

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation



Newsletter

Message from the Federation Executive Co-Headteachers

As we come to the end of another busy and productive school year, we can look back with immense pride on all that has been achieved across our Federation. This last half term has been filled with celebrations of success, memorable performances and special moments, from saying farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, to our wonderful musical productions and moving Leavers' Services for our Year 6 children.

We wish all of those pupils who are leaving our Federation every success and happiness in the next stage of their journey. We hope they leave us with wonderful memories and look forward to hearing about their achievements in the years to come. For those continuing their journey with us into Year 7 or Year 12, we are excited to see all that lies ahead as they begin the next chapter of their learning within our Federation.

It is a privilege it is to lead an all-through Federation. To watch children join us in Nursery, Reception or Year 7 and grow into confident, capable young adults as they move on to university, apprenticeships or the world of work is incredibly rewarding.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly our Federation's 10th Anniversary Fun Day. It was a joy to see children, families and staff from across all of our campuses come together to celebrate such a significant milestone. The day was a tremendous success, and we would like to thank everyone who took part and helped to make it such a memorable occasion. We are especially grateful to our dedicated staff team, whose enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to go the extra mile ensured the event ran so smoothly, and to all of our families who joined us and embraced the day with such warmth and community spirit. The fellowship, laughter and togetherness on display throughout the day truly reflected the values that lie at the heart of our Federation. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback from families and staff alike, with many suggesting that it should become an annual event! It required an enormous amount of planning, but we will certainly give some thought to how we might make that happen in the future.

A very special thank you must go to our PA, Miss Holliday. Without her exceptional organisation, attention to detail and ability to coordinate so many different people, the day simply would not have been possible. We are incredibly grateful for everything she did to make our anniversary celebrations such a success.

As you read through this newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading about the many opportunities, achievements and experiences our pupils have enjoyed this term. Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Thank you for being part of our Federation family. We wish you all a happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Harrison & Mrs Wainwright

FEDERATION CELEBRATION DAY



PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

Our Peninsula Campus was full of energy, teamwork, and smiles during Sports Day on 13th July. Students took part in a range of exciting races and fun activities, cheered on by parents, carers, and staff. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate participation, determination, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a memorable success.

Keep an eye out—we'll be announcing the winning house very soon!

Ms Mittra

Peninsula



Woolwich

Woolwich Campus was filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and fantastic team spirit during our Sports Day. Pupils took part in a variety of races and activities, showing great determination, resilience, and encouragement towards their teammates. It was a brilliant day and we saw our school community come together, with parents, carers, and staff supporting the children throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make Sports Day a memorable celebration of teamwork, achievement, and belonging.

Mr Hodgson



Christ Church

Our school Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and community spirit. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated incredible enthusiasm, resilience, and sportsmanship as they took part in a wide range of exciting events.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose hard work, organisation, and encouragement ensured the day ran smoothly from start to finish. Their enthusiasm inspired the children to give their very best and made the event enjoyable for everyone involved.

We are immensely proud of all our pupils for embracing the true spirit of competition. They competed with determination, celebrated each other's successes, and showed respect and kindness, whether they were crossing the finish line first or cheering on their classmates from the sidelines.

Well done to everyone who took part and helped make Sports Day such a wonderful success. It was a day filled with achievement, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Mrs Eggleston



DEPUTY MAYOR OF LONDON VISIT

Deputy Mayor Visits St Mary Magdalene to Celebrate Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Work

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome the Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, to St Mary Magdalene this week as part of the wider London initiative to strengthen mental health support for children and young people. Representatives from Anna Freud and the Mayor's Office also joined us - and they were genuinely impressed by the confidence, maturity and warmth shown by our pupils.

During the visit, the Deputy Mayor met with our Co-Executive Headteachers, Co-Principals, Primary Headteacher, School Mental Health Champions, Secondary students, Mental Health Team and wider leadership team. Our pupils spoke proudly about their roles, the projects they lead, and the positive difference they are making across our school community.

One of the standout moments came when a pupil asked the Deputy Mayor, *"How is your mental health?"* She responded openly, sharing that she goes for walks to calm herself when feeling stressed. It was a powerful and relatable moment - and our children handled the conversation with such confidence and empathy that both visiting representatives commented on how exceptional they were.

The visit also highlighted the strength of our whole-school approach to wellbeing. Leaders shared how we make mental health visible and accessible across the school - through wellbeing days, parent sessions, peer-support groups, staff training and daily practices that help pupils manage stress and build resilience.

This visit forms part of a London-wide effort to develop a model of mental health support that can be shared with schools, government and NHS partners. We are proud to contribute to this important work and excited to champion the wellbeing of all our pupils and staff.

We are incredibly proud of our children and deeply grateful to our families for your continued support. Together, we are building a strong, caring and connected school community - and we're excited for all that lies ahead.

Mental Health Team



PRIMARY – All Campuses

Broadstairs

Year 1 had such a fun day at Broadstairs! We started with a long coach ride, and the children were full of smiles and chatter all the way there. When we reached the beach, the sun was shining and the sea was sparkling. We found a cosy spot on the warm sand for lunch - with a few cheeky seagulls watching us closely!

