

# NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 1 – Week 3, 4 & 5



## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some of the exciting personal development events taking place this term. Below, you are encouraged to 'Save the Date' for St Mary's Question Time Evening, a powerful and inspiring child led event celebrating the voices, ideas and talents of our children. You will also find information about each year group's Summer Term activities linked to our Courageous Advocacy and Young Transformers work.

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who approached their challenging end of year statutory assessments with confidence, resilience and maturity. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and determination they have shown throughout the assessment period.

Thank you also to our staff and pupils for their dedication to promoting and learning about mental health. Children across the school have created mental health paper chains, have enthusiastically taken part in daily kindness challenges, engaged thoughtfully in lessons and discussions, and are looking forward to the exciting events taking place next week as part of this important, and ongoing, focus.

Finally, we are delighted to report that school attendance for the year to date stands at an excellent 96.95%. This reflects our shared commitment to ensuring every child makes the most of their learning opportunities.

I would like to close on this message of hope from Thessalonians 5:11

"Encourage one another and build each other up."

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Joe Pitchford

### Key Dates

**W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Circus Skills

**W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mental Health  
Week

**25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Half Term

**16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Reception Trip to  
Colchester Zoo

**24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 Theatre  
Trip to Matilda

**25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Class photos and  
Question Time

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**Young Transformers**  
MAKERS OF CHANGE

SUMMER TERM

YR	<b>CURIOSITY</b> Colchester Zoo Trip
Y1	<b>CARING</b> Planting Flower Beds
Y2	<b>CONFIDENCE</b> Scootfit
Y3	<b>CONFIDENCE</b> Rock Climbing
Y4	<b>CREATIVE</b> Creative Arts Workshop
Y5	<b>CURIOSITY</b> What is Truth?
Y6	<b>CREATIVE</b> West End Show - Matilda

**QUESTION TIME**

**JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING**

You are warmly invited to a special pupil-led event exploring "Belonging in Britain." Through debate, audience participation, music, and poetry, our students will lead a powerful conversation about identity, community, and what it means to belong. More details to follow. Please save the date.

**When: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Time: 6.30pm**  
**Where: St Mary's School**  
**Ticketed event**

**Courageous Advocacy**

Summer Term

<b>YR</b>	Following on from their "Dear World..." statements, it is clear that the Reception children care about our natural world. The children will be making flower bombs to grow flowers around the local area.	
<b>Caring</b>		
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Y2</b>
Year 1 students will continue to learn about things that harm the environment and explore ways they can advocate for and protect the environment.		<b>Caring</b>
		Year 2 students will expand their understanding of fast fashion by creating an upcycled fashion show focused on repurposing clothing. This project will encourage creativity and environmental awareness as they showcase their innovations.
	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Truth</b>
	As part of A Day of Welcome, an annual event that encourages schools to build a culture of welcome for people seeking sanctuary, Year 3 will meet Dina and Ayman. They will share their cultural heritage and experiences of seeking sanctuary, helping pupils build understanding and empathy while celebrating our diverse community.	
<b>Caring</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y4</b>
Year 6 will create an enterprise project to be showcased in the summer term. They will challenge themselves to raise funds while designing and delivering a creative project.		<b>Equality</b>
		Inspired by William Kamkwamba's creative solution to help his community, Year 4 will explore how innovation and creativity can be used as a form of advocacy to help the world. Students will design their own invention to solve a problem affecting people or the environment.
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y5</b>
		<b>Wisdom</b>
		Year 5 will collaborate to produce a vox pop-style video, designed to highlight and advocate for a cause they feel passionate about. They will carefully consider the core message they wish to communicate.

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**Walthamstow's Iconic Art Trail Returns: 200 Artists to Transform E17 into a Living Gallery this June.**

**Walthamstow, London – 5-14th June 2026**

The Walthamstow Art Trail is a free community art exhibition taking place across E17 from the 5th-14th June 2026. Once again, E17 is transformed into a vibrant living gallery: an artist-led, community-powered celebration of local creative talent.

Bringing together artists, performers, craftspeople and residents, the Trail will showcase a diverse programme of exhibitions, open studios, workshops and live events across homes, studios, public spaces and independent venues throughout Walthamstow.

## Reminders

### Medication

If your child has medication in school, please check that it is in date and that we have the correct expiry details on record. If there have been any changes to their medication or care plan, please let the office know in writing and send in any updated documents from your GP.

### Healthy Snacks

As St Mary's School is a Healthy School, please send only healthy snacks such as fruit, nut-free cereal bars, yoghurt bars, or fruit bars. Chocolate, crisps, and fizzy drinks will be replaced with fruit and sent home. Please also make sure your child brings a water bottle each day, as we encourage regular water drinking and bottles can be refilled in school.

