



*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

## *A Message from Mrs. Blicow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

With the 'warmer' weather, at last making and appearance, it is always lovely to see the children take advantage of the outdoor space we have at St. Mary's. Whether it is the ever popular Outdoor Learning sessions or the children simply enjoying the freedom of running about at break times, it is heartening to hear the squeals of laughter as the children enjoy the wonders of nature.

This week, the school launched its new Peace Maker' Group. With Mrs Yuen at its helm, she explained that new initiative was aimed at giving the children the responsibility for helping other children feel safe and have fun in the playground. Having asked for anyone interested to meet her at lunchtime, we were overwhelmed by the positive response and had so many children turn up for the meeting that we had to find a bigger classroom. A true testament to our school Mission statement, with every one of the volunteers 'shining their light.' We look forward to working with them in the coming months.

Enjoy the first of the three bank holidays we have this month.  
Remember school is closed on Monday.

*Have a wonderful week*  
*Mrs Blicow*

**Important Information : The School will be open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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## Term Dates

**Pentecost Term**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**May Bank Holiday**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Extra Bank Holiday for the**

**Coronation**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term**

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School re-opens Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

**Inset day**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Term Ends**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – 3.15 PM

## Year 2 Tour Their Local Area



As part of their new History project, Street detectives, the children of Year 2 went on a tour of their local community. Armed with a simple map showing the specific route they would be following around local streets, they set off looking for clues about the past and the present to find out about changes that have taken place in the area over the years.

Back at school, they looked at some 'old' photographs, which had been taken of the area over 40 years ago and compared them with what saw there today. They also looked at the designs of various old and new buildings and will investigate this further on in the project.

## Outdoor Learning in Year 2



With just a hint of Spring in the air, Year 2 began their first outdoor session with a bit of bark rubbing. There are many fascinating textures in nature, and tree bark is one of the most interesting. Not all trees are the same and the way the bark looks and feels can help you work out what kind of tree it is. The textures also means tree bark is great for using in natural art.

## Samba Drums Hit The Note



The school was 'booming' to beat of the Samba drums this week, as Year 4 tapped out Brazilian rhythms under the watchful direction of their expert NMPAT instructor. The school is sure to be 'rocking' over the next few weeks, as they hone their skills.

## Tennis Skills Competition



Four of our children represented the school at a recent Lawn Tennis competition, where they outdid themselves both with their playing ability and their sportsmanship. They were exceptional ambassadors for the school, 'shining their light' and displaying excellent team work.

## Coronation Plans

With the Coronation of King Charles III only days away, St. Mary's are planning to celebrate in style with a variety of events including a visiting production company performing The Jungle Book, a variety of 'Royal' workshops, with every class exploring the reigns of various British monarchs, a design and technology challenge - to design a 'hi-tech' throne for the King and of course a street party. More details to follow soon.



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