



# ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE

## School Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd July 2014

### End of the Year!

Can you believe it is already the end of the year? I hope it has been a good year for you all. I feel very settled now at St Mary's and have been made to feel so welcome by you all. So thank you very much. There have been so many highlights, it's impossible to name them all. But here are a few since January:



Sports Day—what a joy to see everyone having fun and showing how talented they are.

My first ever summer fair—such an excellent example of how creative, generous and committed the St Mary's community is.



Please donate to St.Mary's School Summer Fair Saturday 21 June, 2014 12-3:30pm Enford Street, London W1H 1DL



The farm comes to St Mary's for Science Week—an incredible hands-on learning experience for our children.

### Big win St Mary's set for Londonwide games

PEPILS at a Marylebone primary school were celebrating a stunning victory this week after their team won the Westminster Schools Football Tournament. The team from St Mary's Bryanston Square came off their rivals from other primary schools across the borough at Paddington Recreation Ground on Monday. The Year 5 and 6 pupils will now go on to represent Westminster at the London School Games in Crystal Palace next month. Year 4 teacher James Carroll said they had seen a "huge increase in participation" after launching several after-school sports clubs and added: "We are all very proud of the boys." Pictured, back row from left, John Warden, Ebrahim Akhla, Daniel Latham, Adil Nisang, Mohammed Al-Sakkaf, Oliver Boshie, James Carroll and, front, Brooke Narwan-Coffy, Sophie Pava, Alexander McDonald and Matthew Jenkins.



Our football triumph—best in the West (minster)!



Celebrating World Book Day, and what brilliant Readers you are at St Mary's.

Working with volunteers, such as British Land, to inspire and enthuse our children.



International Day—celebrating our wonderfully diverse community, and tasting very delicious food!

As well as trips and visitors and workshops and shows...



Year 5 performing at Wigmore Hall to commemorate 100 years since WWI.

'Grease' by Year 6.



### SATs results

We are also finishing on a high with our SATs results this year:

At the end of **Foundation Stage**, 47% of children achieved a 'Good Level of Development' - almost twice as many as last year.

**In KS1:** 93% achieved the expected level (L2) in Reading, 85% in Writing and 100% in Maths. 44% achieved Level 3 in Reading, 15% in Writing and 26% in Maths.

**In KS2:** 100% achieved the expected level (L4) in Reading, 81% in Writing, 89% in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (EGPS), and 96% in Maths. 41% achieved at least Level 5 in Reading, 19% in Writing, 63% in EGPS and 30% in Maths (7% Level 6!).

All of these results are an improvement on our previous performance, and we can be extremely proud of our clever children (and excellent staff) for achieving them.





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### Summer Holiday Ideas

Now that you have the next 6 weeks in front of you, here are some ideas and tips to help you make the most of the holiday time:

#### Holiday diaries:

It is always a great idea for children to keep a diary of their summer break, or make a scrapbook with postcards, photos, tickets etc from the activities they do.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is here again—read 6 books from your local library to gain a certificate and medal, and get the chance to see Planes 2 at the cinema!

Find out more at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



St Mary's **Church Holiday Club**:  
Monday 25th—Friday 29th August. Please contact [kirstine@stmaryslondon.com](mailto:kirstine@stmaryslondon.com) for more details.

Westminster School of **Performing Arts** Summer School—28th July to 1st August at St Andrew's Club (next door to St Matthew's school!); Art, Music, Drama, Dance and Gym. For more info see [www.westminsterperformingarts.co.uk](http://www.westminsterperformingarts.co.uk)

#### QPR holiday courses:

Football summer school for boys and girls aged 5 to 14. Book online at [www.qprcourses.co.uk](http://www.qprcourses.co.uk)

Westminster have a database of different activities going on around the borough:

[www.westminster.gov.uk/summeractivities](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/summeractivities)

And advice/support for families: [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

Plus, remember that many of the parks and museums in central London are free to visit, and often have special events for families. Try the Science Museum and Natural History Museum in South Kensington or the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

### Building Works

Over the summer we will be renovating parts of the school to upgrade our school. The playground toilets are getting a facelift, as are the Year 1 and 2 toilets, and the Year 2 classroom. We are also having work done to our kitchen as part of the preparations for Universal Free School Meals for F2, Year 1 and Year 2.

### Universal Free School Meals

All children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a school dinner for free from September.

However, if you think you are eligible for “free school meals” (usually because you receive benefits eg income support) please let us know because then we can claim extra money for the school. This is called the ‘Pupil Premium’.

We're sorry that it is so complicated—just ask if you're not sure!

### A huge thank you and goodbye to:

Mr Carroll, Ms Landau and Ms Lindsay  
Our bursar, Bruce Manson  
Year 6

...and any other children who are moving away or moving schools.

We will miss you all—come back and visit us!



Wishing you a **WONDERFUL** summer break. See you on Tuesday 2nd September!

All best wishes -

*By Norman*

Emily Norman, Headteacher