

Newsletter: Week 7

This half-term, we are thinking about the Parable of the Sower

One day, a farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell by the road. The birds came and ate all that seed. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where there wasn't enough dirt. That seed grew very fast, because the ground was not deep. But when the sun rose, the plants dried up because they did not have deep roots. Some other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew and choked the good plants. Some other seed fell on good ground where it grew and became grain. Some plants made 100 times more grain. Other plants made 60 times more grain, and some made 30 times more grain. - Matthew 13

Update from Mrs Blake

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments. I am immensely proud of the dedication and hard work displayed by our entire school community.

I want to express my gratitude to our exceptional staff, Trustees, Church and all our children. Your commitment to learning has been remarkable. Families, your unwavering support and partnership in your child's education have not gone unnoticed. Your involvement and encouragement have been crucial in our collective success. I look forward to seeing you all at the events we are holding next term and am thankful to the PTA for all their organising.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. Stay safe and God Bless.

Mrs Blake

Update from Mrs Nettleship

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share with you the great news that our school has achieved TfL Travel for Life Stars Accreditation, in recognition of our fantastic work to encourage safe, active responsible travel. By taking part in TfL Travel for Life, we have been able to contribute to improved road safety, better air quality, reduced congestion, and healthier active lives, both for young people in our school and the whole London community.

This fantastic achievement is a result of the combined efforts of the students, staff, and parent/carer community, and you should be very proud of this success. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to encouraging sustainable travel in our community.

If you'd like to find out more about TfL Travel for Life Accreditation (formerly TfL STARS Accreditation), please visit travelforlife.gov.uk for more details.

Please can I remind parents that Class Dojo is for communication with your class teacher. Mrs Blake, myself and the senior leadership team post whole school messages with important information about upcoming events. Please do not use these as a communication tool for us, but continue to email the school office.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term, and we look forward to seeing you next half term.

Mrs Nettleship

Dates/ Information

- 1st November: Parents Evening
- 2nd November: Parents Evening
- 2nd November: Bag2School
- 3rd November: Elm Class litter picking at 1.00pm-parents welcome
- 6th November: Grey Willow Class Big Bang
- 7th November: Football Tournament at Khalsa Primary School
- 8th November: Dogs Trust
- 9th November: Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30



**Mrs Hale and her husband proudly announced the birth of their baby daughter, Sylvia Valerie Iris
Congratulations!**

Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

Through our Christian ethos, we teach children to hear, understand and live the word of God, helping them to give back to the world as global citizens. As every child is uniquely created in God's image, we nurture their individual development through a holistic approach to all aspects of life.

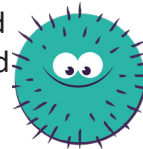
In Ash Class this week, we introduced the concept of thankfulness in our RE lessons. We discussed that it is important to feel thankful, and to share with others. Vocabulary used: harvest, thankfulness, receiving, reaping, gathering, harvest.



In Beech Class, we wrote our own non-fiction piece about a small machine. We made sure to add labels and captions to our diagrams. In maths, we have started a new topic, subtraction and addition. In geography, we finished the topic of geographical skills.



Chestnut Class has added three 1-digit numbers, added to the next ten and across a ten. In English, we wrote a letter in sequential order from Pobble to The Owl. In RE, we looked at scenarios, and reflected on temptation and what we should do to make right choices.



In science we investigated conductors, insulators and circuits. In maths, we added and subtracted using column method. In English, we wrote our poems, learnt about tooth decay, and choices to make for a healthy mind and body.



This week in Art, Field Maple Class designed and painted a plate in the style of a Ming porcelain plate. We have also been looking at different poetic techniques and we have written our own list poems in English. We had a busy, but fun week!



Grey Willow Class have presented a class assembly on the Parable of the Sower. In maths, we have practised multi step problem solving. In English we analysed narrative poems. In geography, we discussed people and climate change.



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. - John 14: 27

Peace, as is rightly said, is not simply the absence of war. True peace, God's peace, is about the whole well-being of people, in themselves, their communities and nations.

