



FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL SUMMER ISSUE



Good Luck
Y6!



FoSMS

Thank you so much St Mary's parents, carers and staff for an amazing Summer Term with FoSMS. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic team with all your enthusiasm and wonderfully generosity. We have had great events this term, with the spectacular Art Event, crazy Junior Disco, lovely Summer Party, fantastic Summer BBQ, cake baking, magazines, sports day, tombolas, silent auctions and class get togethers to name a few.

A very big thank you to this years class reps who have been brilliant and to all those who hold key roles in FoSMS for all your attention to detail and great support. It's been a great year financially, practically and socially, due to all of you.

As I step down after two years I want to thank all of you for the fantastic opportunity you gave me in taking a lead with FoSMS, it has been an amazing experience, that has taught me much, created opportunities for developing amazing friendships and given me professional confidence that I had sort of lost in parenthood. My FoSMS time will be remembered with great affection and I would particularly like to thank Miss Payne as Chair of FoSMS for her solid support, encouragement and appreciation of the team and all that FoSMS do.

Please see the FoSMS web site www.fosms.co.uk for details on the new team, amounts raised and future events. I would like to wish the new team the very best and hope they find the role as rewarding as I did. Please support them with your amazing St Mary's generous spirit and fantastic skill set.

I wish you a wonderful Summer Holiday with your gorgeous families and friends.

Best wishes Theresa Hawkins Co-ordinator FOSMS

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Leavers and Starters

Goodbye to....

Paddy Wilkinson YN
Anoushka Chattopadhyay YR
Charlie Thwaites Y1
Monty Boyd Y2
Billy Wilkinson Y2
Nicholas Hauptfleisch Y3
Alfie Boyd Y4

Welcome to....

Emmeline Hume YN
Afonso Lemos e Sousa YN
Avni Bakre Y4
Clara Santolalla Czerczuk YR
Sacha Chidgey-Trofimov Y4



E-SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

E-Safety remains a key priority at St. Mary's and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who attended our e-Safety workshop earlier in the term. It was encouraging to see that so many realise the importance of Internet safety and were keen to find out how to protect children from the potential dangers of the online world.

For more information on e-Safety issues and setting up parental controls visit: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls>

Mr. Lett



Letter from the Head...

Where did the Summer Term go?! They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself and it has certainly been true of this final term here at St. Mary's. When I write these summaries for the magazine I am always amazed by how much we fit into a term, and again I am immensely proud of what has been achieved.

We continue to celebrate our Christian foundation as a school. Our weekly worship has focused on gender equality, focussing on women who have put Christian Values into action throughout their life's work. Reverend Newby has led worship and Communion services in school as well as blessing our Year Six leavers as part of their transition to Secondary School. In June, a joint Eucharist service at All Saints' Church was held. Our Key Stage Two children joined with those at All Saints' School to worship in a special service led by Reverend Ailsa Newby and Reverend Chris Eyden and in May, many of our children pulled together to raise over £1,000 for Christian Aid during our annual Mini-Enterprise challenge.

Our provisional assessment results show that the school has again performed above national expectations with all children achieving fantastic results and making excellent progress. You will have received your child's annual report this term and had an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher about any queries arising from the report. In light of the new curriculum and changes to national assessment, we will be reviewing and evaluating the annual report pro forma and the ways that we report back to you on your child's achievement next year and so if you have any feedback about our systems, please do let me know.

As well as learning inside the classroom, many of our classes have been on trips to places such as The London Aquarium, The Natural History Museum, All Saints Church, The Science Museum and Hyde Park, Wandsworth Recycling, Wandsworth Park, The Wetlands Centre, Legoland, Bockett's Farm, Kensington Gardens, Bishop's Park and Year Six still have their final visit to Painshill Park to look forward to.

In addition to the curriculum here at St. Mary's, pupils have been offered the opportunity to extend their learning by involving themselves in events such as the Wandsworth Munga. Children in Key Stage Two have been trained as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors following training at Burntwood Academy. The Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two School Councils have met and have made a significant contribution to a future additional garden space for St. Mary's. Perform Workshop have conducted a Circus Skills workshop for children in Early Years and Key Stage One and Parents were invited into school for an e-Safety Workshop. Children in Key Stage Two have been to Godly Play, Year Five have worked with Cleaner Air and Winners of the Art exhibition from Early Years to Key Stage Two have been to the Platt Centre, Year Five have been to the Ark Putney for the Junior Enterprise event and Mr Pearson organised Science Day, when we particularly enjoyed a visit from Mad Science as well as some wacky science experiments in class! Think-a-link have worked with us all to help us improve our memory by making links. Year Six enjoyed the 'Be Bright, Travel Right' theatre show on road safety and the concert we had from the Tiffinians, when it was nice to see former pupil Kit Davey back at St. Mary's. It was also lovely to see Rosa Martin who is now at Lady Margaret's School back at St. Mary's for her work experience. Saskia and Luke in Year Six have attended their final Student Parliament meeting and Zoolab have worked with Year Three and Four. This was all rounded off by another fabulous Maths Mastermind event led by Mr Lett.

We have continued to offer a range of before and after school clubs. We have been delighted to offer music technology through MTech this term, a club that has been very popular and hugely appreciated by the pupils who have taken part. Mr Ellis has sought parent and pupil feedback on the range of physical activity clubs offered and is striving to increase the provision in line with feedback for the new Autumn Term.

