



### May Day

Last week's May Day celebrated a European festival that dates back nearly a thousand years. It marks the beginning of summer and is usually celebrated at the beginning of May - halfway between the Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice.



## Upcoming Events

### May 2026

- 11th - 14th May: KS2 SATs Week - Good Luck Year 6!
- 25th - 29th May: May Half Term (School Closed)
- Year 4&5 Young City Makers; Workshop
- Year 4&5 Gurdwara Shepherd's Bush
- Year 1&2 Battersea Zoo
- Year 4&5 Young City Makers' Field Trip to the Barbican
- Young City Makers' Awards Ceremony
- Year 6 London Aquarium & Picnic in the Park

### June 2026

- Year 4&5 on school journey at Sayers Croft
- PTA Father Figures' Bake Sale with details to follow
- Crazy Hair Day
- Coffee Morning for International Day Planning
- Young City Makers Award Ceremony

### July 2026

- Year 3&4 MathsWorld
- Sports Day Monday 6th July
- Key Stage Two Royal Ballet & Opera Massed Dance for Rights
- International Day
- Year 3&4 Roman Day
- Year 6 Leavers' Prom

**Please ensure that your child is in school on time each day.**

**The school gates open 08:45.**

### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Reception for the best attendance (100%) last week!

Last week's attendance in each class:

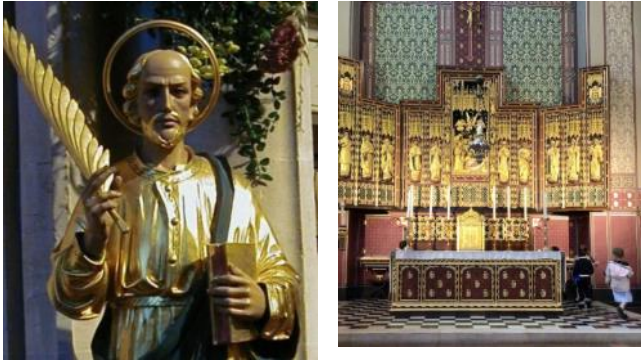
**Nursery 92%**  
**Reception 100%**  
**Year 1 96%**  
**Year 2 94%**  
**Year 3 94%**  
**Year 4 95%**  
**Year 5 98%**  
**Year 6 99%**

### PHOTOGRAPHS

We do apologise for the school class photograph date being moved. It was unavoidable and we're very sorry that families weren't aware.

### Trip to St Matthew's Church

As part of our Religious Education topic, Reception children visited St Matthew's Church and asked lots of interesting questions about what they saw. In addition, the children went on a very exciting treasure hunt, looking for objects related to Christianity. They said they would love to visit again soon.



### Early Years

Making the most of this lovely weather, Early Years pupils have been learning in the garden. The water tray gives them a sensory rich learning experience as they develop their hand eye coordination. The sand pit gives them different textures and develops their fine motor skills.



### Staff Led Clubs

Clubs have started and the children are really enjoying them.

Tuesday Key Stage Two Choir

Wednesday Reading & Homework Club  
Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday Reading & Homework Club  
Year 4, 5 & 6

Thursday Science Club

Thursday Drawing, Bookmaking & Games Club

We also have a lunchtime Chess Club for Year 4/5&6 which they absolutely love!

Research shows chess improves memory, academic performance, critical thinking and problem solving. It also positively affects the ability to plan ahead.



This week, Year 4/5 took part in an exciting workshop hosted by a group of talented architects, engineers and designers as part of the Young City Makers programme. We learnt all about the Victoria Street development and even came up with our own designs! The next part of the programme includes a tour of the Barbican later in May.