



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 6

UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

It's been another busy and exciting week at St Mary's! Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Pitzhanger Manor&Gallery, where they enjoyed exploring and learning through hands-on activities, they represented the school beautifully and had a wonderful time.

Meanwhile, Year 5/6 have been showing great teamwork and creativity in the construction pit, building an impressive den together during playtimes. It's been lovely to see their imagination and problem-solving skills in action.

Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to welcoming you all for Parents' Meetings, thank you to everyone who has already signed up. During the evenings, we will also be holding our Book Fair, which is a great opportunity to stock up on some early Christmas presents and encourage a love of reading at home. In addition, our new catering company, The Orchard, will be offering taster samples of their delicious school meals, so please do stop by and try them.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

God bless,
Mrs Nettleship



Year 5/6 Building a den



Damson Class at Pitzhanger Manor&Gallery

NOTICES

- **School Trips-DBS Forms:** If you would like to join us on school trips, please request a DBS form from the office or contact us at office@stmarysschoolng.org
- **Healthy Snacks:** We encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time to support their well-being and concentration.
- **Parking:** Please park responsibly outside the school during pick-up and drop-off times to ensure everyone's safety.

Attendance Champions	
	Beech 98.82%
	Elm 96.46%
	Field Maple 96.15%



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How we have grown this week!



Saplings

This week, Saplings explored Dig Dig Digging and thought about "Who am I?" in school, sharing things they enjoy. They also explored repeats in stories and practised number names.

Ash

Ash Class read *When Mummy Combs My Hair* by Valerie Bloom for Black History Month. We explored what makes us unique, learned new words, and celebrated our differences together.

Beech

Children in Beech Class have started making fact files in English for Black History Month. They researched Florence Joyner and enjoyed sprinting. In maths, we explored addition fact families and number relationships.

Chestnut

We learned about food chains, starting with producers and using arrows to show the order. In geography, we identified features of hot and cold places. In maths, we used number bonds to 10 to add within 20.

Damson

This week, the children enjoyed their trip to Pitzhanger Manor & House with Mrs Gunasekera. They also created Diwali art & explored different number operations in maths.

Elm Class

In RE, we explored how to demonstrate faith through selflessness. In English, we worked on balanced arguments, while in maths we practised the column method for addition and subtraction.

Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we explored our book from a new perspective. In PE, we combined term-long learning into a routine. Additionally, we deepened our understanding of micro-organisms.

Thought for the week



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

These two commandments capture the heart of all that God asks of us. Loving God means putting Him at the centre of our thoughts, actions and choices. Loving our neighbour means showing kindness, patience and understanding — even when it isn't easy. When we live by these commandments, our school, homes and community become places filled with respect, compassion and joy. Let's challenge ourselves this week to show that love through the little things we do and the words we choose to say.

Something to pray

Dear God,

Thank you for your love and for teaching us how to love others. Help us to love you with all our hearts and to show that love through our actions each day.

Teach us to be kind, forgiving and patient with those around us, so that we can be true neighbours to everyone we meet. May our words and deeds bring your love into the world. Amen.

Have You Booked Your School Meals ?

We are delighted to be serving school meals at St Mary's Church of England Primary School.

We believe that a school dinner is not just an essential part of a child's development but also a vital part of their wider schooling experience.

All school meals must be pre-booked using our online meal ordering portal.

1 Check your emails for a welcome email containing your login details.

To order, simply visit our website **2**
www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk
Please visit the "Meal Ordering Portal" tab

3 Log in to your account using the login details provided via email.

Begin placing your orders! **4**
Please ensure meals are booked by 9:00am on the day the meal is being served.



If you are experiencing any issues with your account, Please contact us using the contact details.



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DID YOU KNOW?

At Present, all children from Reception - Year 6 receive a free school meal every lunch time!

After School Club



- Tech Club – Monday
(Photography
Kahoot)
- Pizza Party - Tuesday
- Cooking Club - Wednesday
- Team Sports - Thursday
- Movie Night - Friday
3:10 – 5:00 = £8.00
3:10 – 6:00 = £12.00

Homework and Reading everyday

All bookings to be made on school money