As if that weren't enough, we have had two amazing Sports Days – a huge thank you to Michael Kennedy, Guy Holdsworth-Hunt, Ted Wainman and Mark White for all the hard work that goes into organising these days – it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to say a very big thank you to all the staff and parents who have organised and supervised sporting events. This term alone we have taken part in basketball, gymnastics, swimming, District Sports and Cricket events. The Mums and Dads have had fun playing football and netball too!

Our PTA FoSMs have been in action this term and we have all enjoyed the fruits of their labours at various events this term. We have had the wonderful Art Exhibition, the Junior Disco, the Diamonds and Denim Summer Social, the Photography Competition and the mammoth Summer BBQ. We have even had an event for former parents who have formed an alumni and it was lovely to see some familiar faces again. I can't thank Theresa and the amazing FoSMs team enough. We are extremely well supported by our parent team who raise the vital funds that enable us to continue to deliver excellent provision here at St. Mary's.

I would also like to thank our Governors who have been working hard behind the scenes. The DfE has raised the expectations of Governors over the last year or so and much is now asked of those who volunteer. We are very lucky to have an extremely dedicated Chair and team of Governors who are extremely generous with their time and talents and who support as a 'critical friend'.

Last, but certainly not least we were treated to two fabulous performances last week. Early Years and Key Stage One presented 'The Musicians of Bremen' and Key Stage Two presented 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Both shows were hugely entertaining – as usual all of the children did us very proud.

I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year Sixes at the Leavers' Service this coming Thursday and to putting my feet up to read St. Mary's News on the first day of the holidays! Thank you all for another fantastic term and I look forward to seeing many of you following your hard earned break over the summer!

Take good care,

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher





Y3

Y3 have had a fantastic term. We have especially enjoyed our topics. We started the term by learning about electricity – how it works, how to use it safely and what we can use it for. We even managed to design and make our own children's torches and loved showing our parents what we had learned.

The second half of term saw us exploring ponds and oceans, forests and deserts and discovering which creatures lived in each habitat. We developed a fascination and love of sharks and wrote letters to the Prime Minister stating our worries concerning climate change and the fate of various animals. We particularly enjoyed looking at how animals have adapted to live in certain habitats and meeting some of those animals. We braved 'Rosie', the tarantula, learned about Echo the gecko's desert habitat and held 'Turbo' the African snail.

We wrote fabulous myths and adventure stories and loved sharing our stories with each other. We especially loved our work on 'Fly, Eagle, Fly,' which had us debating, discussing, writing diary entries, writing letters and giving speeches.

We have particularly enjoyed our flute lessons this term. We're so proud of how much we have improved and how many songs we can now play. Our concert pieces were a great success!



YR

Reception has had another busy, fun packed term. We returned from the Easter holiday to start our 'Treasure' topic. The children came dressed as pirates and we played 'Captains Coming,' made eye patches and drew some super pirate self-portraits. During the topic our work ranged from pirate fact books, 'wanted' posters, treasure hunts, paintings and our beautiful jewelled treasure chests to name but a few. We loved having our parents into our classroom to show off our end of topic work and have recently visited LEGOLAND where we took part in a workshop and the pirate attractions.

Our last topic of the year has been 'Changes,' it was fantastic to see how we have changed through the years and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at baby pictures of each other.

Y2

This summer term, Y2 have been learning about the importance of looking after our world and have discovered that there are very many ways in which we can help to keep the world a beautiful, clean and safe place. We visited Wandsworth's Recycling Centre on the wettest day of 2015 and the Wetland Centre in Barnes on one of this year's sunniest days. Both trips involved a great deal of walking, as one of our goals was to avoid using non-renewable energy. We also identified ways in which we can improve recycling in our school.

The children all agree that they have learnt so much from this topic.

"At the Recycling Centre, trucks come onto a platform where they measure how much rubbish the truck has collected." Amelie

"Your plastic bottles can be recycled into fleeces, football tops or new bottles." Hugo

"I liked spotting birds, especially the Tufted Ducks and I enjoyed seeing the otters that live in rivers and eat fish." Alex

"We found that water tipped onto rocks and metals made puddles but when we tipped it onto dirt or gravel, the water was absorbed. Daisy

"We discovered that some of the rubbish that is put into our bins at school could be recycled so we worked out ways to make recycling better." Nathaniel

To conclude the topic, we invited parents into school to show the things we have done, including performance poetry, designing and making birdfeeders from recyclable materials and modelling the clothes designed and made by the children from newspapers.



Y6

It has been an amazing final term for Y6. Here are some of the highlights!

