



# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 8

## 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 our Reception children hosted the Grandparents' Coffee Morning, they did a wonderful job singing songs and enjoying some colouring activities with their guests. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and to share such a special morning together.

In class, the children have been learning about Bonfire Night and created some fantastic artwork to celebrate the occasion, full of colour, sparkle, and creativity!

We were also pleased to welcome Mr Szurgot, Head of School at one of our partnership schools, who visited us this week. He was very impressed by the excellent behaviour and attitude of our children throughout the school.

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship



Firework Art by Ash Class



Grandparents' Coffee Morning



### NOTICES

- **Winter Clothing:** As the weather gets colder, please ensure children come to school with a warm coat, hat, and gloves clearly labelled with their name.
- **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.
- **Odd Socks Day:** We'll start the week with Odd Socks Day! Everyone is invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

### Attendance Champions

	Damson 96.30%
	Sapling 95.86%
	Field Maple 94.02%



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

Saplings explored 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' this week and learned about Bonfire Night. We also discussed why Christmas is special to most Christians and began ordering number names 1-4.

## Ash

This week in Ash Class, we celebrated Bonfire Night with creative fun—painting fireworks, pretending to be firefighters, and starting our poppy stories using wonderful new words like 'gloomy' and 'prance'!

## Beech

In Beech Class, we wrote firework poems using rhyme and metaphor. In science, we explored different materials, sorting classroom objects into groups based on their properties and uses.

## Chestnut

In Chestnut Class, we learned about Saint Mary, our school's namesake, explored the Wright brothers' first flight, and discussed different feelings while developing simple strategies to manage them.

## Damson

Damson Class researched floods and wrote descriptive sentences about the picture book 'Flood' by Álvaro Villa. On Friday, we did litter picking in Norwood Green, feeling pride and respect.

## Elm Class

This week we started our new English unit 'The Iron Man'. In maths, we completed area and will begin multiplication and division next week. In science we studied circuits and in history we learned about life of children in the past.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we looked at our new book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. In science we looked at the pathway of light and we explored what a pilgrimage is in RE.

## Thought for the week



**"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:1-5**

These powerful words show us two truths.

First, we remember the pain and cost of war - the bravery, sacrifice and loss of those who fought so that others might live in freedom and peace. We remember not to glorify war, but to honour the courage and commitment of those who stepped forward when the world needed them most.

Second, we are reminded of God's hope for the future - a world where weapons are turned into tools for growing, not harming. A world where nations no longer fight one another, but work side by side. A world where peace is stronger than conflict, and kindness louder than fear.

So today, we remember.

Tomorrow, we build peace.

### Something to pray

Dear God,

Lord of peace,

Today we remember those who gave their lives in times of war.

We honour the courage of those who served, and we hold in our hearts all who mourn. Thank you for the gift of their bravery, and for the freedoms we have because of their sacrifice.

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**

# online parenting workshop



Tuesday 4th  
November 2025  
10am-12pm

# SENDIASS

## & EALING'S LOCAL OFFER

An opportunity to learn about Ealing SENDIASS (SEND information & advice support service) and the support they can offer to families living in Ealing  
SENDIASS provide impartial advice to families living with a child or young person aged up to 25 years with SEND



Delivered by Ealing  
SENDIASS & Family  
Information Service

There will also be a discussion on how to navigate the Ealing Local Offer page, which offers information on how to access support and provisions available for children and young people with SEND

We will also offer a space to have your questions answered in a confidential setting

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



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# FREE onlineparenting workshop



## HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH SEPARATION & DIVORCE

Delivered by Chris Kolade  
Ealing Parenting Service

Tuesday 11th  
November 2025  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams

When a family breaks up, it is hard for everyone, but this is a reality many children face. They need to be supported to understand that their parents need to move on from being a couple to being partners in parenting

How parents handle this process and deal with any conflict has a significant impact on how their children cope with their separation

Children need the love and support of both parents as they adjust to change

In this workshop, we will look at practical steps parents can take to ease the impact of their separation on their children, and help them feel safe and secure amid their parents' break up.

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# onlineparenting workshop

## UNDERSTANDING THE STORY BEHIND YOUR TEENS EMOTIONS

This session will cover:

- Build on your and your teenagers strengths
- your teenager to understand their emotions
- Tips on how your teenager can manage their feelings
- Advice on how to manage sensory overload
- Space to have your questions answered

Our approach is trauma informed, strength based and focussed on growth

Thursday 13th  
November 2025  
7pm-9pm  
via MSTeams

Delivered By:  
**Barbara Borghetto**  
Parenting Practitioner  
Ealing Parenting Service

This workshop is targeted for parents / carers of secondary school-aged children who are neurodivergent such as ASD or ADHD (no formal diagnosis is needed)

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



**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**.

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## 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

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