

# Newsletter: Week 9

The value we are thinking about this half-term is: LOVE

*'If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'*

*Corinthians 13*

## Update from Mrs Nettleship

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy time in school this week!

Rev Anne came to lead our whole school Remembrance Service where we thought of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Dogs Trust ran a workshop and visited the classes and shared how to stay safe around dogs. Mr Gill took the boys' football team to a competition at Khalsa Primary school-well done to all involved.

For our families in school who are celebrating this weekend, we wish you all a Happy Diwali.

God Bless,

Mrs Nettleship

SPORTS Update:

"On the 7th November, some Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to Khalsa Primary School to participate in a football competition. There were four schools participating: Khalsa, St Mary's, Beaconsfield and Mayfield. Winning a match was 3 points, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for losing. Mayfield won with 17 points, St Mary's came second! with 12 points, Beaconsfield 11 points and Khalsa 8 points. It was a good day!" Kamden, Y5



Notices:

- If you know a family who is interested in Nursery or school places, please encourage them to book a tour. Just contact the school office.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer on trips please contact [office@stmarysschoolng.org](mailto:office@stmarysschoolng.org)

## Dates/ Information

- 13th-17th November: Year 5 Bikeability
- 15th November: Grey Willow Class visit St Mary's Church-parents welcome
- 17th November: Field Maple Class litter picking at 1.30pm
- 23rd November: Parent Tour for new Nursery and Reception intake at 9.30am.
- 29th November: Elm Class visit St Mary's Church-parents welcome
- 30th November: School Photographs
- 1st December: Grey Willow Class litter picking at 1.30pm

### Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	87.5%
Ash Class	94.44%
Beech Class	98.09%
Chestnut Class	96.92%
Elm Class	97.06%
Field Maple Class	93.97%
Grey Willow Class	96.44%

### 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 for R.E we have been learning about Diwali. We read the story of Rama and Sita and made our own diya lamps. This week we also reflected on why we celebrate Remembrance Day; we spoke about the poppy and what this means.



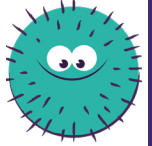
## Beech Class

In maths, we have been doing number bonds to 10. In English, we have looked at the prefix un- and used it in our writing. In RE, we have looked at why God has chosen Mary and Joseph to be parents of Jesus. We had a great time listening about Remembrance Day during assembly.



## Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have been looking at calculations where they must exchange 1 ten for 10 ones in order to complete a subtraction. We have learnt that commands are different to statements because they begin with a verb. In DT, we made sliding mechanisms.



## Elm Class

In Elm class we learnt about keeping ourselves safe around dogs. In maths, we calculated and measured areas and perimeters. In English, we completed our fable stories. We started our history unit on Romans.



## Field Maple Class

This week in Field Maple, we have been looking at our new book 'Goth Girl' in English and have written a character description in the style of the genre. We have also started looking at fractions as our new topic in maths.



## Grey Willow Class

We learnt about Big Bang during an exciting workshop, and about dogs with Dogs Trust. In class, we started working with equivalent fractions, and writing a recount about WWII in English.



## Thought for the week

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die - John 14: 27

## What are we fighting for? by Brian Moses

What are we fighting for?  
We have to do or die.

What are we fighting for?  
We can't turn a blind eye

What are we fighting for?  
To sleep safely in bed.

What are we fighting for?  
To keep away fear and dread.

What are we fighting for?  
To keep our children free.

What are we fighting for?

To choose our own destiny.

What are we fighting for?  
Because there's nowhere to hide.

What are we fighting for?  
Because so many have died.

What are we fighting for?  
To challenge oppression.

What are we fighting for?  
To combat aggression.

What are we fighting for?

To win us the war.

What are we fighting for?  
So there won't be any more.

What are we fighting for?  
So that we can make sure.

What are we fighting for?  
It's a war to end war.

What are we fighting for?  
So we'll never need to say.

What are we fighting for?  
Again.

## We will remember them

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Dear Parent/Carer

**St Marys CofE Primary School extra-curricular clubs,**

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

Monday	Years 1 - 4	Multi-sports	18 <sup>th</sup> September – 18 <sup>th</sup> December (13wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£65.00
Friday	Years 3 - 6	Football	22 <sup>nd</sup> September – 15 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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**Saturday 9th December 1pm-6pm**




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# Gentleman's Bake Off

**Saturday 16th December**  
categories: sweet, savoury & puddings

**Bring your entries to The Plough by 2pm**  
**for judging at 2:30pm**



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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Big Bang
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Football tournament at Khalsa Primary-1.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 7.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability Year 5
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Grey Willow Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00 – parents welcome
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Openbox Workshop–Beech, Chestnut and Elm Class
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Field Maple Class Litter Picking at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Field Maple Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Field Maple Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Grey Willow at Khalsa School for Guru Nanak's Birthday at 9.00am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Elm Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Grey Willow Class Litter Picking-1.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 7.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am– parents welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Beech Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Beech and Chestnut Class Nativity 9am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term(finish at 1.15pm) Christmas Holidays from 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January