SATs Week

"It was an intense week and everyone worked hard but we had fun in the afternoon. At the end of the week we had our 'Picnic in the Park' that was brilliant!" Molly

"Through the week everybody was provided with a scrumptious breakfast which made us start our day as a team and work hard." Charis

Cycle Training

"Cycle Training was informative but at the same time interesting and fun. We will remember everything we have learnt for the rest of our lives." Saskia

"Throughout the week we had to take cycle training seriously as it was dangerous on the roads. On the last day we all got our results and found out that we had all passed. Well done cyclists!" Amelie

Magistrates Visit

"It was a really interesting visit. A local magistrate called David came in and talked about the crimes and punishments that go on in the city. He said that our school was joint first with another school due to our clever answers and outstanding attention and behaviour. I found the whole afternoon enjoyable as did the rest of Year 6." Caspar Parsons



YN



What a busy term we've had in Nursery! We have been learning all about 'Mini beasts' with the help of the 'Superworm' and his friends. Now all Minibeast experts, we have been busy in our 'minibeast cave' learning all about spiders, ladybirds, bees and watching our caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies. As part of our topic we visited the Butterfly Enclosure at the Natural History Museum. It was lovely to see so many different butterflies flying around and if we were very still some of the butterflies landed on us!

The second half of term saw our minibeast cave turn into a summery beach café as we have been learning all about sand and water. We have had great fun learning all about the sea-side. It was lovely to have our parents/carers join us for our end of term beach party and we enjoyed splashing about and eating our ice-lollies! Our end of year trip was an interesting trip to a farm, we had a lovely time seeing the animals, milking a goat and riding around on a tractor.

Nursery enjoyed a fun filled sports day where the children had tremendous fun taking part in all the activities. They children enjoyed having a rest with their well-deserved medal and ice-lollies.

With their remaining energy, Nursery has spent time practising their song for the school performance, which they performed wonderfully!

Y1



What a busy term it has been in Year 1! Coming back after Easter we hit the ground running with our new topic 'Water World.' We held an initial wild and wet water day comprising of water themed games including the special favourite the 'No scream through the water sprinkler game' and 'Water the plants relay'. We learnt how much of our planet is made up of water, how water changes habitats and what it would be like without water. We grew plants with different types of water; surprisingly 'paint water' grew the best! We changed water from solid to liquid to gas by making ice-lollies! We found out how much water we need to stay healthy ('If your pee is yellow then you need to drink more water' we were informed). We observed how germs spread during our glitter and ultra-violet experiment and wrote leaflets to YN about how they should wash their hands properly. We ended the topic with a trip to the Science Museum to experience a Bubble workshop and water play in the Launch pad. Afterwards we headed to Hyde Park to splash in the Diana Fountain and head along the Serpentine on the Solar Shuttle.

After half term we embarked on our new topic, 'Hooray... Let's Go on Holiday!' We all went for the day to 'St Mary's on Thames' campsite where we put up tents, wrote and posted postcards to our parents, had hot dogs on the BBQ, got changed into our PJ's, had a short sleep, read our books in sleeping bags (with torches) and finally toasted marshmallows! We learnt about holidays today, in the past and in the future which included lots of map work. At the end of the topic we took our buckets and spades and travelled to 'Bishops Park on Sea,' for a picnic and lots of holiday fun.

Wish You Were Here!

Y4



Y4 have enjoyed their 'Saving the World' topic on rainforests. The topic was launched with the transformation of the classroom into a tropical jungle! The learning has included mapping the tropical rainforests around the world, finding out about the different layers of the tropical rainforest, identifying products that originate from the rainforest, looking at the effects of deforestation and the threat this has on wildlife. The children were the hosts of a 'Rainforest Cafe' event that involved serving tropical juices and fruit kebabs to their parents as well as singing, dancing and showing their own film. The children have also enjoyed the topic on 'Nature of Life,' learning about food chains, life cycles and how living things grow and change. The recent trip to Kensington Gardens provided the opportunity for the class to appreciate nature around them. For RE the class have been looking at 'Jesus' Parables' and explored the meaning of these through art, music, writing and role-play. The class has developed their skills in basketball, athletics and invasion games. The art this term has included fantastic 3D sculptures inspired by Kandinsky. In English the children have studied 'Hot Like Fire' by Valerie Bloom and the Power of Reading text 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch. The children have been awarded pens as a reward for working hard on improving their handwriting.

Y5

Y5 had an exciting term. One of the highlights has definitely been making tie dye T-shirts as part of the Enterprise Project, managing to turn a profit by selling them at the summer BBQ! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Bake It' which involved tasting different types of bread, looking up recipes online and finally making our own 'custom designed' bread. We really enjoyed our air grabbing, power-ballad performance in Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies



Where are Y6 Going?

Clemmie Boyd Headington School, Oxford



Memories

I can't believe I actually remember throwing my hat out to the crowd while doing a dramatic fall on American sing song in Y4. I got a bit carried away and if I'm being honest it is not the first time. I have lots of weird and wonderful memories about this school; I'm going to miss you guys!

Ambition

Right... I haven't really thought about my fabulous future but I think I want to travel around the world doing daring activities to raise money (sorry Mum and Dad!). I would also like to run a girls rugby club for girls who want to learn rugby.

Teachers will remember you for being 'chatty, bonkers and sporty!' (Her words not ours but we totally agree - a very hard worker too!)

Sienna Sonachan Lady Margaret School



Memories

My favorite memory at St Mary's is the swimming, I was only in one race, but we won. I think that event has made me more competitive. I will always remember the fantastic teachers I have had at St. Mary's.

Ambitions

I would love to be a fashion designer and in my spare time I would like to teach and inspire young children to swim and be more confident.

Teachers will remember you for your beautiful smile, your hard work throughout the year and your determination to bowl the googly!

