



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 5

UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

This week we began our Black History Month activities, with a special focus on poetry. The children have started exploring the work of a range of poets and thinking about how poetry can be used to celebrate identity, culture, and history.

We also enjoyed our first Grandparents' Coffee Morning of the school year — it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces. A big thank you to Grey Willow Class who provided the entertainment and helped make it such a lovely morning.

In addition, Year 5 and Year 6 were the first class to visit Pitzhanger Manor&Gallery, where they explored some amazing artwork and took part in creative activities. The rest of our Key Stage 2 children will have their turn to visit over the coming weeks, and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

God bless,
Mrs Nettleship



Beech Class BHM Artwork



Year5/6 Printing Workshop 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
- **Toys in School:** Please discourage children from bringing toys to school, as we have had a high number recently, which can cause distractions and issues.
- **Healthy Snacks:** We encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time to support their well-being and concentration.

Attendance Champions



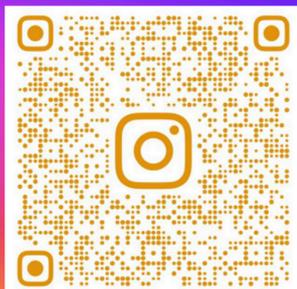
Sapling 99.39%



Field Maple 97.69%



Chestnut 97.67%



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How we have grown this week!



Saplings

This week, Saplings explored The Little Red Hen, discussed ways to show thankfulness, learned about pets, and discovered how repetition appears in stories, songs, and rhymes.

Ash

This week, Ash Class became human scales to explore heavier, lighter, and balanced. They used classroom objects to investigate, and in phonics, sound buttons supported their blending of sounds and words.

Beech

Beech Class explored Black History Month through Valerie Bloom's poetry, creating artwork inspired by friendships. In history, we compared birthday celebrations then and now, and finished writing our first adventure stories!

Chestnut

We investigated how animals and plants depend on each other, recalling that plants make their own food. We wrote cheetah reports and reflected on Jesus' words about resisting temptation.

Damson

From curating and writing adventure stories in English to mastering clever number bond tricks for addition and subtraction, it's been a week full of learning and fun!

Elm Class

Elm Class explored Black History Month poetry, learned about faith in RE by analysing quotes and its role in daily life. In maths, we began working on addition and subtraction.

Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we learned how to classify plants within the plant kingdom and discussed how climate influences migration. We also enjoyed visiting a local art gallery and taking part in a printing workshop.

Thought for the week



**"Every good and perfect gift is from above."
James s 1:17**

This week, as we celebrate Harvest, we are reminded that "Every good and perfect gift is from above." (James 1:17). Everything we have — the food we eat, the people who love us, the world around us — are gifts from God. Harvest is a time to stop and notice those gifts, to give thanks for what we have, and to remember those who may have less. When we recognise that all good things come from God, it helps us to be grateful and generous in return — sharing our time, kindness, and resources with others. Let's take a moment this week to look around and notice the "good and perfect gifts" in our lives — big and small — and to thank God for His goodness.

Something to pray

Creator God,

Thank You for every good and perfect gift You give us — for the food we eat, the homes we live in, and the people who care for us. Help us to be thankful for all we have and to share what we can with those in need. May our hearts be full of gratitude and our hands be open to give and to serve others. 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
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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



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Our ensembles rehearse monthly on a Saturday at Grange Primary School, Ealing. The centre opens at 8:30am and our ensembles and classes run from 9:00am throughout the day until our last rehearsal finishes at 5:30pm.

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