After eating, the children built sandcastles, collected smooth pebbles and dipped their toes in the water. There were lots of giggles when the waves splashed their feet. We also walked along the promenade and spotted big rocks and rolling waves. By the end of the day, everyone was sandy, tired and very happy. Year 1 had a brilliant seaside adventure and made wonderful memories together.

Year 1 Team



Refugee Week

The children have been learning about Refugee Week and exploring the theme of courage through a range of thoughtful and creative activities. They took part in our launch assembly, watched the Big Live Assembly, and enjoyed class-based tasks such as creating courage trees, designing welcome flags, writing kind messages, and crafting their own "suitcase of hopes."

These activities helped the children reflect on kindness, belonging and the importance of welcoming others with empathy. We're so proud of the care and creativity they have shown. Some of their wonderful work were shared during Friday's Celebration Collective Worship.

PSHE Team



PRIMARY – YEAR 6 PRODUCTIONS

Year 6 Presents Shrek 2: The Musical

Our Year 6 pupils wowed family, friends and staff with their fantastic performance of Shrek 2: The Musical. After weeks of hard work, rehearsals and dedication, they took to the stage with confidence, enthusiasm and plenty of humour. From the wonderful singing and acting to the colourful costumes and teamwork, every child played an important part in making the production such a success. We are incredibly proud of all they achieved and congratulate the Class of 2026 on a memorable performance.

Mrs Yasin-Olufluwa and Miss Jewell



Our Year 6 students at Christ Church delivered an outstanding musical performance, bringing together a fantastic selection of songs from a variety of well-loved musicals. Their incredible talent shone through in every scene, with impressive singing, energetic dancing, and confident acting. It was a truly memorable production that showcased their hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

Well done to all our amazing performer and Miss Stock!
Ms Reid



Well done to the children at Peninsula for the amazing production of Wicked!



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Online Learning with the Lords Session



Children in Woolwich had a wonderful opportunity to take part in an online 'Learn with the Lords' session with the UK Parliament. They were joined by Baroness Scott, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, who spoke warmly with the children and responded to their many thoughtful questions.

Our pupils were curious about how rules and laws are created, what makes something illegal, and which rules matter most in a fair society. They also explored big ideas such as democracy, leadership and how important decisions are made in Parliament. Baroness Scott shared fascinating insights-including how incredibly heavy the historic doors of Parliament are, sometimes needing two hands to push open - and spoke about significant national decisions such as the UK's exit from the European Union. She also explained that you must be 21 to apply for a role as a politician.

This experience linked powerfully to our PSHE curriculum. It helped children understand how society works, why their voices matter, and how they can influence positive change. Sessions like this remind our pupils that they are not just learners - they are active citizens, leaders in the making, and young people whose ideas and questions genuinely shape the world around them.

Together, we continue to nurture confident, informed children who recognise their role in society and feel empowered to make a difference.

Woolwich Campus



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Woolwich Library

Our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful school trip to Woolwich Library as part of the final stage of their learning journey this year.

We walked sensibly along the route, observing the world around us. One exciting discovery was spotting the moon in the daytime. Rosie noticed, "The moon is up there. It keeps walking with us!"

When we arrived safely at the library, each child chose a book to enjoy with their teachers, parents, and friends. We then gathered together to listen to the librarian share some lovely stories about friendship and caring. Ali smiled and said, "I like this story."

On our walk back through Woolwich town centre, the children eagerly recognised and talked about familiar landmarks in their local community. Levon proudly pointed out, "This is the DLR station." Zack shared, "This is the barber I go to." Halima noticed, "Here's another bank." Ethan excitedly said, "I go swimming in that leisure centre, and I won a medal!"

As the weather was very hot, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved ice lolly before returning to school. Arielle happily said, "These are so refreshing."

It was a fantastic and valuable trip, giving the children the opportunity to explore their local area, develop their understanding of the community around them, and celebrate the end of a wonderful year in Reception.

Mrs Bdeir



Bring a Male Hero to School Day

Woolwich invited all the positive male role models to attend their child's school for the morning. Dad's Uncles, brothers attended.

Student voice-

Yr4 Child -was really excited to see their dad with them.

Yr2 Child- Happy to show their brother what they are learning

Reception dad- enjoyed having fun with their child and wished he could stay longer

Ms Thomas



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Monet Nursery – Danson Park

What a truly perfect day we had at Danson Park in Bexleyheath! Blessed with beautiful sunshine, it was a fabulous and fun-filled outing enjoyed by both the children and their parents.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the splash park, where the children delighted in running through the water jets of all shapes, sizes, and colours. Their laughter filled the warm summer air, creating a joyful and unforgettable atmosphere.

Of course, no summer trip would be complete without a treat – and ice creams were thoroughly enjoyed by all!

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make this such a special end-of-term experience. It was a day full of smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories to treasure with your children, their friends, and their teachers.



Mrs Turner



Peter Pan Neverland Adventure

Reception children enjoyed a magical and imaginative drama workshop led by Emily from Perform.

