

Newsletter: Week 1

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 Nettleship

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the long break and I have loved hearing about the children's exciting summer holiday adventures! Thank you to all our families for your help in supporting us to prepare your children for the new school year. The children have clearly enjoyed being back at school and their behaviour has been outstanding. A special mention for our new Reception children who are settling in very well! The staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to prepare the classrooms and the curriculum and it is a wonderful place to learn and work. Some of the improvements can be seen in the pictures including new rendering on the outside of the school, a revamped Key Stage One Library and a new log bench in the playground. Next week we look forward to welcoming the first children into our brand new Nursery class. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Nettleship



Notices

- Class Dojo is the easiest way to contact your child's teacher. It is free to access. There are premium features available but you do not need these for communication with school. If you need support to use the app, please come to the school office.
- Manifesto forms for School Council have gone home today. Elections will be held next week in Years 1 to 6. Applications for Head Boy and Girl should also be returned by Monday 11th September.
- There are a few more spaces available for the Ealing Family Mile and Memorial Mile taking place on 23rd September. Please help your children fundraise as well as sponsoring our lovely Mrs Vodila who is running the Ealing Half-Marathon! There is more information at the end of the newsletter.

Dates/ Information

- 13th September: Year 6 service at St Mary's church at 9.00 (parents welcome)
- 21st September: Year 5 service at St Mary's church at 9.00 (parents welcome)
- 21st September: Parent tour for Reception 2024
- 22nd September: School Disco (tickets available next week)
- 28th September: Nasal flu spray
- 30th September: St Mary's School Open Day



Would you like to start volunteering at St Mary's School?

- One-to-one reading with a child
 - Support on trips
 - Share your knowledge - talk to a class about your job or special interest - whether that's gardening, the planets or a country you know well
- Please contact the school office.

Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

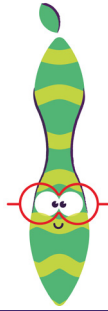
Through our Christian ethos, we teach children to hear, understand and live the word of God, helping them to give back to the world as global citizens. As every child is uniquely created in God's image, we nurture their individual development through a holistic approach to all aspects of life.

Look at how busy we've been and how we've grown this week!



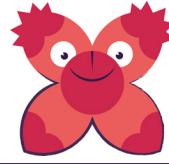
Ash Class

This week Ash Class have enjoyed making friends and exploring the new learning environment. In circle time we introduced ourselves and talked about any worries we may have about being in a new school. We had a lot of fun for our first PE lesson!



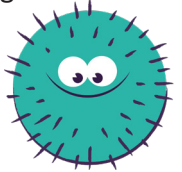
Beech Class

In Beech Class, we shared what we did over the summer holiday during circle time. We recapped the different phonic sounds and we practiced how to write our names. During creative time we made a self-portrait to be displayed in the classroom.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been settling into their new classroom up the stairs! We have been revising numbers to 20 and counting objects to 100 by making 10s in Maths. In English, we started writing a letter and learning what good presentation looks like in Year 2.



Elm Class

Elm Class started exploring and shared initial ideas about 'Charlotte's Web' in guided reading. They learnt football skills in P.E. and key vocabulary in Maths for Numbers and Place Value. They also played teambuilding and problem-solving activities in class.



Field Maple Class

Field Maple have made a great start to the year and have settled in really well. We have started looking at place value and Roman Numerals in Maths as well as a new author, Rudyard Kipling, who is famous for writing 'The Jungle Book' and 'Just So Stories'.



Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow was happy to be back at school this week, especially with the air conditioning in the classroom! We discussed how to be good role models and reflected on the school vision and values. We learnt a lot during the police talk and enjoyed sports games.



Thought for the week

☾ Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ☽
- Proverbs 4:10

Something to think about

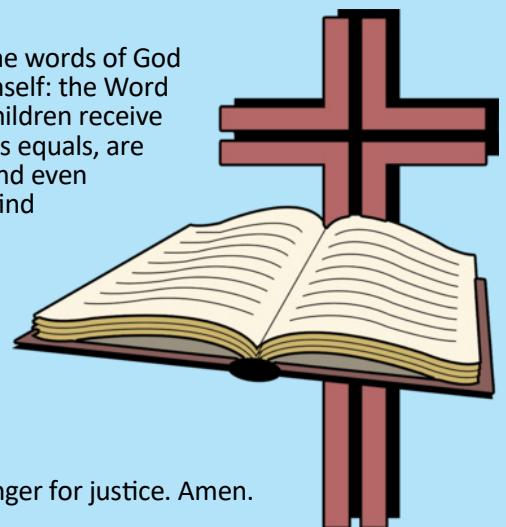
The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom for life. In Christ, we receive not only the words of God which flow from his mouth, but we receive the Word which is Jesus Christ himself: the Word made flesh. We know what God is like by what we see and hear in Jesus. As children receive instruction from their parents, so we receive instruction from God. All of us, as equals, are God's children - part of God's family. It takes humility to receive instruction, and even more humility to receive that instruction as truth. It is in God's word that we find wholeness, truth, and light for life and for love.

Something to do

Try to learn something new together as a family this week. Show your children that we were all beginners once and that we can all learn wisdom - whatever our age.

Something to pray

For those who are hungry, grant bread; and for those who are full, grant a hunger for justice. Amen.



