



# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 9

## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

[Click here for upcoming dates or check your Class Dojo events](#)

### UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we began with Odd Socks Day, celebrating the message that it's wonderful to be unique and that we all stand together against bullying. On Tuesday, the whole school paused for a minute's silence for Remembrance Day. Even our Year 4 children, who were walking back from swimming at the time, stopped respectfully to take part. It was a truly thoughtful moment across the school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that we will be holding our Christmas Fair and Carols on 11th December from 3.15pm to 5pm. If anyone would like to hire a table to sell their own craft items, please let the office know.

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship



Year 4 Remembrance Day Artwork



Year 1 Odd Socks Day

### NOTICES

- **Attendance and Punctuality:** A gentle reminder that good attendance and being on time every day help children make the most of their learning.
- **Reading at Home:** Please remember to listen to your child read daily and sign their reading record. Regular reading supports confidence and progress.
- **Homework:** Completing homework and practising key skills at home reinforces classroom learning and helps children develop good study habits.

Attendance Champions	
	Beech 100%
	Damson 98.37%
	Elm 98.26%



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

Saplings explored the Little Red Riding Hood story, learned about sounds and a stranger danger song, and discussed how to stay safe. We also began ordering number names, noticing 1, 2, 3.

## Ash

Ash Class finished our Remembrance Day poppy story and used key school-value words confidently. In RE, we began exploring the Christmas Nativity story with curiosity and enthusiasm.

## Beech

Beech Class have been material detectives, exploring the school and identifying materials and their properties. In English, they finished fact files on Simone Biles and enjoyed making marks to music in Art.

## Chestnut

We researched worms like scientists and learned about the Wright brothers' historic first flight in 1903. We also practised addition and subtraction without exchange and explored Jesus' teaching in RE.

## Damson

Damson Class learned about the layers of the Earth and how mountains form. In PSHE, we discussed what makes a good friend and how to resolve friendship difficulties.

## Elm Class

We started learning about circuits in Science, explored Ironman in English, practised multiplication in Maths, and had fun in DT by exploring different textures and tastes while tasting biscuits.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we looked at what is important in a pilgrimage. In English we explored more of the characters thoughts and feelings. For Anti-Bullying week, we used 'Windows, Mirrors and Doors' to help us analyse a bullying scenario.

## Thought for the week



**"Deborah was a wise leader who helped God's people do what was right." Judges 4:5**

This week, the children have been learning about Deborah, a remarkable leader from the Bible who guided God's people with wisdom, courage and fairness. Deborah listened carefully to God, she encouraged others to be brave, and she used her gifts to bring people together.

Her story reminds us that leadership is not about being the loudest or the strongest, but about using the talents God has given us to help others, to make good choices and to stand up for what is right. Each of us, whether child or adult, has the ability to lead in our own way by showing kindness, speaking truthfully, and supporting those around us. Just like Deborah, we can make a difference when we choose to act with wisdom and courage.

### Something to pray

Dear God,  
Thank you for the example of Deborah, a wise and courageous leader who helped your people do what was right. Help us to listen carefully, to make good choices and to use the gifts you have given us to help others. Give us the courage to be leaders in our classrooms, homes and community, and guide us to act with fairness, kindness and wisdom each day.  
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](http://www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk)  
Please visit the "Meal Ordering Portal" tab

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

**4** Begin placing your orders!  
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!

# THE PLOUGH & ST. MARY'S CHURCH NORWOOD GREEN

Tentelow Lane UB2 4LG | 020 8574 7473

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Saturday 29th November**  
**1pm - 6pm**



**Craft Stalls, Interactive Stalls, Face Painting, ,  
Santa's Grotto, Live Music,  
Carol Singing, Mulled Wine,  
Great Food & Beer**



# Gentleman's Bake Off

## Sunday 14th December

Bring your entries to The Plough Pub  
by 2pm  
for judging at 2:30pm

The Plough Pub Norwood Green, Tentelow Lane UB2 4LG | 020 8574 7473

**BAKES WILL BE SOLD AFTER THE JUDGING.  
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HOPE FOR SOUTHALL STREETHOMELESS**



# 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

**FREE**

# onlineparenting workshop



**FATHERS  
GROUP**

## Father / Child Bonds: Building Connection Through Presence

Delivered by:  
Derek Willis  
Ealing Parenting  
Service

Tuesday, 25th  
November 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS  
Teams

Fathers often play a unique and vital role in the journey of raising children. For fathers of children with additional needs, this journey can bring rewarding moments and also present distinct challenges that shape family life from birth through adulthood and beyond.

This workshop is specifically designed for fathers like you –men who are seeking not only support and guidance, but also community and empowerment as you navigate the complexities of raising a child with additional needs



**Please note:** this is a targeted workshop for **men only**.

**email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to register your place**



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# FREE onlineparenting workshop



## PARENTAL RELATIONSHIPS & HOW THEY IMPACT ON RELATIONSHIPS

Delivered by Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting Service

Tuesday 18th  
November 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

This workshop offers the opportunity to look at what makes and breaks relationships, and the impacts of these relationships on parenting.

This session will give you an understanding on what makes relationships healthy, and identifying behaviours that contribute to conflict or emotional strain.

This session is aimed at parents/carers of children and young people of all ages

email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to register or for more info