Emily guided the children through an exciting interactive adventure inspired by *Peter Pan*. The children discovered that Peter Pan had flown to our school with a problem – Captain Hook had stolen the treasure! Through storytelling, movement, and role play, the children worked together to rescue the treasure from the Jolly Roger and return safely to their classroom.

The workshop was full of energy, creativity, and participation, allowing every child to become part of the adventure. A huge thank you to Emily for bringing the story to life and providing such a memorable experience. The children had so much fun using their imaginations and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their magical journey.

Mrs Bdeir



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Picnic on the roof

Reception children welcomed the arrival of the summer season with a delightful picnic on the roof garden at our Woolwich site.

Each child brought a favourite soft toy from home to join in the celebration. Before settling down for our picnic, we explored the roof garden and enjoyed looking out over the local area. Many of the children excitedly recognised familiar sights and shared their observations.

Ali said, "I live in a flat in that building."

Amaya said, "I walk down that way to get to my house."

Nayan said, "I can see a windmill."

Pemisola said, "Oh, we are really high, I can see everything down in Woolwich!"

After taking in the wonderful views, we sat together in the shade and enjoyed our picnic, eating fruit, brioche and cake, while making sure we drank plenty of fluids to stay cool on the very hot day. The children chatted happily throughout and lovingly included their soft toys, pretending to feed them and ensuring they were having just as much fun

Aria summed up the day perfectly when she said, "It is hot, it's the start of the summer season."

It was a lovely way to celebrate the beginning of summer, creating special memories together while enjoying the sunshine and each other's company.



Mrs Bdeir



Reception Class Welcomes Rev Dom

Reception children enjoyed a wonderful and highly interactive visit from Rev Dom, who helped them explore the Creation Story. The children were delighted by the props used to represent what God created on each day and eagerly shared their own ideas and learning throughout the session.

Rev Dom invited the children to talk about their favourite parts of creation, leading to thoughtful discussions about how special our world is and how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful place. The children also shared their own ideas about how we can care for and protect the world that God created.

The session reminded us all of the importance of giving thanks to God for His many blessings and continuing to pray in gratitude for the wonderful world we have been given.

A huge thank you to Rev Dom for such an engaging and inspiring visit.

Mrs Bdeir



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Reception's Exciting Visit to the Ecology Park

Reception had a wonderful day visiting the Ecology Park in Greenwich. The children were very excited to get on the bus and travel together to the park. They walked sensibly, looking after one another and staying safe near the road.

As we travelled, the children enjoyed spotting familiar sights. Riyom exclaimed, *"I can see the ferry!"* Levon shared, *"I have been on the ferry before and I saw the river."* Favour proudly commented, *"I live in this tall orange building. I live in Woolwich."*

When we arrived, we listened carefully as Tony explained the rules and told us about the amazing wildlife we were going to discover. We learnt about birds that migrate all the way from Africa to build their nests here and raise their babies before flying back to Africa in the winter, when there is less food available in South East London.

Tony used a special net to catch some minibeasts for us to observe closely. The children were fascinated by what they found. Ethan excitedly said, *"It's a little grasshopper!"*

We also discovered how connected we are to nature and how many useful things come from plants. We learnt about a plant that is used to make aspirin and smelt leaves that are used to make toothpaste. Oscar smiled and said, *"It is very minty!"*

The highlight of the day for many children was holding a newt and watching its tiny body move so quickly. Evie happily said, *"It's so cute. I am not scared to hold it."*

After enjoying our lunch together, it was time to head back to school. Pemisola thoughtfully reminded everyone, *"We need to take the 180 bus to get back to Woolwich."*

What a fantastic experience it was for Reception to travel safely to Greenwich and take part in a day filled with exploration, discovery and hands-on learning. The children represented the school beautifully and returned with lots of wonderful memories to share!

Mrs Bdeir



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Poetry Competition

Some children in Moore Class recently entered a poetry writing competition, where successful entries would be selected for publication in a book. We are delighted to announce that Praise, Precious, Tobi, Ronnie, Jamecia, Tioluwani, Nuna, Sharlyn, Caleb, Sophia, and Wonuola impressed the judges with their wonderful poems.

Their work has been selected for publication, and they will all become published authors. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!

Miss Smith

Who Am I?

I am a bush in the sun.
I run through the forest.
A nightmare that you can't escape.
My claws are sharper than a shark's teeth
And my teeth are cleaner than water
And before you see my eye you are already done.

Luna Paws

Luna Paws is a space monster, kind as can be.
She has the most roundest teeth in sets of two and three.
Her star eyes sparkle like diamonds.
Her gentle space-like invisible wings shine like a mermaid.
Her fluffy short tail is more clever than Dr Einstein and sweeter than sweets.
If you are very nice but not too nice, you will get a free ride to space by her!



World Environment Day

For World Environment Day, Moore class made paper windmills. We researched and discussed what renewable energy is and why it is so important in today's climate.

Pupil Voice:

Tioluwani: 'I enjoyed making the paper windmills and learning about how they help with energy'

Miss Smith

PRIMARY - Woolwich

DLR Depot

On Tuesday 2 June 2026, a group of Year 6 pupils were selected to take part in an exciting behind-the-scenes visit to the DLR Depot at Gallions Reach. During the visit, they were given a guided tour by the depot manager, who showed them the live operational control room where the entire DLR network is monitored.

