

# St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools' Weekly Newsletter

1st December, 2023

**'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'**



Dear parents and carers,

We started this week with a whole school assembly around the Catholic Social Teaching theme 'Preferential option for the poor'. We looked at all of the ways that we already practise this as a school community- getting involved in many fundraising events for charities and local food banks. We also looked at the parable of The Good Samaritan and discussed the charitable option that the Samaritan chose. The children were asked to go away and think about how we as a school community can organise even more charitable activities.

We are very excited to see the final stages of our temporary hall being put in place. You will remember from earlier letters that, due to RAAC being found in both our hall roofs, we have not been able to use them. So we can meet as a whole school in assembly again, and also eat together in larger groups, as well as have a space for indoor PE lessons (dance and gymnastics), we have a temporary hall whilst the building works go ahead on the roofs. The hall is a larger space than either of our halls, so will give us lots of opportunities for whole school gatherings. It is fully heated and lit, and will be ready to house our PSA Christmas Fair 🎄

Ms Joseph, our PSHE lead, wrote to you earlier this week sharing that we will be running the NSPCC PANTS lessons across the school. We teach these important age-appropriate lessons every year in the autumn term, as part of our PSHE curriculum. As a school, we take great care to consider each moment as a teaching moment, and that works best when it is done with parents and carers. Please take time to look at the materials for parents on the NSPCC site - the link can be found here.



# St Mary's Priory

## Christmas Fair

Dear parents we need your support for the **Christmas Fair** if you can come and help us on the day please inform the office. We still need donations and this is a gentle reminder if you can please donate any gifts, sweets, drinks, plastic cups for the Christmas fair.

Please buy your raffle tickets at £1.00 a ticket. The prizes include a bike, scooter, vouchers and lots more!

Thank you and best wishes,

The PSA

**Have your say**

You can tell us what you think anytime up to **5 January 2024**

- Complete our online questionnaire – click on the button below:

**Complete the school admission arrangements survey**

- Complete and return the questionnaire in the 2025-26 admission arrangements consultation document
- Email [schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk)

You may remember last year when Haringey led a public consultation on the reduction in pupil places for a number of schools in the area, and St Mary's Priory was one of them. The outcome to this was that from September 2024, we will offer 30 places in Reception; this is known as a 1 form entry school.

To mirror our Infant school, Haringey are now starting a public consultation for a reduction in places for our Junior school. It is proposed that from September 2025, we will offer 30 places in Year 3, as opposed to 60.

Part of public consultation is seeking views of those in the local area. To find out more about the consultation, and have your say, please click on this link, which takes you to the Haringey page 'Consultation on school admission arrangements 2025/26'. Scroll down to this box, where you can then complete the questionnaire.

Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals and their families will be able to access free activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. Click on the link below to find out more and book places:

[Haringey Holiday Activity and Food Programme link](#)

**HARINGEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME**



Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Woodpeckers 99.38%	5S 100%
Punctuality winners!	
Woodpeckers 0 lates	3C and 5S 1 lates



# This week at SMP...



Parents joined their children this week in making decorations for their classrooms.



Year 5 children had a fantastic time at the Science Museum this week!



As part of No Pens Day on Friday, the children presented show and tell items to their classmates.



The school took part in a whole school live Advent assembly by Westminster Diocese.



Our wall illustrations are coming along very nicely!



Year 2 had a great time at St Paul's Cathedral.



Our Year 5 and 6 Choir visited St Thomas More Secondary School and sang beautifully for them.



School Session. Protecting our Forests and Earth - live from Eden Project!

Protecting Our Planet Day-our children joined The Eden Project for a live lesson about protecting our forests and earth.





# *St Mary's Priory*

## Christmas Fair

**DECEMBER**

**14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Thursday**

ART & CRAFTS . GAMES .  
FOOD . RAFFLE . FACE  
PAINTING . MEET SANTA  
. TOMBOLA

Welcome from  
2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

The nursery children have been learning about road safety. They learnt to understand the difference between the footpath and the road and to know to walk with a grown up and hold hands when crossing a road. Our lollipop lady came to visit us and showed us to stop, look and listen!



