

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

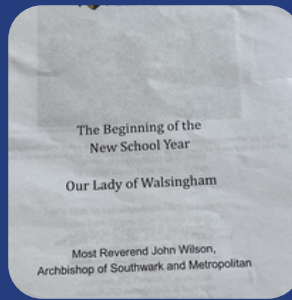
R.E. NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 1 2025

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Our Year 5 and 6 Faith Friends were honoured to represent St Mary's Battersea at a special celebration held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The Mass was held on the feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham. They joined pupils from schools across our diocese to mark this joyful occasion and were delighted to meet the Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark and Metropolitan, along with Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Archdiocese of Southwark.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We have been revisiting the meaning of our Mission statement and how we live it out here at St Mary's with staff and children. Our Mission statement links to the parable of the Mustard Seed. Like the mustard seed, we believe that every child—no matter how small their beginnings—has the potential to grow into something great, offering strength and shelter to others in a world that needs their gifts

This parable reflects the transformative power of education and faith:

1. The Mustard Seed = Each child is just like the mustard seed is small, every child starts with untapped potential—small, yet full of possibility.

2. The Field = The School Environment .The school is where seeds are sown, nurtured, and given the right conditions to grow—through learning, guidance, and care.

3. Growth into a Tree = Personal and Academic Development
With nurturing, children grow into strong, capable individuals—just as the seed becomes a tree.

The "tree" symbolizes wisdom, character, strength, and purpose.

4. Birds Lodging in the Tree = Service and Impact
The mature student doesn't just succeed individually—they provide support and shelter to others, contributing positively to the wider world.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING

Below is an outline of what RE topics your child will be learning this half term.

Nursery and Reception- Myself, Welcome, Birthdays

Year 1- Families, Belonging, Waiting,

Year 2 - Beginnings, Signs and Symbols, Preparation

Year 3 - Homes, Promises, Visitors,

Year 4 - People, Called, Gift

Year 5- Ourselves, Life Choices, Hope

Year 6 - Loving, Vocation and Commitment, Expectations

Please refer to your child's parents overview for more details about what your child will be learning this term.



GOSPEL VALUE- DIGNITY

This term we are learning about the Gospel value of dignity—recognising that every person is made in the image of God and deserves respect. Through scripture, prayer, and daily actions, we are exploring how to treat others with kindness, fairness, and compassion, just as Jesus did. We will be raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital as we take part in our fun run.

NEW FAITH FRIENDS

We are delighted to announce our newly elected Faith Friends! We are proud of these pupils for stepping up to this important role and embracing the responsibility of leading by example in our faith community. Their first official duty was a special one—attending the Welcome Mass at the cathedral alongside other schools from across the diocese. It was a meaningful way to begin their journey of service, prayer, and leadership. We look forward to all they will contribute this year as they help nurture the spiritual life of our school.