The experience was outstanding, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every part of the trip. One of the highlights was the opportunity to practise making real passenger service announcements, including, *"Please stand behind the yellow line."* The pupils also found the control room fascinating, especially watching the live CCTV feeds and seeing themselves on the body camera used by Passenger Service Agents (PSAs)

Another memorable part of the visit was the chance to make announcements on board a DLR train and explore some of the train's controls, including operating the lights, during a journey between Gallions Reach and Woolwich.

This fantastic opportunity was made possible following the completion of a fully funded railway engineering project delivered with the support of KeolisAmey Docklands. A huge thank you to everyone involved for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our pupils.



Miss Jewell



It takes a village to raise a child – coffee morning

Brief write up- We had a Blindfold Taste Test and Quiz where the parents interacted with their child. When the children were called they thought they were in trouble. We wanted to have an opportunity for parents to learn with their child

Student voice-

Yr4- I was excited and I like having to race my mum.

Yr5- I didn't like thefruit

Yr1- I liked the blueberries and Kiwi

Yr1 parent- When I buy fruit at home, he doesn't eat it but here he tried it.

Yr3 parent- I laughed when I saw the shock on my child's face when they saw me.

Yr3 parent- My child is very competitive

Miss Thomas



PRIMARY - PENINSULA

Online Learning with the Lords Session



Here are some thoughts Gregory class had from talk with Lord Hannay:

Timmy:

"I was lucky enough to join a zoom call with Lord Hannay from the House of Lords. During the call, I asked questions about how laws are made, who owns and looks after our land, and how you become a Lord. Lord Hannay said that laws are carefully discussed and checked by Parliament before they are passed on in the big room at Parliament like the one we see on TV. He also told us about the different ways land can be owned and managed. I found it really interesting to learn that most people are appointed to the House of Lords because of their experience in politics and what they've achieved. It was an exciting opportunity to speak to someone involved in making decisions for our country, and I learned a lot from the experience."

Mohamed:

"It was really insightful and he answered my question really well and in a way that I understood."

Luca:

"I found it really fun, I would like to have another opportunity to meet a Lord, I have loads more questions."

Xinying:

"I would like to speak to him again, I want to learn more about the politicians and learn how they organise things to make the world a better place."

Year 6 Peninsula Campus

Junior Citizen

On Tuesday 16th June, our Year 6 pupils from Woolwich attended the Junior Citizen Training event, where they took part in a range of engaging, hands-on activities designed to help prepare them for becoming more independent as they move on to secondary school.

Throughout the day, the children learnt valuable life skills from a variety of emergency services and community professionals. They explored important road safety messages, including climbing into the driver's seat of a large truck to experience the driver's limited field of vision and discovering how stopping distances can affect road safety. They also received fire safety training from firefighters and learnt basic first aid from a paramedic, including how to place someone in the recovery position.

The day provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to build their confidence, develop practical safety awareness and gain the knowledge they need to make safe, responsible choices in everyday situations. It was an informative and memorable experience that will support them as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

Miss Jewell



PRIMARY - PENINSULA

Broadstairs

Year 1 had a fantastic opportunity to visit the beach as part of their learning across the curriculum. They visited Viking Bay in Broadstairs. The children loved seeing a different environment and exploring it. The children had a picnic, played in the sand and paddled in the water's edge. Thank you to all parents who supported on the trip.

Ariya

'I really liked paddled in the water with my feet because I liked how it felt. '

Mathild

'It was a fantastic trip and enjoyed. I liked the seaweed when we went in the sea.'

Arthur

'I liked the sand because it was soft. I made sandcastles.'

Ms Hellyer



Year 4 Cricket Festival

On Monday 22nd June, 8 children from Year 4 took part in a cricket festival. The children had fun and worked well as a team. They played 3 matches and improved each time, ending with a victory that made them so proud and excited. They showed great durability and resilience despite the heat. It was pleasing to see them continually encouraging one another and helping each other out.

Joel – I'm so happy we won and I got an award.

Darasimi – My favourite bit was hitting the ball outside the boundaries.

Kelsea – It was really fun, I loved it all.

Mr Lillitos



PRIMARY – CHRIST CHURCH

Online Learning with the Lords Session



Year 5 really enjoyed our session with Baroness Bennett. We learnt about the role of the House of Lords in Parliament. It was fascinating to see where debates take place, who sits where, and why. We didn't realise that there are so many lords and baronesses! Baroness Bennett was so welcoming and open, and she answered all of our questions (some of which were quite challenging). We were amazed by her journey to becoming a baroness, as well as the issues she has raised and the changes she is trying to make to help improve our society. What really impressed us was the fact that she has three degrees!

Year 5 Christ Church



Ecology Park

Reception enjoyed an exciting visit to the ecology park! After learning about the important rules to help keep us safe, we explored the park and discovered lots of interesting plants while listening carefully to the many birds around us.