India Wainman Lady Margaret School



Memories

One of my funniest memories was in Y1 when Mrs Livingstone dropped a match down her top when she was lighting the birthday cake! I also remember my dad running a race at sports day and snapping his achilles - ouch! I will really miss St. Mary's.

Ambitions

When I grow up I would love to be a physio maybe for a rugby team or maybe just a general physio.

Teachers will remember you for your calmness and serenity, your talent at sports and your friendship and support to everyone around you.

Saskia Clark-Cottom Wimbledon High School



Memories

I remember in YR when Mrs Murphy stood on top of the lunch table and started to sing and dancing whilst everyone was still eating! My earliest memory was in YN when we had a teddy bears picnic and ate smarties and drank orange juice. In all the eight years I have been at St. Mary's this school has never let me down and I will be very sad to leave.

Ambitions

When I grow up I would love to travel the world and work in advertising. I would also like to own a pug called Doug!

Teachers will remember you for your strength of character, your grandmother's carrot biscuits and those funny one liners.

Joseph Chan Ibstock Place



Memories

One of my best memories was at Sayers Croft when most of my table didn't like sausages (they said it tasted like chicken) so they gave it all to me. I was so full I felt like I was going to explode! I also remember when I fell asleep in Y2 and when I woke up my hand was so numb I couldn't feel it because my heavy head had been lying on it!

Ambitions

My ambition is to be an airline pilot because I love looking at the clouds. I really like pressing buttons and an aeroplane cockpit has loads of buttons to press!

Teachers will remember you for your healthy appetite, huge smile and outstanding mathematical mind.

Jacob Lovell St. James's School



Memories

I remember my first day at this school I was so proud to wear the amazing uniform. I was very jubilant because I knew I was part of St. Mary's and I still had another eight years to go. Unfortunately I had to miss the whole of YR and half of Y1. I was so relieved to come back to this fantastic school.

Ambitions

When I am older I would love to be a tennis player just like my mum was. If not I would like to be a footballer and earn lots of money.

Teachers will remember you for your competitive nature, your cheeky smile and your resilience.

Louise Guest Christ's School



Memories

My favourite memory of Y6 was at Sayers Croft when Mr Walker said we had to pair up with a boy for the disco - luckily he was only joking! I will also never forget having a snake around my neck in Nursery.

Ambitions

I would love to become a famous chef and a singer when I am older. I would also like to meet the Queen!

Teachers will remember you for your charm and good humour, your great acting skills and your wicked moves on the dance floor.

Kitty Mercer Lady Margaret School



Memories

I remember in Y1 when I was switched to a different group in the play. I accidentally sang another group's part making everyone else copy methen I was sat on by Mrs Murphy!

Ambitions

In the future I would really like to be a journalist and then publish books. I would also love to be a lawyer and be in the Oxford rowing team.

Teachers will remember you for your incredible writing talents, your love of dolphins and your great charity work - a real inspiration to others.



Georgie Forbes
Putney High School



Memories

I remember running around in Y1 and someone whacked me on the head with a baseball bat and I got this big red comedy egg on my head! I will really miss St. Mary's and all the teachers that have helped me come this far.

Ambitions

I would love to carry on with my tumbling and go to the World Championships. If I ever give up tumbling I would love to become a sports commentator like Gabbie Logan.

Teachers will remember you for your boundless energy, quiet giggle and outstanding attitude to all school life.

Charis Hunter
Lady Margaret School



Memories

I love St. Mary's because everybody is really encouraging and nice. I've loved the responsibilities you get through the different years. I think I'll miss the teachers and all my friends but not maths lessons!

Ambitions

When I am older I want to become a contemporary dancer or a singer. If I can't do that then I would live in a beach house in California of course!

Teachers will remember you for your love of reading (nose always in a book!) bubbly personality and exuberant outlook on life.

Jessica Burn
Ibstock Place



Memories

When I was in YR I remember coming into school in my Red Nose Day outfit complete with red hair and a red feather boa. When I saw no one else dressed in red I questioned my mum and told her off! I spent the whole day in red and very embarrassed!

Ambitions

In the future I would love to be a barrister. I would also love to work in fashion and design wedding dresses with my best friend Hannah and to travel the world and help people.

Teachers will remember you for your constant chatter, your lovely giggle when things go wrong and your ability to always look on the bright side of life.

Lottie Barnes
Lady Margaret School



Memories

My love for acting began when I was cast as Little Red Riding Hood in the KS1 play. I was fabulous! I have had lots of fun and laughs at school, my friends have made it really special. My funniest memory was falling over in Y6 and really, really hurting myself but all I could do was laugh!

Ambitions

I have always had a passion for the performing arts so in the future I would like to be a model because I can imagine myself on the catwalk doing a random, dramatic pose - I'd also get to wear lots of make-up!

Teachers will remember you for your super sense of drama, great sense of fashion and outstanding sense of humour - fabulous!

Jake Farrow
Richmond Park Academy



Memories

My funniest memory was when I was in Y3 and after I got my lunch in the hall I walked to my seat, tripped on a chair and fell face first into a plate of tomato pasta! Whoops!

Ambitions

In the future I would like to become a sports scientist or an actor. I love all sports and would like a job within the sporting industry.

Teachers will remember you for your highly inquisitive nature, your excellent contribution to class activities and your sporting talent.

