



Friday 22nd May 2026

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



Dear Parents

I am exceptionally proud to announce to you our new Head Pupil team for 2026-2027. As our Year 13 students are well underway with their A Level examinations, Jayden, Isobel, Angus and Chidiogo step into their new posts as student leaders for our school community. The calibre of the Year 12 candidates was truly exceptional, and in this edition we introduce our new Head Pupil Team to you. We have every confidence that they will represent St Mary's with distinction and lead our students with integrity and enthusiasm.

I am also delighted to welcome our newly appointed School Parent Governors, Ms Luzaan Sparks and Miss Belinda Lathbridge. It is always a great joy when parents can give so generously of their time and expertise to our school community. We are blessed and fortunate for their contribution in leading our school forward. You can find out more information about our School Governors on our [webpage](#).

With the warm weather upon us, it is a particularly busy season for our school sports teams with many competitions and tournaments in the weeks ahead. I would like to encourage all our students to take full advantage of, and participate, in our wide range of extra curricular and super curricular opportunities on offer. These experiences are invaluable in developing well-rounded individuals and fostering a real sense of belonging within our school community.

This half term is an incredibly busy time with over 110 students taking part in school trips and visits. Our KS3 Football team departs for their packed schedule of matches, whilst our girls netball team travels to Holland for their overseas tour. Just this morning, 36 of our Year 9 students departed on their flight to New York for our annual Maths New York trip. These enriching experiences provide our students with opportunities to develop confidence, resilience and lasting memories. I would like to sincerely thank the staff who are so giving of their precious time in planning and leading such amazing experiences for our students. We wish them all a very safe trip and I look forward to sharing photos and memories from these trips with you after the half term break.

For those Year 11 and Year 13 students who are taking examinations, please do ensure that rest and study are balanced this half term. It is important that they take care of their wellbeing during this demanding time.

Lord,
Bless our families this half-term.
Keep us safe, give us rest, and fill our homes with peace and joy.
Amen.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful half term break.

Deirdre McHugh
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Half term

Monday 1st June
School re-opens

Monday 1st June
Year 7 & 8 exams begin

Thursday 4th June
Y12 University Taster Day

Friday 5th June
Y12 University Taster Day



Click [here](#) to access your child's academic achievement and progress data.

Parent Governor Election Results

We are delighted to announce that following the recent election for Parent Governor, Ms Luzaan Sparks and Miss Belinda Lathbridge have been duly elected as Parent Governors. Congratulations!

We wish to thank all nominees for their time, interest and commitment to the school community and preserving and promoting the Catholic life of the school. Mrs Sparks will take post immediately and Miss Lathbridge will be in post from 1st September.

Thank you to all parents who voted and your continued dedication to the school community. The response to the election was very positive and we thank you for supporting our school.

LOVE - RESPECT - FLOURISH

Head Pupils 2026 - 2027



We are delighted to confirm the outcomes of the Head Pupil Team selection process:

- Isabel Annobil – Head Girl
- Jayden Lyons – Head Boy
- Chidiogo Uzuegbuna – Deputy Head Girl
- Angus Vyvyan – Deputy Head Boy

The standard throughout the process was exceptionally high, as reflected in the impressive student hustings during the recent assemblies, which showcased the quality, character and ambition of the applicants involved.

We are incredibly proud of the students selected and have every confidence that they will serve as outstanding role models and ambassadors for the St Mary's student body, leading with integrity over the coming year.

Year 12 volunteering initiative at St Elizabeth's



At St Mary's Catholic School, we strive to build connections with the local community. Since the start of the Summer Term, a group of Year 12 students have volunteered at St Elizabeth's Centre in Much Hadham, working with students in their Sixth Form who require specific educational support. Together, they are working towards a project focused on the importance of faith, particularly the saints that both schools are connected with. Though it is still in its early stages, the dedication, respect and positivity the students have demonstrated so far is testament to the values we uphold at St Mary's. It is wonderful to see these students support our local community so actively.