We were fascinated to learn about a plant that dinosaurs used to eat, and we also had the chance to smell a mint plant that is similar to the mint used in toothpaste!

Later, we learned more about the birds we could hear around the park before meeting a very special animal — a newt. Holding the newt was definitely our favourite part of the day, especially as it tickled our hands!

Although the weather was very rainy and there were not many insects to spot, we still had lots of fun exploring and learning outdoors.

A big thank you to all the adults who joined us and supported the trip.

Miss Baptise



PRIMARY – CHRIST CHURCH

Young City Makers

Year 5 are working in collaboration with Young City Makers, an organisation that introduces young children to the world of architecture. On Wednesday, we visited 1 Canada Square in Canary Wharf, where we were given a tour of the building and shown areas that have been created for the community to enjoy, play, and relax. It was a wonderful trip despite the torrential rain!

Ms Ewusi-Aikins



Feast for the Eyes

Christ Church hosted its first art show 'Feast for the Eyes' on Friday 19th after school. All staff managed to get their pupils to produce work of a good standard. There were prints, photographs and textiles on a variety of topics.

Artists such as Paul Klee, William Morris, Romare Bearden, Wassily Kandinsky, Bridget Riley and the late David Hockney served as great inspiration for the pupils. The work in each year group was beautifully mounted and labelled and it was cleverly displayed on the climbing apparatus, adding an extra special touch.

We hope that this will become a regular event to look forward to each summer!

Ms Ewusi-Aikins



PRIMARY – CHRIST CHURCH

Butterflies

Joy in Reception and her family have been carefully watching caterpillars grow into chrysalises and then transform into beautiful butterflies. They kindly brought them into school for us to release in the school garden, which was very exciting!

We even gave the butterflies names — Rosie, Mary and Romane — before setting them free. Two fluttered away happily, while one stayed resting on some flowers for a little while, which was lovely to watch.

We all waved goodbye to the butterflies as they flew off into the garden.

A huge thank you to Joy and her family for sharing this special experience with us. 🌸🦋



Creation Story

This term, Rev Dom visited our class and helped us learn about the Creation Story in a fun and engaging way. Using a variety of props, he brought the story to life and helped us understand the different stages of God's creation.

After listening to the story, we discussed our favourite parts and shared our thoughts with one another. The children particularly enjoyed talking about the animals, plants, and the creation of the world. We also explored the Christian belief that all of creation is special and should be valued and cared for.

This interactive experience helped deepen our understanding of the Creation Story and encouraged us to reflect on the beauty of the world around us. We would like to thank Rev Dom for making our RE lesson so memorable and enjoyable.

Miss Baptise



Potato Seeds

Back in March, we planted some potato seeds and carefully watered and looked after them as they grew. Over the weeks, they developed into huge, healthy potato plants!

Tuesday 16th June was harvesting day, and we were delighted to collect over 32 potatoes. We are incredibly proud of what we have grown.

After washing our potatoes, we chopped them up and turned them into delicious homemade chips. What a fantastic farm-to-fork experience!



Miss Baptise

SECONDARY

2026 LEAVERS' DAY

Good morning everyone, welcome to the class of 2026 leavers day. A day that's been in the making for five years, a day that some wished came sooner whilst others wished it came later, but most importantly, OUR day. The one WE worked hard for and deserve to enjoy. A moment meant for us to celebrate how much WE'VE accomplished together. NO single speech can sum up the countless experiences we all went through and how they guided us. The ups and downs we faced molded us into the people we are now.

Because our journey has been so varied, we aren't just going to hear from one voice today. Your prefects are going to take us down memory lane, give us advice and give us our final send off.

On behalf of all the students, we would like to say a humongous thank you to all the staff for your support, encouragement, and motivation throughout our time at school. You have helped us grow, challenged us to achieve our best, and created memories that we will carry with us long after today. Thank you for everything you have done for us, we appreciate you all.



I am so proud of what we have become, a year group who has taken initiative turned what may have once been flaws into power, we have grown so much and I can honestly say that I am proud to know you all, the bonds we have created will always have a special place in my heart, from old friends to people who I could never have imagined I would love so Dearly from the bottom of my heart I say thank you because you have given me a life some people will dream a lifetime for, you've made me feel special in all ways, there was never a dull moment with this year group, and so I congratulate and thank you once more for being unforgettably you.



A honourable mention to the history department for organising the trip to Berlin. I don't know if they are in the room with us but shout out to Mr Greenhalgh (J), Mr Gayle (D), Miss Emer (J) and Mr Freeburn of course! I remember exploring the markets, buying souvenirs, learning German. I also remember playing games in each other's rooms. We got rewarded and got a suitable title to describe our impact on the trip - e.g. I got best PJ nights (D), I got best positivity (J). Finally, one thing I can't forget to mention is the price. Price may be expensive but memories were for free.

I can't give my final words without mentioning Berlin. Even though it was absolutely freezing, it ended up being one of the warmest memories I'll take away from St Mary's. Berlin showed me that St Mary's is more than just a school. It's a place where people come together, support one another, and create memories that stay with you long after you've left. As I stand here giving my final words as a prefect, I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunities, the lessons, the friendships, and every person who has been part of this journey. Thank you for making these years so special. Being your prefect has been a privilege I'll never forget, and no matter where life takes us next, a part of me will always belong to St Mary's.

