NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 2

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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UPDATE FROM MRS HALE

This week, our School Council elections have taken place, and it has been wonderful to see the children taking the democratic process so seriously and thinking about how they can make a positive contribution to our school community. We look forward to hearing their ideas and working with our new School Council this year.

We have also been talking to children about how they feel at school and how to keep safe. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback, with children telling us that they feel safe, happy and well cared for. Listening to our pupils is an important part of keeping our school a safe and nurturing place for everyone. You can find out more about our safeguarding work on our website.

Across the Ecclesia Partnership Schools, we will be running a series of online workshops for parents, with the first focusing on Parenting in the Digital Age. There is also a final chance to book clubs for this half-term - see the information below to sign up for any of these. While we will always try to accommodate bookings made on the day, please also try to book Breakfast Club and After School Club at least a day in advance so that we can ensure we have enough staff and resources for fun activities such as pizza making.

Finally, this Saturday the Norwood Green Residents Association is organising a Walkabout of the 7 Wonders of Norwood Green, naturally including our lovely school! More details can be found in the newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Hale



Art inspiration in Year 6

Thank you so much for giving to our school community!

amazon wishlist

Preloved uniform

If your child has outgrown their uniform over the summer (and it's still in good condition!) please consider donating it to our preloved collection. We especially need school jumpers in smaller sizes. We would also be grateful for donations of new packs of underwear and socks for 3 to 6 year olds. Thank you

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

1	Beech	97%
2	Ash	96%
3	Elm and Field Maple	95%

How we have grown this week!



Sapling

We learned about ourselves and our homes. We talked about who we are and what makes us special. We compared groups using *more, fewer* and *the same* in maths. In R.E., we talked about "Who am I?"

Ash

We began Level 2 phonics, learning our first sounds and practising how to recognise and say them. We also started exploring our new book, Ruby's Worry, which is helping us to talk about our emotions, regulate our feelings and identify the safe people at school we can talk to when we have a worry.

Beech

We have started reading The Bear and the Piano and have written sentences describing the forest and how the bear feels. In Phonics, we have been introduced to Level 5 sounds, and in Maths we have started counting and adding through lots of fun, practical activities.

Chestnut

In Maths this week, Chestnut Class has been partitioning, using number lines and solving problems with numbers up to 100. In Geography, we have started to locate cold and hot places in the world using maps and globes.

Damson

In Damson class, we have enjoyed making cave paintings using different media. In R.E., we have been learning about the Bible and its importance for Christians.

Elm Class

We have been representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000. In Geography, we have been learning about what trading responsibly means and how it supports equality. We have been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of importing food.

Field Maple

This week, we have been exploring the Alps and where they are located. We have also developed our understanding of how to keep the reader engaged in our English lessons. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 1,000,000.

Grey Willow

Grey Willow Class have been developing their descriptive writing skills in English. The children also had great fun using the jumping apparatus in PE and enjoyed exploring architecture through the artwork of John Piper in Art.

Thought for the week

> *Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. Romans 14:1*

In Romans 14, Paul reminds us that we are all different. We might enjoy different things, have different opinions, make different choices and see situations in different ways. And that is okay.

Sometimes it can be very easy to judge someone because they do something differently from us. We might think, "Why are they doing that?" or "My way is better." But Paul reminds us that our job isn't to judge other people. Instead, God asks us to welcome one another, be patient with one another and show kindness.

This links beautifully with our school vision of Rooted, Grow, Flourish. When we are rooted in God's love, we learn to treat others with respect. When we choose kindness instead of judgement, we help each other to grow. And when everyone feels accepted and valued for who they are, we can all flourish.

This week, our challenge is simple: before we judge someone because they are different or have made a different choice, stop and think: How can I show kindness instead?

Something to pray

Dear God,

Thank you for making each one of us unique. Help us to accept and respect one another, even when we think or do things differently. Teach us not to judge others, but to choose kindness, patience and understanding. Help us to be rooted in your love, to grow together and to help everyone in our school flourish.

Amen.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S?

For more details, please contact the School Office!

September and October 2026

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 2 - 6
Join our amazing choir and get ready to perform at Wembley Stadium!
Click here to book!

KEYBOARD

Mondays during the school day, Years 1 - 6
Individual and small group music lessons.
Click here to book!

SPORTY STARTS

Tuesdays during the school day, Nursery
Click here to book!

COOL COOKS

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 3 - 6
Learn kitchen skills and nutrition!
Click here to book!

KAYAKIHNG

Thursdays 3.10 - 4.30, Years 3 - 6
Phone: 07951770241 or
Click here to book!

DRUMS

Wednesdays during the school day, Years 1 - 6
Individual and small group music lessons.
Click here to book!

FOOTBALL

Fridays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 1 - 6
Click here to book!

KICKBOXING

Thursdays: 5.30pm - 6.15pm, 6yo+; 7pm - 8pm, adults
Saturdays: 1.30pm - 2pm, 3yo- 6yo; 2pm-2.45pm. 6yo+

Phone: 07758 742462 or
Click here to book!

LEARNING LABS TUITION

Weekends, all ages. Focussed sessions to reinforce key skills and get ready for upcoming challenges, including 11+ preparation.
Click here to book!