**Enrichment Clubs (sign up via Arbor at the start of the Autumn Term)**

**Infant School**

- o Dance – Wednesdays – Year 1-2
- o English – Wednesdays – Year 1-2
- o Drama – Thursdays – Reception
- o Multi Sports – Monday – Year 1-6
- o Football – Tuesdays – Year 1-3
- o Football – Thursdays – Year 4 – 6

**Junior School**

- o Geography – Mondays – Year 3-4
- o Arts & Crafts – Wednesdays – Year 3-5
- o Boxing – Wednesday – KS2
- o Netballing – Tuesdays – KS2

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
8th December	Farewell coffee morning for Mrs Georgiou	All parents	Hall	9-10am
8th December	Final day of our enrichment clubs	All pupils		
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (please donate via the Arbor app)	All children	Lunch hall	Lunchtime
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day (please donate via the Arbor app)	All children		
14th December	The PSA's Christmas Fair! School closed early at 2pm	St Mary's Community	Hall	2pm
Wb 18th December	Christmas Performances: EYFS Performance: Tuesday 19th December @9am KS1 Performance: Monday 18th December @2.30pm Y3/4 Performance: Tuesday 19th December @2.30pm Y5/6 Performance 20th December @9am	All parents	Hall	



# Stars of the Week



Owl Class	Miriam	Yohane
Penguin Class	Yuvaan	Micah
Robin Class	Aurora	Adam
Woodpecker Class	Whole Class	
Dove Class	Josselyn	Gideon
3C	Denise	Olivia
3M	A'Zaria	Leah
4B	Zaina	Solyana
5D	Thiago	Lariyah-Rae
5S	Jordan	Shammah
6B	Elizabeth	Joshua
6J	Maja	Shiloh

**Congratulations to our Stars of the week!**  
**These pupils have worked exceptionally hard**  
**to stand out amongst their peers. Well done**  
**everyone!**





*'Where great lives begin...'*



## St. Mary's Priory Catholic Infant & Junior Schools

<https://www.stmaryspriory.co.uk>

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We will be having our Christmas Fair on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December from 2.00– 4.30pm. We would like to invite you, your family and all your friends to our event. We will also be selling raffle tickets from 20<sup>th</sup> November.

This year we are raising money so that children can have cultural opportunities and experiences. We would dearly like you to donate any of these items:

- Confectionary, sweets or chocolates for to sell.
- New small toys and games for to sell.
- Candles, body lotions, or fragrant sprays, soaps, creams or perfumes to sell.
- Biscuits and cakes to sell.
- Stationery such as pencils, pens, or crayons to sell.
- Bottles of drinks, orange/apple juices and squashes.

Please start bringing the donations to your class teacher starting from this Monday.

Thank you for all your support

From Mrs Georgiou and PSA

Parent Staff Association

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

13TH DECEMBER 2023

**MAIN**

Traditional Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings & Gravy  
(G, SU)  
or  
Roast Vegetable Wellington with a Tomato Sauce  
(E, G)

**SIDES**

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

**DESSERT**

Chocolate Yule Cake with Vanilla Cream  
(MK, E, G)  
or  
Fruit Pot

**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, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds \* = May Contain

*olive*  
food with passion

# BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD



**A 5-week parent workshop  
hosted by Trailblazers!**



The Trailblazers are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children. Zena is an Educational Mental Health Practitioner supporting St Mary's Infant & Juniors School. She is trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including anxiety, low mood and behavioural difficulties.

## What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.
- Parent peer support - sharing and understanding.

*"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."*

*"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"*

*(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)*

**BOOK A PLACE  
BY EMAILING:**

office@stmarysr  
cpriory.haringey  
.sch.uk



## WHEN & WHERE?

9am - 10am @ St Mary's Priory Infant & Juniors  
Wednesday 10th January - 14th February 2024  
(5 sessions + \*optional\* review)

**Haringey**  
LONDON

**NHS**  
Barnet, Enfield and  
Haringey Mental Health  
NHS Trust







*Let us pray.*

Loving God,

Help us to be generous

Help us to be kind

Help us to be creative

Help us to be loving

So that vulnerable children  
are helped today and  
every day

Amen