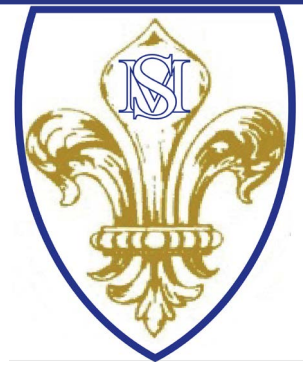


# St Mary's News



21st July 2023

... and just like that we're at the end of the year...! We've said goodbye to year 6 and are getting ready to welcome our new children into the Nursery and into Reception class. It is the education equivalent of the circle of life!

We have finally received our last set of academic results for the year and the progress and attainment of our children across the school is superb. I urge you to check out the school website where you will find them in full.

Lots of things have happened over the last few weeks, so please sit back and enjoy our last newsletter of the year.

## Nursery Sports Day

Nursery class thoroughly enjoyed themselves at their sports day, where they threw, jumped, ran and scooted to their hearts' content. The children showed great team spirit cheering each other on and were delighted with their achievements. Well done and big thank you to the whole Nursery team.





## Catholic Citizenship Awards

On 7th July we celebrated, along with the whole of the Brentwood Diocese, the Catholic Citizenship Awards. The Catholic Citizenship Awards recognises children who have displayed outstanding citizenship during their time at school. Our nominee was Hezekiah in Year 6 who was nominated as follows: "As a House Captain and Faith Council leader he consistently demonstrates a kind nature, mature attitude and a strong sense of resilience. Hezekiah serves both his school and parish community with eagerness and a sense of fun. He can often be found helping others and can always be relied upon to lend a hand."

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## Rock Steady Concert

Last Wednesday we celebrated our Rock Steady learners with their termly concert and they did rock us out! A huge well done to everyone who has practised their instrument and learnt their group cues in order to perform so well – super effort!



## Junior Music Festival

Last Thursday Year 5 participated in the Junior Music Festival with other Thurrock schools. The children described their experiences as "brilliantly organised" and as "an amazing experience". One of the year 5 children described their feelings as "nervous at first, however my confidence grew through the presence of not just my classmates but all of the other schools". Well done year 5 – a super experience and one where you represented St Mary's beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Abraham and Miss Phillip for preparing you so well.

### Year 4's trip to the Sea Life Centre

Year 4 visited the Sea Life Centre in Southend to supplement their science learning about classification and sorting keys. They had an amazing time and saw a plethora of God's amazing creatures! Aaliyah and Craig described their visit as brilliant and couldn't wait to go again.



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### Year 6

Year 6 this year have been brilliant – they've worked incredibly hard, played incredibly hard and had a good dollop of fun in the middle! We are so sad to see them go, but equally know they are prepared and ready for year 7. They delighted us on Monday with their beautiful Leavers' Mass and brilliantly funny production. Well done year 6 – you'll be missed!

Thank you to everyone who managed to pop into our Open Afternoon on Tuesday night – it was lovely to see you celebrating your child's learning with them.

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Have a wonderful summer everyone – God Bless and we look forward to seeing you in September!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'V L McBrown'.

Mrs V L McBrown  
Headteacher



"Lord, we thank you for this opportunity  
to rest and find joy in your creation.  
Grant us peace of mind and body,  
and fill us with your love.  
Amen