For more information on what the St Elizabeth's Centre offers, please visit their [website](#).

Inter-House Cricket & Rounders

We are delighted to celebrate the enthusiasm, teamwork, and community spirit shown by our Year 12 students who took part in this week's Inter-House Cricket and Rounders competitions.

The events were filled with energy and plenty of encouragement, as students competed with smiles on their faces and cheered one another on throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see such positive participation and genuine support between Houses, creating an atmosphere that reflected the very best of our school community.

Our male students competed in an exciting diamond-format cricket competition, which proved to be both highly competitive and entertaining.

A huge well done to all students who took part. Their willingness to get involved and support one another helped make the competitions such a success. Events such as these play an important role in further strengthening the sense of community and belonging amongst our Year 12 students, and we look forward to seeing this continue throughout the year.

Mr Eddleston (House Coordinator)

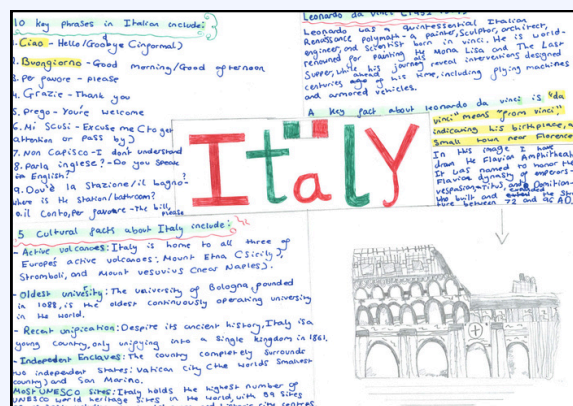
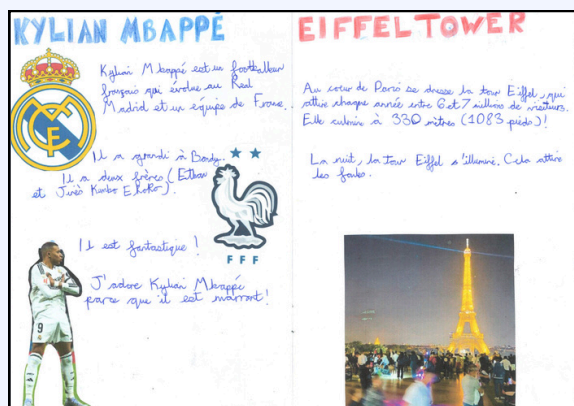
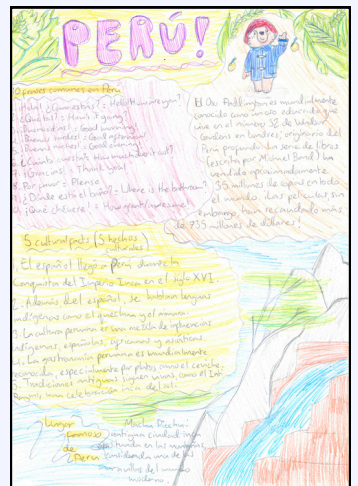


MFL Passport Competition

At the end of the Spring term, the MFL Department ran an Inter-House KS3 Passport Project Competition. Students were required to create a poster or a leaflet, including 10 key phrases in the target language, five cultural facts, a famous person and a famous landmark.

We had lots of fantastic entries from French, Spanish and Italian students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The winners of the French competition were: Rose C (Y7), Orla H (Y7), Celeste S (Y8), Lottie H (Y8); Patrick C (Y9) and Ethan McS (Y9). The winners of the Spanish competition were: Natalie Z (Y7), Jojo Di P (Y7), Sienna P (Y7), Adan W (Y7) and Sienna D (Y7). The winners of the Italian competition were: Neriah C (Y7), Adanna A (Y7), Mariella G (Y7), Alaura Z (Y7) and Harry M (Y9).

Huge congratulations to the winners and to all students who submitted entries.



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Event details:

17th June 2026 1pm and 4pm

Fielder Centre, Hatfield, AL10 9TP



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