



# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 12

## UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we enjoyed another successful Grandparents' Coffee Morning, where Year 5 and Year 6 had a great time playing bingo with their grandparents.

Our School Council have visited the Houses of Parliament today. The children were excited to explore this historic building, learn more about how laws are made, and see where important national decisions take place. It has been a wonderful opportunity for them to understand more about democracy and their role as representatives of our school.

This Wednesday, Rev Anne led an assembly on Advent, helping the children reflect on the meaning of the season.

Next week, Nursery and Reception will be showcasing their Nativity play, and Year 3 will be heading to the Natural History Museum.

We would really appreciate your help with our Christmas Fair and Carols on 11th December from 3.15-5pm. Thank you for your support!

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship



St Mary's visit to the Houses of Parliament



Rev Anne's assembly on Advent

### CHRISTMAS DATES

- **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

	Sapling 97.37%
	Elm 96.96%
	Damson 94.80 %



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

This week Saplings enjoyed 'The Enormous Turnip', learning about teamwork and new vocabulary. They practised Christmas songs and explored position and space in maths through fun, hands-on activities together.

## Ash

In Ash Class, we have been enjoying festive Christmas crafts and getting creative together. In maths, we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less using practical activities.

## Beech

This week Beech class wrote adventures inspired by 'The Queen's Hat', using onomatopoeia, similes, and verbs. In Forest School, the children created beautiful Christmas decorations using dried oranges.

## Chestnut

Chestnut Class explored the bright star guiding the Wise Men and discussed guiding lights in their lives. They learned about botanists, identified plants, and investigated the Moon landing's significance.

## Damson

Year 3 explored volcanoes, discussing why people avoid living near them due to dangers like eruptions, ash clouds and lava flows. We also continued our maths work on multiplication.

## Elm Class

Elm Class have finished creating their own stories inspired by 'The Iron Man' and explored local and national issues related to peace in RE. The children have been practising the songs for the Christmas Fair, developing their confidence and teamwork.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we began writing our letter to Mr Scrooge in English. We analysed the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to see how the Nativity story is represented. In music, we started developing a film soundtrack.

## Thought for the week

**"I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "they are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11**

This week we are thinking about the beautiful promise God gives us in Jeremiah 29:11: "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "they are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Sometimes things don't go the way we expect. We might feel unsure, worried, or wonder what will happen next. But this verse reminds us that God sees the bigger picture of our lives. Even when we can't see the path clearly, God is guiding us, shaping us, and walking with us. His plans for us are full of hope, purpose, and goodness.

As we learn, grow, make choices, and face challenges, we can hold onto this promise: God wants us to flourish. He has plans that help us become the best we can be—plans filled with hope for our future.

### Something to pray

Loving God,

Thank you for the promise that you have good plans for each one of us. Help us to trust you when things feel uncertain and to remember that you guide us with love. Give us hope, courage, and wisdom in all we do this week. May we grow in kindness, understanding, and confidence as we follow the path you set before us.

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*

# 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.

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!

# 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