In our everyday lives, it is not just about 'peace and quiet' but it is about everyone being able to flourish and all people of the community embracing and valuing one another.

In our own inner beings, it is about not letting our minds be filled with anxiety and fear about our families, or our own life and calling. It is about being settled, secure, confident in

God's abiding love and presence,
whatever life may throw at us on
occasions.

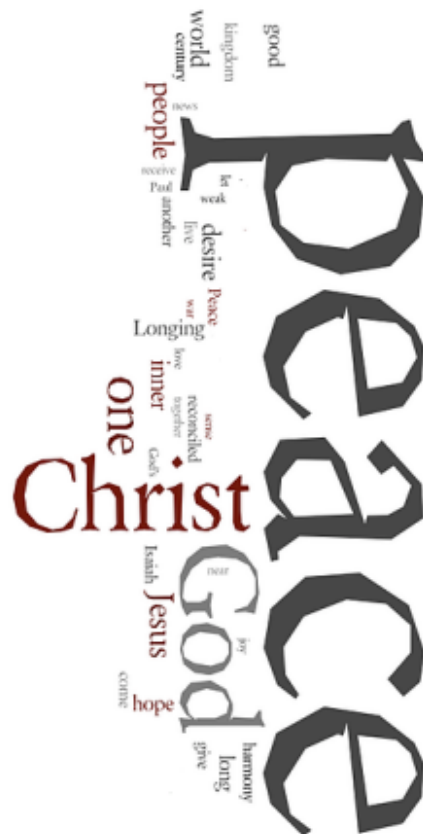
This peace Jesus gives is 'beyond our understanding'. It flows from his death and resurrection.

Something to do

Is there someone with whom you are in dispute? Take action today to seek to bring peace.

Something to pray

God of peace, Jesus promised us his peace. Help us to receive it. Then help us to be peacemakers in our troubled world. Amen.



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Dear Parent/Carer

St Marys CofE Primary School extra-curricular clubs,

The following extra-curricular clubs will begin week commencing 18th September through to week commencing 18th December 2023: - (excluding Half term 23rd – 27th October 2023). **Price reduces accordingly if you book on at a later date.**

Monday	Years 1 - 4	Multi-sports	18 th September – 18 th December (13wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£65.00
Friday	Years 3 - 6	Football	22 nd September – 15 th December (12wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£60.00

All clubs will now be available to book online through our PSD website on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for each club (minimum 12 for club to take place). Please visit www.thepsdgroup.org.uk to book your child's place.

Clubs are open to boys and girls of all abilities the coaching programme introduces young players to the fundamentals of sport. Coaching sessions aim to improve ability, build confidence, and emphasize the importance of sportsmanship whilst maintaining a realistic perspective of competition.

All coaches are NGB qualified, first aid trained, child-protection educated and hold relevant DBS checks.

Player of the week certificates will be presented at the end of the session.

Please note: Every effort will be made to ensure the club runs outside on the playground. If however, the weather prevents the session going ahead, a classroom theory based session will take place. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing to keep them warm in the colder months.

Kind regards

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St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Autumn Term 2023-2024

Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Half-term
Wednesday 1 st November	Parents evening
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents evening
Thursday 2 nd November	Bag2School
Friday 3 rd November	Elm Class Litter Picking at 1.00pm
Monday 6 th November	Y6 Big Bang
Tuesday 7 th November	Football tournament at Khalsa Primary School–1.00pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Dogs Trust
Thursday 9 th November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 7.00pm
Friday 10 th November	Dogs Trust
Monday 13 th -17 th November	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 15 th November	Grey Willow Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 16 th November	Openbox Workshop–Beech, Chestnut and Elm Class
Friday 17 th November	Field Maple Class Litter Picking at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Field Maple Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00 – parents welcome
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd November	Field Maple Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome
Wednesday 29 th November	Elm Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 30 th November	School Photographs-Vancols
Friday 1 st December	Grey Willow Class Litter Picking at 1.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9am– parents welcome
Monday 11 th December	Pantomime