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Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

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Dear Parents,

We look forward to half term next week and hope everyone has a good rest before returning for the last of the summer term when there will be lots more lessons to be taught in all classes before teachers complete their end of year Teacher Assessments.

Formal assessments will include ‘Good Level of Development’ for Reception, Year 1 Phonics Check, Year 4 Multiplication Test and Year 5 Optional SATS, all to be completed in June. Well done to staff and pupils in Years 2 and 6 for their hard work and determination during their KS 1 and 2 SATS this term.

Sports Days - We are planning Sports Day for Years 1 - 6 pupils to be held in Wapping Rose Garden on Garnet Street on 4th July and Reception and Nursery pupils will have their Sports Day in school on the afternoon of July 11th. Parents are welcome to attend and more details will be provided after half term.

TastEd - The Healthy Lives Team will visit school on Friday 9th June to offer interactive sessions around healthy eating. The main goal of Taste Education (TastEd) is to give children in KS1 and KS2 the opportunity to experience fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices, and other healthy foods in a positive way. These sessions will encourage pupils to try new fruits and vegetables. The hope is that pupils become more willing to try new foods, especially vegetables (whether at home or in the school lunch hall), more articulate at describing why they do and don't like certain foods and equip them with the skills they need to learn to try new foods.

Congratulations – We are very pleased to announce that eight pupils from across the school have won the Tower Hamlets Poetry Competition. Their entries will be published in a book which will be available next term. All eight will be invited to a prize giving ceremony where the overall school prizes will be awarded.

In a separate poetry competition to celebrate the coronation of King Charles, Year 6 pupil Arya wrote a great poem, ‘A Kingdom of Words’, which will feature in a published book that will sit in the National Archives of The British Library. What an honour for Arya! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you. Winners will be announced at assembly tomorrow.

Lenten Appeal - Thank you for your contribution to the Catholic Children's Society Lent appeal which raised £345.50, well done to all who fasted and saved for this charity during Lent. Congratulations to the group of keen bakers in Year 5 who raised a further £382 at their cake sale in St Patricks.

Parent Fundraising meeting - Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the meeting last week we look forward to working with you to help raise funds for school resources. The next meeting will be held on Friday 16th June at 8:30am. Please see the posters re cuts and fundraising on the notice boards. We will provide updates of future events and fundraising finances in the ‘Parent Association’ section under the ‘Parent’ tab on the website. I hope you enjoy the ice lolly sale today to mark the start of half term and hopefully summer too!

Holiday Childcare - Half-term Holiday Childcare scheme will be held in St Anne's and Guardian Angels school, Underwood Rd, London E1 5AW from Tuesday 30th May until Friday 2nd June. For more information click [here](#). School finishes today at 2pm and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 5th June.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. Have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8 th June	- Y4 trip to London Mithraeum
Friday 9 th June	- Y1 - Y6 TastEd sessions

Sunday 11 th June	- First Holy Communion St Patrick's Church
WB 12 th June	- Y1 Phonics screening
Friday 16 th June	- Parent fundraising meeting 8:30am
WB 19 th June	- Y6 Gorsefield residential week
Monday 19 th June	- Nur, Rec & Y1 Fluoride application
Thursday 22 nd June	- St Thomas More & St John Fisher Mass in church at 9:30am
Saturday 24 th June	- First Holy Communion English Martyrs Church
Thursday 29 th June	- Feast of St Peter and St Paul - First Holy Communion Mass 9:30am
Friday 30 th June	- Y5 trip to St Michael's College for Masterclasses
Tuesday 4 th July	- Y1 – Y6 Sports Day – Wapping Rose Garden
Monday 10 th July	- Y5 trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
Tuesday 11 th July	- EYFS Sports Day in school 1:30 – 3pm
Friday 14 th July	- Y6 Leavers Mass
Thursday 20 th July	- Last day of school