Luke Hallawell
Lord Wandsworth College



Memories

I remember the Summer BBQ and the bouncy castle deflating and me being stuck inside it when I jumped on it. In YR I was asked to clear up with Matty, we had been doing a glue activity and the train tracks got stuck to our hands and we joked that we had super powers.

Ambitions

My dream job would to become a Formula One driver.

Teachers will remember you for your loyalty, great creative writing skills and intelligent contributions to class discussions across a range of subjects.

Elias Giliberti
The Hall



Memories

I remember when I first did Cross Country and I came in 144th place and I felt proud. I will always remember my first day at school, Joe was the first person I met and talked to. Since then we have been best friends.

Ambitions

When I am older I want to become an astronaut and explore the universe. I would love to work for NASA and work in the ISS and meet Chris Hadfield. I would also love to be an animator and really let my imagination flow.

Teachers will remember you for your love of the world beyond our planet, your inquisitive questioning and your talent for debate.

Caspar Parsons
Wyomndham College



Memories

My favourite memory was on Science Day when Mrs Livingstone had a bottle of fizzy water and she made it explode everywhere. Another of my favourite memories was at Sayers Croft when Charles and I did an 'elephant dance' at the disco.

Ambitions

My ambition for the future is to become a middle distance runner and run the marathon ten times. I also would like to become an architect and design the largest building in the world.

Teachers will remember you for your consistent approach to learning, your balance of humour and hard work and your amazing sporting prowess.



Hannah Argles The Green



Memories

In YR I remember I was about to sit down on a bench but I stopped because Louise was lying down on it. I asked her what she was doing and she replied, "I'm being Sleeping Beauty!" I also remember Lottie saying hello to me on my first day – we are still friends now!

Ambitions

I would love to travel the world and help those less fortunate than me. I would also like to design wedding dresses with my best friend Jessica. If I couldn't be either of these things I would still love to be a dancer. When I retire I want to move to Hawaii.

Teachers will remember you for your positivity, your mathematical mind and your care for others.

Amelie Hunt Richmond Park Academy



Memories

I joined St. Mary's in Y5. I remember everyone overcrowding me and asking me random questions. I also remember when KS1 were rehearsing their summer play Mr Pearson started doing a chicken dance in the ICT suite – it was so funny!

Ambitions

My ambitions for the future are to be an Olympic skier, right now I am about to start slalom. I would also like to be an author because I love writing books!

Teachers will remember you for your love of stationery, your helpful and caring attitude and your lovely sunny nature.

Charles Witney Christ's School



Memories

I remember playing hide and seek in Y3 with Albie. I decided to pretend to be a tree, Albie caught me easily! I also remember being a mouse in the Christmas play in Y5 – I was so big it was really tricky getting a costume to fit!

Ambitions

When I am older I want to be a footballer and play for Chelsea. If not I would like to be a chef and open my own curry house.

Teachers will remember you for your determination to use the word 'candid' in every piece of writing this year, your newly found love for grammar and punctuation and your superb impersonation of Tom Jones. Ya!

Molly Lee St. Catherine's School



Memories

I will miss St. Mary's because I've made amazing friends and had some great opportunities. I loved making music videos with Mr Lett and performing in all the plays.

Ambitions

In the future I would love to be a marine biologist because I love ocean animals. I would love to help and protect the beautiful reefs and make sure that people don't destroy the other world under the waves.

Teachers will remember you for your enthusiasm in the classroom, your positive attitude to everything and everyone around you and your determination to succeed.

Holly Hoadley Lady Margaret School



Memories

One of my most embarrassing memories was when I got caught eating sweets at Sayers Croft – I did attempt to hide them under the bed but Mrs Brady found them! I've loved St. Mary's because I have learned a lot and I have made great friends.

Ambitions

My ambition is to become a fashion designer and create a fashion company. In order to achieve this I am going to have to read a lot of magazines and get a lot of inspiration from lots of different designers.

Teachers will remember you for your amazing artistic talent, your friendly smile and superb character acting! Broadway here we come!

Pola Mohsen Saint Cecilia's CoE School



Memories

When I joined in Y4 I couldn't speak any English. Charis was my translator; she explained the words by showing the phrases with her hands. I slowly began to understand and now my English is nearly perfect! I have enjoyed being at St. Mary's but I am looking forward to my next school.

Ambitions

I would like to be a pop star as I love singing and my family and friends say I am pretty good. Also I would like to be a dentist like my dad!

Teachers will remember you for your boundless enthusiasm, great sense of fun and your determination to succeed in everything you do.



Isabella Thwaites The Trafalgar School Downton



Memories

I remember being so scared before the play in Y2. When it was my turn to speak I spoke too quickly – at least it was over and done with! I will always remember Mrs Murphy because she made me laugh and was very funny.

Ambitions

I would love to become a fashion designer; I have always loved art and clothes. I would model my own clothes, walking down the catwalk with flashing lights and cameras! If that doesn't work out I would like to be an actor, dancer or singer.

Teachers will remember you for being a good friend to others, your great sense of fairness and your ability to see things through right to the end.

Dani Bari Southfields Academy



Memories

My most embarrassing memory was falling into the pond at Sayers Croft – I found a fish and dead spider in my shoe! I love dancing and really enjoyed the school disco when I had a brilliant dance off with Pola – I won!! (I think!)

