



St Mary's News

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School Mission Statement

Following Christ's teachings while respectfully learning, playing and working together.

Our parish website is <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/kilburn/>

Please log on to this site to read the newsletter and stay up to date with parish news.

Secondary Transition meetings—Boys

Boys—meeting
Wednesday 14th
October at 3pm

Harvest—Compassion for the Poor

Children and their families have shown great generosity by bringing a donation for Harvest. These have been taken to the parish for the food bank. If you forgot and would like to make a donation you may bring these in next week and we will deliver to the parish.



The Gospel this week is from Matthew 22: 1-14
This is the parable of the wedding feast. All are invited to the feast, just as **all of us are welcome as part of St Mary's family.**

End of Term—own clothes Dress up for Halloween (All Souls Day)

Please bring £1.00 for charity (mini-vinnies to decide which cause we are going to support this term).





Building stronger families





Free Breakfast Offer starting Monday 12th October



The school are once again working with Magic Breakfasts to arrange breakfast food for children. We are providing a pack of food for any family to use at home. Our first delivery will be Monday. Contact admin@marycps.brent.sch.uk if you would like to try this out. FREE!

Donations

If you have any of the following items that you are able to donate for the school to use we would be most grateful:

- Empty small boxes or tubes for use in early years for construction
- Old tracksuit bottoms (navy blue)
- Knex or lego for wet lunch-times
- Small world toys for reception (e.g. playmobile or small dolls, cars e.t.c.)
- If you have an old laptop or tablet (in good working order) that you no longer need that we could wipe and use for children who don't have access to technology.

Parents Evenings—Calls from teachers

Teachers may call you to discuss your child's work this term so-far. Please agree an alternative discussion time when you can give teachers 10 minutes of your time if you are not free when they call.

How Can I Improve My Child's Reading?

Parents are more concerned about their child's progress in reading than in any other subject taught in school, and rightfully so.

In order for students to achieve in math, science, English, history, geography, and other subjects, reading skills must be developed to the point that most of them are automatic. Students cannot struggle with word recognition when they should be reading quickly for comprehension of a text.

Since reading is so important to success in school, parents can and should play a role in helping their children to become interested in reading and in encouraging their growth in reading skills.

What can parents do to help their preschoolers in the learning-to-read process?

Research shows that children learn about reading before they enter school. In fact, they learn in the best manner—through observation. Young children, for example, see people around them reading newspapers, books, maps, and signs.

Parents can do a lot to foster an understanding of print by talking with their preschoolers about signs in their environment and by letting their children know they enjoy reading themselves.

When reading to your preschooler, you should run your index finger under the line of print. This procedure is simple and helps children begin to notice words and that words have meaning. They also gain an awareness of the conventions of reading (e.g., one reads from left to right and from the top of

What can I do for my school-age child who doesn't like to read?

In the early elementary years, from first through third grades, children continue learning how to read. It is a complex process, difficult for some and easy for others. Care must be taken during these early years not to overemphasize the learning-to-read process.

Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary-age children should provide reading materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child's natural interest in the world around them.

What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?

The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.