



# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 11

## UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Year 4 visited Pitsanger Manor&Gallery and enjoyed a wonderful printing workshop, where they explored different techniques and learned about a variety of painting styles. Year 2 took part in a joint trip with our Ecclesia Partnership Schools to RAF Hendon, where they had a fantastic time discovering the aircraft and interactive displays. Year 5 and Year 6 also presented their class assembly, sharing their learning confidently and clearly.

On 11th December, we will be holding our Christmas Fair and Carols. This is always a lovely event for the whole school community, and we are looking forward to welcoming families to enjoy festive music, stalls, and seasonal activities. The children have already begun preparing, and we hope it will be a joyful way to celebrate the end of term together. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up via Class Dojo – your support is greatly appreciated.

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship



Year 6 Advent Class Assembly



Year 2 visit to RAF Museum Hendon



Year 4 at Pitsanger Manor and Gallery

### CHRISTMAS DATES

- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Non-uniform day for children who bring in a tombola prize
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** EYFS nativity to parents at 9.15am
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Fayre&Carols at 3.15pm
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Troubadour Pantomime-The Beauty and the Beast
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity at 9.15am
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Holy Communion
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** End of term St Leonard's church service at 9.30am
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at 1.15pm

### Attendance Champions

	Field Maple 98.57%
	Elm 98.26%
	Damson 96.80 %



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

This week Saplings explored The Three Little Pigs, describing differences in building materials. We also discussed Christmas celebrations around the world and modelled saying 1, 2 and 3 together.

## Ash

In Ash Class, we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas production. In RE, we made our own Nativity scenes and learned why Christmas is special to Christians.

## Beech

This week we carried out experiments to test the absorbency of different materials. The Christmas season has begun as we prepare songs, make decorations, and learn about the Angel Gabriel visiting the shepherds.

## Chestnut

Chestnut Class visited the RAF Museum in Hendon, exploring early planes and their materials. We also studied light in religious paintings and learned to draw and count sides of 2D shapes

## Damson

We have been super mathematicians, practising multiplication and using counters for grouping. In Geography, we classified volcanoes and learned the differences between dormant, active, and extinct types this week..

## Elm Class

We visited Pitzhanger Manor&Gallery, created 3D objects in Art by drawing and learning techniques, and interpreted Bible quotes in RE, exploring their meaning and significance.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

We enjoyed finishing our own stories and creating challenges for our main characters. We performed our Advent assembly for parents and analysed Christmas adverts in RE to understand their messages.

## Thought for the week

“The Lord told Jonah, “Go to the great city of Nineveh and tell them to turn from their evil ways.” Jonah 3:1-2

Jonah's story reminds us that sometimes we are called to do things that feel challenging, uncomfortable, or even a little scary. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh at first, but God gave him a second chance - and Jonah chose to listen. Because of his courage and obedience, a whole city changed for the better.

In our school community, we all have opportunities to make good choices, to show kindness, and to help others turn things around when they are not going down the right path. Jonah teaches us that doing the right thing can make a big difference, and that God is always ready to guide us, even when the task seems big.

As we go through this week, let us think about how we can listen carefully, act bravely, and help bring positive change wherever we go.

### Something to pray

Loving God,

Thank you for the story of Jonah and for showing us that you guide us even when we feel unsure. Help us to make good choices, to be brave when something is difficult, and to use our words and actions to bring kindness and goodness to others.  
Amen

# Christmas Fair and Carols



School Hall & Garden

Thursday

11th Dec

3.15 pm - 5 pm

*Gift*

*Food*

*Stalls*

free entry

*Christmas  
Games*

*Hot  
Chocolate*

# 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**

# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

3:00pm

Sunday  
14th  
December



**JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

St Leonard's Church, Heston Road, TW5 0RD



# 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**



# Winter 2025 Junior Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Program

**BOOKINGS OPEN**  
Wednesday 12 November

**22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026**

(Excluding Weekends, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

Young people can book to attend up to 4 sessions, free\* across the whole programme.

**GET ACTIVE** try yoga, circus skills, taekwondo, trips and visits.

**GET CREATIVE** with theatre, dance, filming, cookery, and festive crafts.

**GET SOCIAL** have fun, meet different people and enjoy food together.

To find out more and book your child's place, please scan the QR code or visit [www.ealinghaf.org.uk](http://www.ealinghaf.org.uk)

Eligible families will be emailed directly with the booking links shortly before bookings open.

Contact:

**HAF@ealing.gov.uk**

or call **020 8825 6331**

(lines open 9am -1pm)



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\*FOR ELIGIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE.

**Children & Families**

# 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.

**2**

To order, simply visit our website  
[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!

# 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