



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents into school for our 'Wake up, Shake up' as part of our Healthy Heart Day today. The school council will be counting the money we raised and look forward to sharing with you how much we raised next week. Next Friday, 2nd October, is the first of our non-uniform days where we raise money for our chosen charities: **Plan international** and **New Ways**. For up-and-coming events, please look at our important dates for your diary.

With best wishes, Ms Marsham (Head of School) and Ms Dyson (Executive Headteacher)

Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 4...

This week, some parents joined in with Year 4's Maths lesson. Parents enjoyed the chance to see how the children learn, with many commenting on how effective our teaching was and our ability to support all children regardless of their capability.



Here were some of the views that parents shared with Ms Jackson following the sessions...

'The school does really well at supporting the children in and out of the classroom'

'There is great emphasis on behaviour for learning, ensuring all children learn.'

Moving On to Secondary School events

Camden's secondary schools are holding their open events for prospective parents during September and October. The deadline to apply for a Year 7 place is 31 October 2026. Parents and carers can visit Camden's admissions web page to find out more and apply. <https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>



Camden Council's Communications Team has produced a secondary school applications toolkit to help colleagues in our secondary schools to promote their school during this year's applications for year 7 places.

St Mary's Family Fancy Dress Disco

On Friday 16th October, from 5.00pm to 7pm, we will be holding our Autumn Term family event in the school hall. There will be face painting, food, drinks and of course a raffle.

Please wear a fun, family-friendly costume, no scary costumes thank you! All children will be invited to take part in our fancy-dress parade where they will be able to show off their fabulous costume.

Tickets are on sale from Monday 28th September, from the school office.

Tickets will not be available to buy on the night. Please buy your tickets early, to avoid disappointment.

Adult Tickets £3.00

Child Ticket £2.00

Included in your ticket is a free drink and vegetarian hot dog for adults and children.

All children must come with an adult over 18 to look after them.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 25.9.26

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...

Thursday 1st October- 9.10 Friends of St Mary's meeting

Friday 2nd October- Non uniform day

Monday 5th October- Parents working alongside Children Year 1

Monday 5th October- Harvest assembly at 3pm- parents welcome

Wednesday 7th October- Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum

Monday 12th October - Parents working alongside Children Year 5

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th October- Year 6 Residential PGL

Thursday 15th October- 9.10 Friends of St Mary's meeting

Friday 16th October- St Mary's Fancy Dress Disco at 5.00

Monday 19th October- Parents working alongside Children Year 3



Person of the Week!

Reception- Jacqueline
Year 1 - Fis
Year 2– Amen
Year 3- Alpay
Year 4– Gabriel
Year 5 – Iman
Year 6 – Jhene



Attendance...



Congratulations to **Year 2** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

Year 2 had a class attendance of **99%**

Well done, to other year groups who had above 96%!

Year 4 97%

Year 5 96%

Year 6 98%

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school.

Work of the Week!



This week's brilliant piece of work displayed in the school lobby is by **Mason in Year 4.**

As part of their RE learning, Year 4 have been learning about people from the Old Testament and how God influenced them.



Mason was able to reflect on his own belief and understanding of the story of Abraham and Sarah highlighting a time when he needed to trust others. Mason gave insightful and thoughtful responses to his understanding of patience and faith all while being able to explain when these things are important to him.

Well done, Mason!

Our Prayer of the week...



Dear God,
O God of Creation,
You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
Remind us in the season of autumn to take time to rest.
Thank you for the wonder of your creation.
We know that it is you who give us the breath of life.

Amen



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Marsham or Ms Jackson.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



Choosing a secondary school in Camden

Open events 2026



Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8515
www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 23 September, 5 to 7pm
Open mornings: 22, 23 and 24 September, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 26 November, 4.30 to 7pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT
 020 7794 8133
www.hampsteadschool.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 29 September, from 4.30 to 7pm
Open mornings: 22, 23 and 29 September, 6 and 7 October, 9.15am
Sixth Form: Thursday 15 October, 5 to 7pm

The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080
www.uclacademy.co.uk



Open evening: Thursday 1 October, 4.30 to 6.30pm
Open mornings: 17 and 24 September, 1 October, 9 to 10.30am.
 Please register via the Academy website
Sixth Form: Thursday 5 November, 4.30 to 6.30pm. Please register via the Academy website

Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL
 020 7485 7077
www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 24 September, 5 to 7.30pm
Open mornings: 30 September, 1 and 6 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 26 November, 4.30 to 7pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4600
www.lasainteunion.org.uk



Open evening: Tuesday 29 September, 4 to 7pm
Open mornings: 13 and 15 October, 9 to 11am
Headteacher Coffee Mornings: 21 and 22 October at 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 26 November, 4.30 to 7pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414
www.csfg.org.uk



Open evening: Monday 21 September, 5 to 7pm
Open mornings: 16 and 18 September, 9 to 11am
Sixth Form: Tuesday 17 November. Tickets will be available from 1 October – check the website nearer the time.
Banding assessment registration: register online by 22 September, 12 noon

Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ
 020 7267 0975
www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 30 September, 4.30 to 6.30pm
Open mornings: Drop in any Thursday from 9 to 10am from 8 October to 22 October
Sixth Form: Wednesday 25 November, 4.30 to 6.30pm

Maria Fidelis School FCJ

1–39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY
 020 7387 3856
www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Wednesday 23 September, 4 to 6pm
Open mornings: Every Tuesday from 9 to 10am during term time
Sixth Form: Thursday 12 November, check school website for times

Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126
www.regenthighschool.org.uk



Open mornings: 28 September to 2 October and 5 to 9 October, starting at 9am
Sixth Form: Thursday 12 November, 4 to 6pm

William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN 020 7267 9346
www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk



Open evening: Thursday 24 September, 6 to 8pm
Meet the Head: Wednesday 30 September, 4 to 5pm
Open mornings: 16 and 23 September, 7, and 14 October, 9 to 10.30am
Sixth Form: Thursday 26 November, 4.30 to 7pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

Local group **Meet the Parents** will hold informal forums at local primary schools in September, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools.

Find out more and book your places: meettheparents.info/latest-events



FIRST STEPS TO SWIMMING

Helping Children Feel Safe, Confident and Happy in the Water

This October half term, give your child the confidence to enjoy the water safely with our First Steps to Swimming programme at a pool near you in **Camden**.

Designed for children aged **7 – 11** years old who are **new to swimming** or lack confidence in the water, this supportive and fun course helps children develop essential water safety skills while taking their first steps towards becoming a swimmer.

WHAT THEY'LL LEARN

Through engaging activities and expert teaching, children will learn how to float, move through the water, control their breathing and stay safe around water. They'll also explore simple self-rescue skills and learn what to do if they ever get into difficulty.

LESSONS BACKED BY THE BEST

Better Swim School is part of GLL, the UK's largest swimming lesson provider, and proud to be RLSS UK's first Water Safety Education Partner. It means every parent choosing Better Swim School can be confident they're backed by two organisations that take water safety as seriously as you do.



RLSS UK
WATER SAFETY
EDUCATION PARTNER

To be eligible for the Better Swim School Guarantee, pupils must attend and complete a minimum of 75 programmed lessons within two years before turning ten years old. Better Swim School Guarantee full terms and conditions available at better-swim.co.uk/better-swim.

REGISTRATION & DETAILS



October Half-Term

Monday to Friday
5 lessons in one week



Available at pools across **Camden**

Just **£5** for all 5 lessons

Scan the QR Code to Apply

Spaces are limited and subject to availability.



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