is now open and can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>. It must be submitted by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**. Therefore it is imperative that you arrange to make an appointment with your Parish Priest to have your Certificate of Catholic Practice completed in sufficient time to meet the deadline.

Should you have any questions please email Admissions at  
[admissions@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk)

# Bright Futures Islington

## Would you like to be a Parent Champion?

- Share information with Islington Parents about activities, childcare, healthy living, employment and more on Islington's services.
- To encourage families to access Islington services.
- Help shape and develop Bright futures and other Islington services.
- Build on own knowledge, experiences, and confidence.
- Meet local parents with children of similar ages

## What's on offer ?

- Travel reimbursement
- On-going Parent champion support
- Further training opportunities
- 12 places available
- Refreshments throughout training

**Please contact Bright futures Participation lead to register you interest:**

Email: [Hannah.brewer@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.brewer@islington.gov.uk)

Contact number: 07974604096

Or contact your local Bright futures outreach team to request a referral.

## Who are Bright Futures parent champions?

- Mums, Dads and Carers
- Have children aged 5-19 years (or 25 with SEND)
- Use Bright futures services
  - Able to volunteer 3-4 hours per week



# FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at [better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](https://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)

You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)



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<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>		<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>
<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</i>		<b>54</b>
Start Date	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	
Finish Date	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
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<i>Good Friday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024</i>

<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>
<i>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</i>		<b>66</b>
Start Date	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	
Finish Date	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	

<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	<b>75 + 54 + 66</b>	<b>195</b>
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<b>INSET DAYS (5)</b>	
1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
2	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
4	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
5	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## THESE DATES ARE FROM SEPTEMBER

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024</b>		<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>
<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>		<b>75</b>
Start Date	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	
Finish Date	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 TBC	
Children return to school	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	

<b>SPRING TERM 2025</b>		<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>
<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</i>		<b>60</b>
Start Date	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
Finish Date	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
INSET DAY	TBC	
Children return to school	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	
Last day of term for children	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Last day of term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	