



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Please read the below note regarding recruitment to a Teaching Assistant position at St Mary's and share with anyone you think may be interested.
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8:50am. Registration takes place from 8:50-9am, so pupils should be in school in plenty of time for gates to close at 8:50am. Thank you.
- School meal change Wednesday 29.1.25 – our kitchen will be serving a Chinese New Year meal on Wednesday instead of the usual school menu. Please see the attached menu for details. There will be no other meal choices served on this day.
If your child has a medical/alternative diet, the meal will be slightly altered to ensure that your child receives a similar menu which adheres to their dietary requirements.
- The planned Friends of St Mary's meeting on Friday 31.1.25 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Friends group will be Friday 21.2.25. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS



JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

On Friday, we celebrated a whole school liturgy during which Canon Peter blessed and officially opened our Holy Door in school for the Jubilee Year.

Our Year 6 pupils, who lead us in the liturgy, reminded us of Pope Francis' call for us to be pilgrims of hope and to develop within ourselves a deep faith, lively hope and active charity.

We look forward to sharing more about how we will be endeavouring to do this over the course of the year during our Explore the Curriculum sessions this term.

RECRUITMENT:

We are currently seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to join our dedicated and dynamic staff team (see advert [here](#)). We have extended the advert for this position as we have not yet received a suitable number of high-quality candidates.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this position, Mr Wheatley would be very keen to talk to you – especially if there are any particular considerations or concerns preventing you from applying. Please get in touch via the usual channels for an initial chat.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

TIKTOK:

You will have seen a lot in the press this week about the app TikTok.

TikTok is the top app used by young people in the UK today however the national regulator Ofcom has considered it the app where young people are, "most likely to encounter a potential harm."

You can find out more about the app and how to ensure your child's safety on the following podcast [here](#) or by reading the attached advice.