Ambitions

When I am older I want to be a footballer or cricketer. I may possibly be a famous YouTuber too. All of the ambitions are different but I think I have got the talent to make it successful.

Teachers will remember you for your hip sense of style, your amazing mental maths skills and your incredible politeness.

**Matty Hebblethwaite
Emanuel**



Memories

One of my favourite and funniest memories was in Y6 when I was walking along the street on the River Thames Explorer Trip. Mrs Boyd asked me a question and as I looked round I didn't realise I was walking straight into a lamppost! I had to put a broken, leaky ice pack on my purple head for an hour!

Ambitions

My ambition for the future is to become an international rugby player for Harlequins and England.

Teachers will remember you for your sporting talent, great determination and your confidence to express an opinion.

**Nina Andersen
Latymer Upper**



Memories

I remember being so proud in Nursery wearing my first ever school uniform with the St Mary's logo printed boldly on the front but I was also really nervous and scared! I also remember the KS play, Little Red Riding Hood, when I was the granny and I was eaten by the big bad wolf!

Ambitions

When I am older I would love to be a dancer and explore all different types of dance. I would also love to be a banker or a lawyer and earn lots of money!

Teachers will remember you for your elegant posture and calmness, your determination and enthusiasm when approaching new things and of course your amazing gymnastic talent.

Luke Newth



Memories

Luke will always remember his great time at Sayers Croft and the very special signed T-shirt he received from the class. He will also remember making his model of Big Ben in Year 6 and the fun he had at each and every Sports Day.

Ambitions

He would love to become a better gardener and become a more accomplished skier.

Teachers will remember you for your love of music and dancing and your enthusiasm for exploring the world around you.

**Alex Forbes
King's College,
Wimbledon**



Memories

I remember when Hal and I both broke our arms at the same time and everyone thought we got into a fight! Throughout my time at St Mary's I have developed a love for poetry which all started when I wrote a poem in Y3 about Edward Tulane. I read it out in Assembly and everyone thought it was really good!

Ambitions

In the future I want to run five consecutive marathons and cycle around the world. I would also like to travel to every continent and write poems about the landscape.

Teachers will remember you for your lovely sensitive nature, your ambition and drive and great talent and teamwork on the sports field.

**Albie Meikle
Christ's School**



Memories

In Y5 I started singing 'Kumbaya My Lord' in class and everyone stopped working and burst out laughing with me. I will never forget that funny moment.

Ambitions

My ambition is to run a successful shop full of modern nick-nacks that you would never need and move to the countryside and live the easy life with the money I have earned.

Teachers will remember you for your creativity, original outlook on life and your ability to see the positive in everything and everyone.

**Mandy Shepherd
Christ's School**



Memories

I remember when I first came to St Mary's and made friends with Lottie and Louise, they are still my best friends now! I remember at Sayers Croft we all received letters from home – I think I got the most!

Ambitions

When I am older I want to be an artist because I am intrigued by it. Art has always been my favourite subject and I think it will stay that way.

Teachers will remember you for your selflessness, gentle nature and that winning smile.



Cricket

On Monday 8th June the St Mary's cricket team set off from school on a hot sunny day to the Spencer cricket ground for the Wandsworth cricket tournament. There were about twenty other schools participating. Mr. Walker, our coach, gave us a team talk and we walked onto the field, feeling nervous but excited.

The first school we played against was Penwortham. It was a tough match and unfortunately the end score was 236 to St Mary's and 270 to our rivals. Losing gave us the motivation to really up our game! From that point we didn't look back. After winning our next two games we were put through to the quarterfinals, it was an extremely tough game. We were chosen to bat first, and we gave it a brilliant effort, scoring an amazing 292 runs in total. Then it was our rival's turn to bat and they were very good at it. Luckily though we bowled brilliantly bowls and our catches secured the win. In the semis we were up against Honeywell. Despite our best efforts we lost in a really tense match, but were really happy to have made it all the way to the semi finals!

Congratulations to the team for playing so well: Alex, Albie, India, Clemmie, Caspar, Luke, Sienna and myself, Jake. Thanks to Mr. Walker for an amazing day out and to all the parents who supported us!

Jake Y6



Putney & Wandsworth Swimming Gala

On the evening of Saturday 19th May St Mary's participated in the Putney Swimming Gala at Putney Leisure Centre. The atmosphere was electric, from start to finish, as friends and family from the competing schools cheered with all their might. Miss Payne, Miss Livingstone and Miss Barrett had also kindly come to cheer us on! There was exhilaration with a number of close races and some wonderful comebacks. Second seemed to be our favourite number and despite agonising disqualification in the relay we were ultimately runners up behind All Saints. This ensured St Mary's would go on to represent Putney against winning schools from Battersea and Tooting in the Wandsworth Swimming Gala.

It felt like déjà vu on Saturday 6th June as we were back at Putney Leisure Centre again for the Wandsworth Swimming Gala. The opposition was seriously tough although Charis did her best to keep everyone energised with her endless supply of sweets. St Mary's finished fifth from six but this didn't stop the pupils enjoying the evening. As teachers it was really nice to watch our swimmers in action and appreciate the talent on display, nurtured through a great deal of time and dedication. Notably Charis Hunter, India Wainman, Sienna Sonachan and Georgie Forbes won the Year Girls Medley Relay. Georgie Forbes also won the Year 6 Girls Freestyle. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to help with the swimming trial back in February and more recently our training session. A big thank you also those families who delayed or postponed their camping trip to attend!