SECONDARY

Our time here has finally come to an end. After a long 5 years of memories shared together. Some less, but that doesn't matter, regardless of the time spent, we've all shared the euphoric feeling of growing up together - almost like a Family as the school says. We ridiculed them for saying that but it grew to become true whether we like it or not. - whether it was cringing at a teachers joke, complaining about the hectic lunch lines or terrible tests. Now that our journey together is over, don't be sad it's over, be happy it happened. Let the end of this journey be a reminder that no matter what we do, where we go or what we face, the life we live is something special. Don't dwell on these moments in sorrow but remember think of what we experienced as an ephemeral beauty. When we leave this hall, we are closing this page of secondary and moving onto a new chapter of our lives. Moving on can be exciting, but it can also be a little frightening. Leaving behind familiar faces, routines, and places isn't always easy. Yet growth often begins when we step outside our comfort zones. The future may be uncertain, but it is also full of possibilities. Let's embrace the opportunities ahead, learn from every experience, and never be afraid to chase our ambitions.



The future is not something we simply enter—it is something we create. I won't rant too long but I'd like to leave you guys with a quote from a wise man that goes by Santan Dave, he says 'would you rather be the person talking? Or be the person doing all the things that people talk about' instead of being idle and watching your dreams run past you. Chase them and make yourself proud.



Throughout our secondary journey, we've all had our friendship ups and downs, and we've grown, and learned and evolved with the experiences we've received. It's time we embrace our peers one last time, treasuring the heartwarming moments we've shared in the past. It's time we celebrate our achievements and flourish in our successes as a year group. I've grown so much and I've been able to find myself in a loving, supportive, and caring environment surrounded with the people I love most, my sisters. I will cherish you all deeply in my heart. I think it's important we all give thanks to those who've been with us since the beginning, those we've met in between and those who will continue to support you throughout the rest of our lives in the future.

SECONDARY

Careers Week

Careers Week at St Mary Magdalene took place at the start/end of June. Our students enjoyed an incredible range of opportunities to explore future careers, meet employers and experience the workplace.

Our Year 10 students spent the week on work experience across a wide range of sectors, including finance, healthcare, technology, hospitality, housing, the creative industries, education and the voluntary sector. Employers consistently praised our students for their enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to learn.

There were some fantastic individual experiences. Jayda accompanied the Chief Executive of the English Rural Housing Association to a meeting at Westminster, where she prepared a briefing to support discussions with an MP about affordable housing. Janice spent the week at the London Stock Exchange Group, gaining first-hand experience of global finance, data analytics and investment while working alongside industry professionals. Abdullahi gained an insight into pharmaceutical clinical research and medical aesthetics, while Favour worked alongside the marketing team at Kinetika Bloco, learning about the day-to-day running of a creative arts organisation.

Careers Week wasn't just about work experience. Throughout the week, students across the school explored careers through their curriculum lessons. For example, Year 7 History students discovered what it is like to work as an archaeologist, while Design & Technology students explored the wide range of careers involved in designing and constructing a skyscraper. These activities helped students make meaningful links between what they learn in the classroom and the opportunities available beyond school.

Our Year 12 students also took part in mock interviews with professionals from organisations including PwC, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, the Financial Times, the University of London, InHealth and the Newham Community Renewal Programme. The volunteers gave up their time to provide every student with personalised feedback and interview experience, helping them prepare for university, apprenticeships and employment.

There were opportunities beyond the classroom too. Years 8 and 9 attended careers assemblies exploring the many different routes available after school, while a group of Year 9 and Year 12 girls visited Escape Studios to learn about careers in animation, gaming and visual effects. Through the Motivez programme, students also experienced engineering and digital manufacturing at UCL MechSpace, and Year 12 students met Paint the Change to hear about an exciting community journalism project taking place in Greenwich.

A huge thank you to every employer, volunteer and member of staff who helped make Careers Week such a success. We are incredibly grateful for the time, expertise and encouragement they gave our students. Experiences like these help our young people to raise their aspirations, build confidence and make informed decisions about their futures.



SECONDARY

Escape Studios, London Art Careers Trip

As part of Careers Week, a selected group of Year 9 and Year 12 girls visited Escape Studios in London to explore career opportunities within the animation, gaming, and film industries. The visit formed part of a wider initiative aimed at encouraging more women and girls to consider careers in sectors where they have historically been underrepresented.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to meet and hear from the inspiring **Priya Shah**, an award-winning director and 3D Layout Artist who has worked on projects for Netflix and Sky Kids. Priya shared her career journey, offered valuable industry insights, and spoke about the skills and determination required to succeed in the creative industries.

Students also participated in a hands-on 3D animation workshop, where they were introduced to professional industry techniques and gained practical experience of the creative process behind animation production.

The experience was both inspiring and empowering. Students left feeling motivated to learn more about animation, gaming, and film, and confident that these exciting career pathways could be within their reach.

