



Friday 10th July 2026

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



Dear Parents,

What a privilege it is to reflect on the final weeks of this academic year at St Mary's. As we approach the summer break, it is wonderful to look back with immense pride on all that our students have achieved. Over the past fortnight, they have demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, resilience and school spirit across every aspect of school life. From academic excellence in the classroom to inspiring performances on the stage, success on the sports field and memorable moments in the concert hall, our young people continue to embody the values and aspirations of our school community.

On Tuesday 30th June we were treated to a spectacular Summer Music Concert, with over 100 students taking part in what was a truly memorable evening. The standard of performance was outstanding, reflecting countless hours of commitment, rehearsal and passion from both students and staff. Every ensemble and soloist performed with confidence and enthusiasm, but a particular highlight was our magnificent 65-strong student choir's rendition of Mamma Mia. Their energy, harmony and sheer enjoyment filled the hall and perfectly captured the vibrant spirit of St Mary's. My sincere thanks go to our talented Music Department for providing such enriching opportunities for our students to flourish.

Thursday 2nd July marked another significant milestone as we celebrated our Year 13 students at their Prom. It was a wonderful evening recognising the culmination of their seven-year journey with us. Seeing our students together one final time before they embark on exciting new chapters was both joyful and emotional. We wish each of them every success in the future and thank them for the positive contribution they have made to our school community throughout their time at St Mary's.

Our annual PE Sports Awards Evening on Friday 3rd July was another tremendous success. With more than 400 guests in attendance, the evening celebrated not only sporting excellence but also commitment, perseverance, teamwork and leadership. It was a fantastic family occasion, recognising the dedication of students who have represented the school with such pride throughout the year. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers who continually encourage and support our sporting programmes. Your partnership plays a vital role in our students' success.

Earlier this week, Mr Noble and I had the pleasure of attending the Graduation Ceremony for our Year 12 Icanyoucantoo cohort at Canary Wharf, hosted by Nilesh Dosa MBE. It was an inspiring evening celebrating the achievements, ambition and personal growth of these remarkable young people. Their confidence and professionalism were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

As we look ahead to the final week of term, I would like to remind parents of some important dates:

- **Tuesday 14th July is our annual sports day.** We are keeping a very close eye on the weather forecast and temperature via the Met Office and will update you on Monday if this date needs to be rescheduled if the forecast for temperature is above 30 Degrees.
- **Wednesday 15th July is our Activities Day.** I ask that you carefully read all communications regarding your child's arrangements to ensure they are fully prepared.
- Finally, on **Friday 17th July**, we conclude another successful academic year, with **students finishing at 1.00pm.**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated many successes, overcome challenges and created countless opportunities for our young people to thrive. I wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable weekend.

God Bless, Miss D McHugh



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 14th July

Sports Day

Wednesday 15th July

Activities Day

Thursday 16th July

Y12 Inside
Outside Day

Friday 17th July

Term ends at
1pm

AUTUMN 2026

Wednesday 2nd September

New Y7 and Y12
students ONLY
in school

Thursday 3rd September

ALL STUDENTS
RETURN TO
SCHOOL



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

LOVE - RESPECT - FLOURISH

PE Presentation Evening

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this year's PE Presentation Evening such a wonderful success. It was a fantastic occasion to celebrate the dedication, commitment, and achievements of our students throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our nominees and award winners. Every recognition was thoroughly deserved, and it was inspiring to see so many students acknowledged for their hard work, perseverance, teamwork, and sporting excellence.

A huge thank you also goes to Friends of St Mary's for their continued support and generosity. The money raised during the evening will be invaluable in helping us update our PE equipment and enhance the sporting opportunities available to our students. These improvements will enable us to provide an even wider range of activities and ensure that students continue to enjoy high-quality physical education and sporting experiences at St Mary's.

Thank you once again to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to making the evening such a memorable celebration of sport at St Mary's.

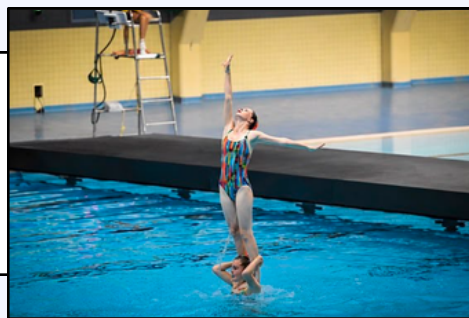


Sporting Success!

We are delighted to celebrate the sporting achievements of St Mary's students outside of school hours:

Many congratulations to Aoife M (Y9), a talented synchronized swimmer who recently competed in a national tournament coming in sixth place, only 5 points away from Team GB swimmers who placed third.

Well done Aoife!



We extend our congratulations to Matilda P (Y7) who has been selected to play football for the Herts County Team.

What a fantastic achievement, well done Matilda!

Well done to Mai M (Y9) who has been selected for the Maverick U15 Netball Pathway Academy

Year 9 Gifted and Talented trip to Cambridge University



We were invited by Cambridge College, Gonville and Caius to take 10 of our most academic student to a special Hertfordshire schools day. We had a fabulous day, enjoying their air conditioned buildings, eating lunch in a Hogwarts -style dining room and visiting the most beautiful college library; so beautiful and so immense for just a few hundred students!

After meeting some current students and having our tour and lunch, we were taken to visit the Museum of Zoology which had some amazing skeletons, including of a dodo, and taxidermy (I particularly liked the cute tiny pink fairy armadillo!) and is highly recommended to drop into on a day-trip to Cambridge.

All in all a brilliant day where everyone learnt lots, broadened their horizons and certainly got their steps in!!



RETURN OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

We kindly request that Year 11 and Year 13 students return any revision guides, maths equipment, laptops etc that were borrowed from school. If you are unable to return them before the end of term, please bring them with you on Results Day.

Returns/donations should be marked FAO Mrs Wilkins.

LOCKERS

Lockers need to be emptied, and keys returned to either Form Tutors or Finance Office in A Block by Tuesday 14th July.

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning

Buntingford First School SG9 9HZ

15th July 2026, 10am - 11.30am



You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.
Connect with other parents and carers
Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
Practical advice & emotional support
Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL
We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



Transitions Workshops For Children and Young People

Topics covered will include:

- Navigating friendship groups with confidence
- Practical tools to help you feel grounded
- Ways to handle stress and balance school life
- Top tips for managing change with ease
- Healthy coping strategies
- Where to find extra support when you need it

This free training is available to all young people, in year 7, 11, 12 and 13 in Hertfordshire.

Please contact cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org to discuss any CYP training needs, or head to our website by scanning the QR code.



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Settling into Secondary School

A Workshop for Children and Young People

Topics covered will include:

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