Mr. Ellis



PPSSA District Sports

On Tuesday 9th June pupils attended the PPSSA District Sports at Dover House Road. The javelin, long jump and high jump events for Y5 and Y6 pupils were first up. St Mary's put in a strong performance with Algie Holdsworth-Hunt winning the Y5 Javelin and Hal Kennedy winning the Y5 High Jump. St Mary's pupils gained a top three placing in four further field events.

Once the school day finished the rest of the team arrived for the track events. This included individual races for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 and relays for Y5 and 6. With two heats to reach a final, all the races were keenly contested. Again consistency was the order of the day as St Mary's gained a top three finish in seven of the twelve finals run. The team of Georgie Forbes, India Wainman, Clemmie Boyd and Lottie Barnes were impressive in winning the 4x100m Relay. St Mary's claimed the boy's trophy and finished third in the girl's competition. A very satisfying result! As is so often the case we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who provided lifts throughout the day. We are also grateful to Miss Livingstone and Miss Brady who volunteered their free time to officiate and supervise children.



Putney & Wandsworth Mixed Basketball

On Thursday 21st May, St Mary's entered three teams into the Putney Mixed Basketball Competition. This enabled a number of pupils, who have been attending the breakfast basketball club, to put their skills into practice. Our Y4/5 team failed to progress from the group stage but benefitted from the experience. With Year 6 winning their group and our Y5/6 team finishing second, one quarter final was an all St Mary's game. Y5/6 sprung into an early lead before Y6 burst into action, scoring three quick baskets, winning 6-2. The Y6 team then recorded victories against Hotham in the semi-final and Our Lady of Victory in the final to win the competition. On Wednesday 3rd June the basketball squad Coach Andy, Mr Ellis and Mrs Bishop set off, on the bus, to Southfields Academy for the Wandsworth Basketball Finals. Competing were the winners of each regional competition within Wandsworth. Following a warm up and a quick briefing we were sprinting into our first game. After a period of extra time, we won a titanic tussle against Highview. Following a short break we had our second game against Penwortham (the overall winners). We were narrowly beaten and then lost a very physical game against St George's. Unfortunately this meant we were into the third place playoff against Highview. To our disappointment we could not repeat our earlier victory losing by five points and finishing fourth in Wandsworth. We still had a really fun day and would like to thank all the adults for taking, coaching and supporting us.

Matty Y6

"Basketball has been amazing this term. We have been to two tournaments one at Hotham and the other at Southfields Academy. Thanks to our amazing coach Andy we have all been inspired to carry on playing basketball in the future!"

Jake Farrow Y6

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Wandsworth Key Steps Gymnastics

On Friday 1st May a group of Y3 and Y4 pupils attended the Wandsworth Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at Southfields Academy. As we all sat on the bus the mood was one of nervous excitement. For some this was the first time they had represented the school! Walking into the hall the task became more apparent, over twenty schools in attendance, a number of children in team leotards and performing highly refined routines. This tournament was about rewarding and extending our pupils who had worked hard in the recent gymnastics unit. The progress made was outstanding with all thriving in the competitive atmosphere. The team excelled in remembering and performing their skills and routines.

Mr. Ellis

"It was a bit freaky at first but once I started it got better.

When I did

the backward roll it was the best one I have ever done." Amber Mackeson Y3

"I loved it because it was my first ever gymnastics competition. I can do a cartwheel now!" Tommy Burfitt Y3

"I absolutely loved it as gymnastics is my favourite sport."

Nicholas Y3



Sports Day

“The best sports day, the last sports day.” Pola Y6

“Sports day is a very, very, very tiring thing!” Guilia Y3

“Utterly amazing!” Jacob Y4

“Every event is so much fun.”
Biba Y5



“I’ve been looking forward to it for months!” Hal Y5

“Slow a
the



“Sports day sprints into action!”
Anais Y4

“Sports day is very different in
KS2, it’s very fun and
exciting!” Holly Y3

“Best year ever, Mr. Pearson
makes it really fun.”
Grace M Y5

“...and steady doesn’t win
the race!” Albie Y6



Sports day

We were lucky this year to enjoy blazing sunshine for the KS2 sports day. It was a wonderful example of St Mary’s sportsmanship and athleticism. Seven records were broken and many children surprised themselves with unknown talents in a wide range of events, from shot putt to 400m. The parents acquitted themselves well in the hotly contested relay race. Congratulations to the children from the red family who came out on top this year, toppling the yellow family who have won the coveted house trophy for many years.

A great day, thank you again to all those parents who make it happen.

Life in the day of Sylvia O'Connell

In my life before Saint Mary's I worked as an Art Director at IPC Magazines for many years, after doing a BA in design. I then had a family and my life veered into a completely new phase! I started work at Saint Mary's 13 years ago, initially just to help in YR with readers. Both my children were at the school at the time but when they moved on to secondary school I stayed, working with different year groups, it's a lovely place to be. My kids are now 18 and 20!