Ms Anderson



Pottery Club

Our Year 7s, 8s and 9s have been learning how to make clay busts with artists from the City and Guilds of London Art School, which they are completing across the course of six weeks.

In these photos the students are making armatures, which are a frame clay will be sculpted over the top of. Going forward they will sculpt a head from observation using a life model for reference.

The club has provided a relaxed and supportive environment where pupils can experiment, express themselves, and share ideas with friends. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to try new things each week.

Mr Ashwell



SECONDARY

Paris 2026

In May, 30 students from Years 7–9 travelled to Paris for four unforgettable days of language, culture and adventure. Accompanied by Mrs Victoria Wainwright, Miss Atiya Roberts, Mr Theo Johns and Mr Jean Tarjot, students embraced every opportunity to practise their French, broaden their horizons and represent St Mary Magdalene with pride.

The trip was built around our Modern Foreign Languages values of openness to the world, resilience and respect, and our students demonstrated these qualities throughout. From navigating the busy Paris Métro to ordering meals independently in French, they showed growing confidence and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

The itinerary included visits to some of France's most famous landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Louvre Museum, Montmartre and Sacré-Cœur. For many students, seeing the Mona Lisa in person for the first time was a genuine highlight and brought classroom learning to life in a powerful way.

One of the most memorable experiences was an evening cruise along the River Seine, where students enjoyed spectacular views of Paris from the water. Seeing the city illuminated at sunset provided a special moment of reflection and appreciation for the beauty and history of the French capital.

Students also relished the opportunity to experience authentic French culture through food. A visit to a traditional café and restaurant in the lively Saint-Michel district allowed them to order in French, sample local cuisine and experience everyday life in Paris first-hand.

Their politeness and respect towards restaurant staff were frequently commented upon throughout the trip.

The visit to Disneyland Paris was, unsurprisingly, a major success. Students thoroughly enjoyed the attractions and showed remarkable resilience during a very long but rewarding day. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude helped make it one of the standout memories of the visit.

Perhaps the most unexpected highlight came during our final day in Montmartre. An impromptu football match developed beneath the Sacré-Cœur between students from different year groups. What began as a simple game quickly became a wonderful display of our values of family and fellowship. Older and younger students played together, encouraged one another and shared a genuine sense of community. The match even attracted the attention of curious passers-by, creating one of those spontaneous moments that no itinerary can plan but which often become the most treasured memories.

Throughout the trip, students walked many miles across Paris, demonstrating excellent resilience, maturity and teamwork. They supported one another, represented the school superbly and returned with a deeper appreciation of French language and culture.

We are extremely proud of the way our students conducted themselves throughout the visit. Their behaviour, curiosity and willingness to embrace new experiences reflected the very best of St Mary Magdalene and the Koinonia Federation.

Mr Tarjot



SECONDARY

Year 8 Drama House Competition

At the end of last half term, Year 8 students took part in an exciting Drama House Competition. Drawing on their studies of Greek myths and legends, students devised and performed a range of creative and engaging pieces that showcased their talent, imagination and hard work.

The competition was a great success, and it was wonderful to see such high quality performances across all houses. Congratulations to Red House for taking first place with Orange House finishing as worthy runners-up. Well done to everyone involved for their enthusiasm, creativity, and outstanding efforts!

Miss Reading



Year 9 Art CCD Trip, Friday 3rd July

In June 60 Year 9 students visited Ravensbourne University to explore a range of exciting career pathways within the creative industries. Throughout the day, they participated in a series of hands-on workshops and gained valuable insight into fields such as content creation, gaming, character design, and digital media.

Students also learned how social media can be used effectively as a professional tool to showcase creative work, build a portfolio, and develop a personal brand. The experience provided a valuable introduction to further education opportunities and the diverse careers available within the art, design, and technology sectors.

During the visit, students enjoyed lunch and time for reflection beside the River Thames, overlooking the O2 Arena. The day was a great success, with students describing it as an “amazing experience” and expressing a desire to take part in more opportunities like this in the future.

Ms Anderson



SECONDARY

Poetry By Heart Competition

I am delighted to share the fantastic outcome of this year's national Poetry By Heart Competition.

Poetry By Heart is a prestigious national competition that celebrates the learning and performance of poetry by young people across the UK. We are incredibly proud that two of our students received national recognition for their performances:

Solomon O-Highly Commended
Genesis A - Commended

These are outstanding achievements and reflect the students' hard work, dedication, and passion for poetry.

Please join me in congratulating Solomon and Genesis on representing our school so exceptionally well.

Miss Baah



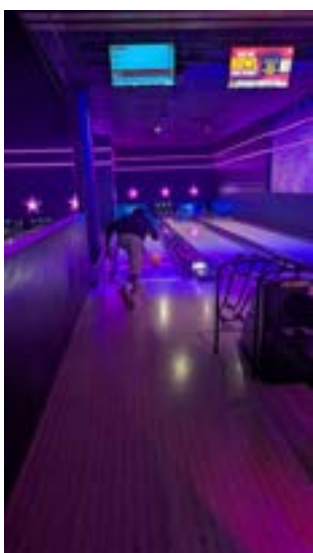
KS3 Summer Drawing Master Class

This summer term, KS3 students across the secondary phase have an exciting opportunity to develop their artistic skills, build confidence, and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of drawing in a relaxed and creative environment.