Birthday Books

This book was donated to the
St Mary's School Library
by

on the occasion of his/her
_____th birthday

Date: _____

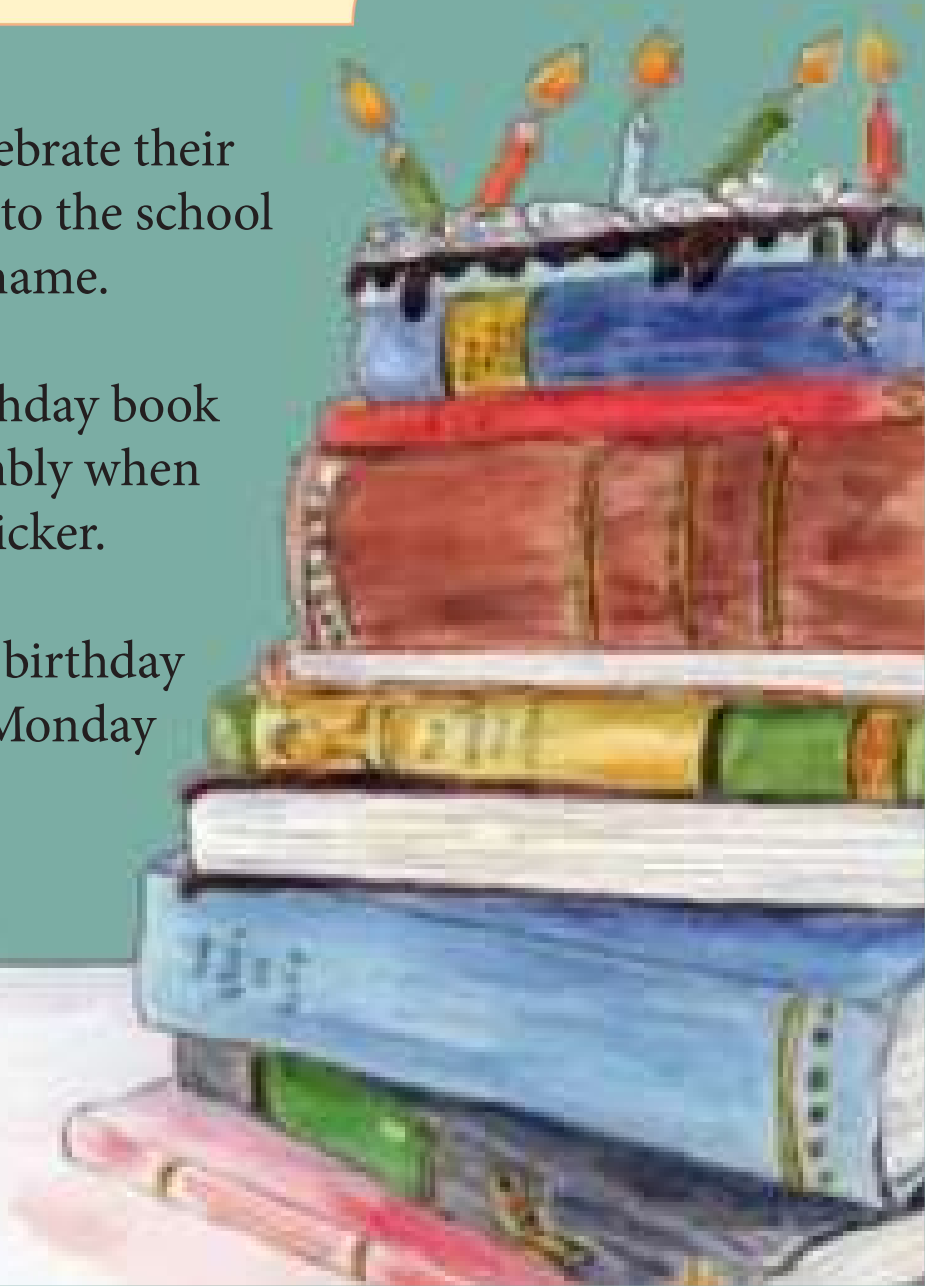
I think you will enjoy this book because

Children at St Mary's can celebrate their birthday by donating a book to the school library, inscribed with their name.

Children will share their birthday book with the school during assembly when they receive their birthday sticker.

If you would like to donate a birthday book, just bring it in on the Monday of your birthday!

*What is your
favourite book?*



***Children: Please bring your school bag!**

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2023: The Armour of Light



10am on Sunday 10th September
St Mary's Church, Tentelow Lane



**BACK TO
SCHOOL**



COME WITH THANKFULNESS FOR THE HARVEST!

Harvest Service

With Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 10AM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, TENTELOW LANE

(OPPOSITE THE PLOUGH PUB)



St Leonard's Church Pet Service



Sunday 1st October at 3pm

Come and say thank you for the
life of your pet and have them
blessed in church



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**Children from St Mary's are running the
Family Mile and Rob Willin Memorial Mile
in Lammas Park**



**The run is taking place
on 23rd September from 11am.**



**Please encourage friends and family
members to show their support on the
day and with a generous donation! Funds
raised will go towards new outdoor and
P.E. equipment.**

**You can make donations at
[https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/
fundraising/st-mary-s-fun-run](https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-fun-run)
or by using the QR code:**



**There is more information at
[https://race-nation.co.uk/register/ealing-
half-marathon/ealing-mini-mile-2023](https://race-nation.co.uk/register/ealing-half-marathon/ealing-mini-mile-2023)**