My job as a TA is always busy and fun. The day starts with settling the children into class, ensuring any problems or incidents, which often seem trivial to adults but can throw a child into a tailspin, are dealt with smoothly. PACT books are signed and then I usually listen to readers or help with improving handwriting. I work with small groups during all subjects, ensuring they're on task and help them to understand and achieve their objectives. One of the things I really enjoy is to put up the displays, working on ideas with the class teacher.

It's great to make these as exciting as possible because the children are so proud to see their work up on the walls. I'm always out in the playground during breaks, checking everyone is happy, involved and safe. This is a good time to get to know the children better and interact with more of them. Making 'props' for the school plays is another task that I throw myself into, always up for the challenge no matter how bizarre. Each day there is always photocopying, marking, making sure letters, homework and spellings are sent out or handed in, and, very importantly, helping the children to get their lunch.

Apart from working at Saint Mary's I am also a freelance Reflexologist which I really enjoy and find fascinating.

My hobbies are running, Zumba, walking my big, smelly, black flat coat retriever and if I get the chance, a bit of horse riding. To relax I love losing myself in a good book or curling up on the sofa on a weekend evening to watch a film and going on holidays with my family.



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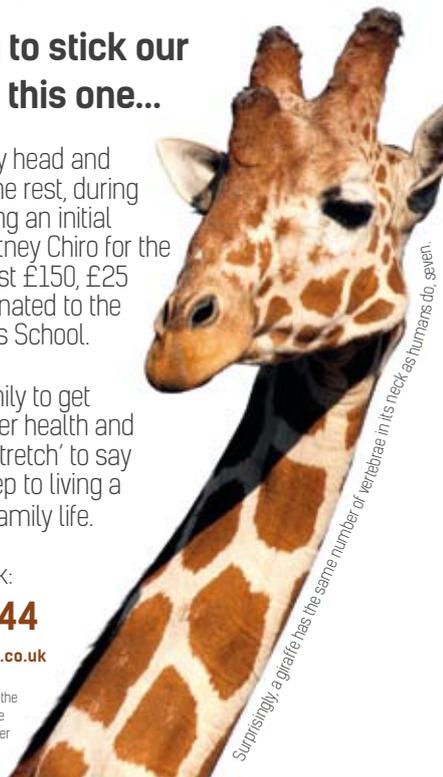
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Mr George Ellis Uncovered

I grew up in Surrey with my two younger brothers. My defining memory of primary school is always looking forward to break times and lunchtimes so I could play football and getting to represent the school in other team sports. Judo was my main interest, I trained three times a week and attended competitions at weekends. This involved a lot of travel and gave me the opportunity to visit lots of places. I successfully gained a black belt and won the National Under 18 Championships in my weight category which meant that I represented Great Britain abroad. I studied sport science at St Mary's University in Teddington where I was awarded a degree in Sports Science with Health, Nutrition and Exercise. After graduating I got a job as the Tower Hamlets Judo Development Officer. Here I had the opportunity to work in over sixty primary and secondary schools, which developed my interest in teaching and led me to take a GTP in Secondary Physical Education. After working at Griffin Primary school for three years I was excited to see a teaching position advertised at St Mary's Primary school. This turned to elation when I got the job!

What do you like best about St Mary's? The children are focussed, hardworking and keen to learn. The staff are really friendly and helpful and there is a great sense of community. There is a great level of parental support too. I like the freedom to express myself creatively as a teacher.

What makes you happy?

Sport, travelling and spending time with my friends and family. In school it is a great pleasure to see the children progress and reach their potential.

What subjects did you like best at school?

Drama, P.E, and Science.

Which of your habits would you like to change?

I can be a bit too much of a perfectionist.

Who is your favourite actor?

There are far too many great actors to choose from.

How do you like to relax?

My mind is always very active and so during term time being outdoors and squeezing in some physical activity helps me to switch off. Once the school holiday arrives the change in scenery provided by visiting friends or travelling diverts my attention away from life's stresses.

What things upset you?

When people lack empathy, loyalty or honesty.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Holidays and clothes.

What pet do you have or would you like?

I have never had a pet but always wanted a dog. I'd like a wire fox terrier, as they are full of energy and intelligent. They have a low threshold for boredom and need lots of exercise just like myself!

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Reducing the excessive amount of paperwork that is associated with being a teacher. This would give me more time to deliver lessons, by far and away the best aspect of the job. Furthermore it would make friends and family much happier as I would have a better work-life balance.

Which are your favourite books and what appeals to you about them?

I don't read as often as I should! A good



hearing about and learning from the real life experiences of others.

What human trait do you most dislike?

Insincerity.

Describe a favourite meal?

I love my food and wouldn't want to go without any of my favourites for too long! If it were a special occasion I would choose tacos with an option of two fillings, chicken and beef! Furthermore I would need a good array of sauces and a nice salad to keep me healthy.

Which famous person do you most admire?

I don't admire a famous person. I respect people who face great adversity in life and are still able to see the positive in situations and start each day with a smile.

What's the most important lesson life has taught you, so far?

There will be ups and there will be downs. Appreciate the good times; stay strong through hard times, as there will always be another good time waiting just around the corner.

How would you like to be remembered?

I am not ready to go yet so there is no need to remember me!

Art Competition

Congratulations to Scarlett-Lilly in Y2 who was the overall winner of the Art competition. Her prize was a limited edition original print by the artist Tammy Mackay. Tammy has had work selected for the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition for the last three years in a row, including this year.