Over the next five weeks, from 3:15- 4:15 pm after school, students will take part in a Drawing Masterclass led by a professional artist, learning new techniques and approaches while refining their own artistic style.

I can't think of a better way to end the term than by spending time with like-minded young artists, exploring creativity, and developing valuable technical skills in a supportive and inspiring setting.

Ms Anderson



Year 13 End-of-Year Social Outing

To celebrate the end of their Sixth Form journey, a group of our Year 13 students enjoyed a fun-filled social outing together. The day included an exciting game of football at TOCA Social, followed by bowling, giving students the opportunity to relax, celebrate their achievements and make lasting memories with friends and staff.

It was the perfect way to round off their time at Sixth Form, and we wish them every success in the future

SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Culture Day & Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Our Sixth Form recently celebrated two memorable events to mark the end of the academic year. Culture Day showcased the rich diversity of our school community, with students proudly sharing their cultures through traditional dress, food and displays, highlighting the inclusive spirit of our Sixth Form.

We also celebrated our Year 13 students at their Leavers' Assembly, reflecting on their achievements and the positive contribution they have made during their time with us. We wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their journey.



Year 13 Formal Dinner

Our Year 13 students enjoyed a wonderful evening at their Formal Dinner, celebrating the end of their Sixth Form journey together.

The event was filled with laughter, memories and reflections as students and staff came together to mark this important milestone. It was a fitting celebration of all that our Year 13 cohort has achieved, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future



SIXTH FORM

Year 12 Oxford University Day Trip

Our Year 12 students enjoyed a visit to the University of Oxford, where they explored the campus, learned about university life, and gained valuable insight into higher education.

The trip inspired students to think about their future aspirations and the opportunities available to them.



Year 12 Cambridge University Trip

Mrs Harrison took 8 Year 12 students to the Cambridge University Open Day on Thursday 9th July. It was an opportunity to explore a range of colleges. Everyone enjoyed finding out about life at Cambridge, the subjects they offer and what living in a college entails. It was a hot day so there was also the chance to sit on the banks of the River Cam and watch the punts pass by.

The school trip to Cambridge was one of the best experiences I had for a very long time! It was an unforgettable experience because of the many historic values behind all the colleges there. Walking through the beautiful streets made the city full of history and adventure. Spending the day with the teacher and my peers made it even more enjoyable, and I learned many interesting facts about the university and the courses they offer. Overall, it was a fantastic trip that was both fun and educational, and it will be an experience I will always remember. - Youssef M



SPORTS UPDATES

Sports Day 2026 – new records set!

This year's Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of athleticism, teamwork and House spirit. Pupils competed with determination, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the day, representing their House teams exceptionally well both on and off the track.

The standard of competition was incredibly high, with several long-standing records being broken, making this year's event one to remember.

Congratulations to all pupils for their outstanding effort, sportsmanship and support of their fellow competitors.

Secondary PE Team

Congratulations and a huge well done to the below pupils who broke Sports Day records this year:

Year 7

Israel A – 100m – 12.6s

Tia C – 100m – 13.1s

Mark R – 800m – 2:37.50

Israel A – High Jump – 1.35m

Tia C – 1 High Jump – 1.26m

Year 9

Bryan N – 100m – 11.4s

Nazirah A – 100m – 13.2s

Tareyah H– 200m – 27.2s

Nykee L– Shot Put – 11.00m

Year 10

Fola O – 75m Hurdles – 12.6s

Caleb Da – 800m – 2:31.00

Honey M – 800m – 3:24.00

Samad B– Long Jump – 4.48m

Georgia D – Shot Put – 7.80m

Flag Football

The Flag Football Teams have continued their success with two tournament wins for the U13 Mixed and U15 Mixed teams.

The U15 Girls team also won their East London League, qualifying for the London Championships and the London Regionals.

We look to improve further next year with a push to qualify for nationals.



SPORTS UPDATES

Cricket

It has been an exciting term for our KS3 cricket teams, with both the boys' and girls' teams making fantastic progress. The boys have shown great determination, narrowly losing to Woolwich Polytechnic before bouncing back with impressive victories over Deptford Green and Ark Greenwich Free School.

Meanwhile, our girls' team celebrated two historic milestones, winning their first friendly against Leigh Academy before securing their first ever competitive victory against Ark Greenwich Free School. Across both teams, we have recorded four wins and just one loss so far, highlighting the excellent development of cricket at St Mary Magdalene.



Y8 Football Team – Double Champions!

Our Y8 Boys Football were crowned North Kent Cup Champions after a penalty shootout victory against St Columbas.

The boys were also crowned Blackheath Cup Champions following their 1-0 victory against St Dunstons. This is the first time a SMM Football team has won either competition and is a fantastic achievement.



Cheerleading Team

Our Cheerleading Team competed in their first competition in July.

They performed brilliantly and were awarded the Spirit Award; a fantastic achievement on their debut!