FREE

Parenting in the Digital Age

phones

gaming

screen time



mental health

algorithms

social media

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

at St John's School Stanmore

Presentation by Yael Shahar

Digital Parenting Specialist and Certified Family Wellbeing Coach

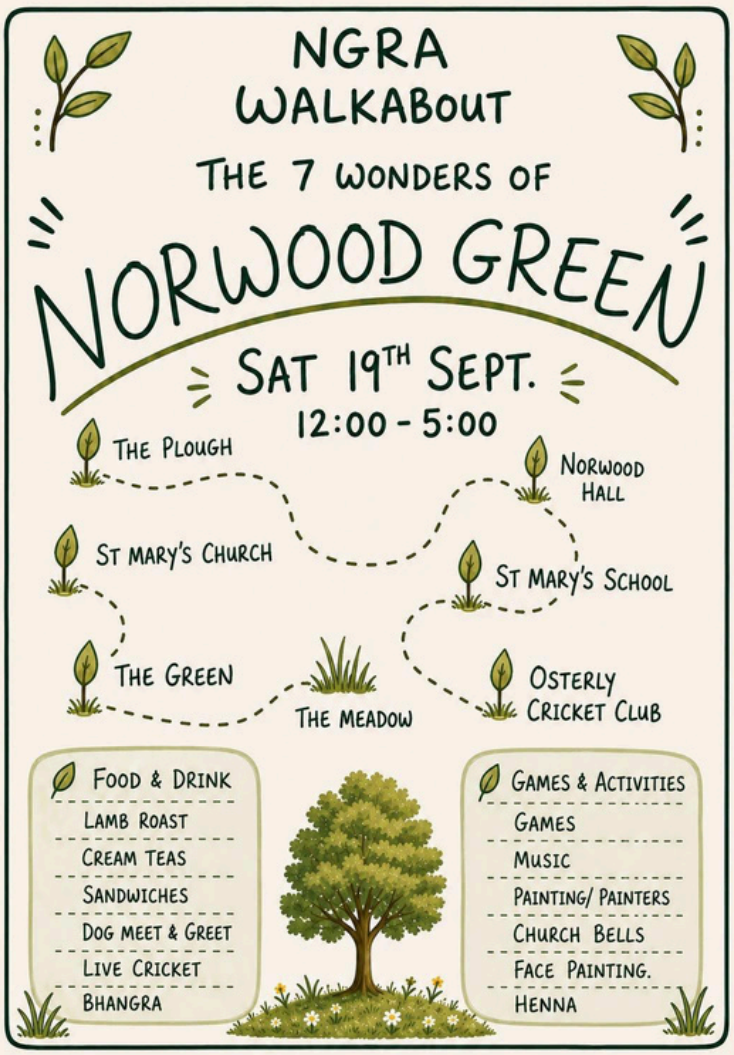
All Welcome

Please note this presentation is not suitable for children

NGRA WALKABOUT

THE 7 WONDERS OF NORWOOD GREEN

SAT 19TH SEPT.
12:00 - 5:00



SCHEDULE

Tentelow Sports Ground: 12 - 5pm
Live Cricket & Refreshments

Norwood Green: 12 - 3pm
Children's Games: Football, Tug of War...

Norwood Hall: 12 - 3pm
Bhangra, Mehndi & Yoga

St Mary's School: 12 - 3pm
Mural Painting, Face Painting & Refreshements

Tentelow Meadow: 1 - 2.30pm
Doggy Meetup & Scrufts

The Plough: 2 - 5pm
Lamb Spit Roast & Live Music

St Mary's Church: 3.30 - 5pm
Cream Teas, Music, StoryTelling & Bell Ringing

Join Online: norwoodgreeners.org
£10 per household per year

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

Storytelling routines made simple

Tried and tested tips

Sharing stories together is a great way to have fun with your child, learn new words and build their confidence. Here are some tips to help make story time an exciting part of your child's routine.

You know your child best so **pick the ideas that feel right for you**.



How do we choose a story?

Let your child choose a story about something they love - this could be diggers, dinosaurs, caterpillars, or something else! Try visiting your local library to borrow books for free.

When should we share stories?

Anytime! Choose a time that feels easiest – before a nap, after nursery, school or at bedtime.

Where should we share stories?

Any w hereAt home or out andabout. Share stories under a table, on the bus or at the park.

Who should we share stories with?

Each other! Your child mightalso enjoy reading to a relative, pet or their favourite teddy.

Make stories fun!

- Let your child take the lead.
- Talk about the pictures together, you don't have to read all the words.
- Add actions or move like the characters.
- Use different voices.

Make stories part of everyday life

- Keep bookswithin easy reach so your child can choose them anytime.
- Talk about stories you've enjoyed, from books, magazines or audiobooks.
- Join free activities at the library.
- Read favourite stories again if your child wants to. Repetition helps them join in, and remember what comes next.
- Make story time part of other activities. Try looking at a book on the bus or in your pyjamas at bedtime.

As your child learns to read, keep sharing stories together just for fun. It supports their confidence, imagination and your bond with your child.

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GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026


ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, HESTON
CHRIST-CENTRED. COMMUNITY-FOCUSED.
Messy Harvest
Saturday 26th September
1:00-3:00pm
Crafts, Bible stories, singing, prayers
For primary school-aged children
(children need to bring an adult with them)
FREE!
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