

# Newsletter: Week 2

## Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

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## Update from Mrs Nettleship

At school this week we have been enjoying the sun, which has been a relief from last week's cloudy days with rain.

Today we had a photographer visit to take photos for our new website, so watch this space for more details.

We have had a busy week working on organising the new school houses! The children have now been placed in them, we will be sending home a letter next week to let you know which house your child is in. Our first planned event for the school houses is a house reading competition to raise money for an outside library.

God bless,

Mrs Nettleship



## Dates/ Information

- **24th January:** Elm Class swimming at 10am-parent volunteers welcome
- **25th January:** Ash Class hearing tests
- **26th January:** Elm Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome
- **31st January:** Elm Class swimming at 10am-parent volunteers welcome
- **1st February:** RE ambassadors visit to St Paul's Cathedral for annual service.
- **2nd February:** St Mary's Choir Young Voices Concert at Wembley Arena
- **9th February:** Grey Willow-Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome.

## Notices:

- We need volunteers on Wednesday mornings to help walk the children to church and swimming. If you are able to help (even just on one occasion), please 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)
- All children must have wellies in school every day.

## Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	87.38%
Ash Class	88.37%
Beech Class	91.80%
Chestnut Class	91.36%
Elm Class	98.04%
Field Maple Class	97.37%
Grey Willow Class	96.79%

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### Sapling Class

This week's nursery rhyme has been "5 currant buns in a baker's shop", along with reading the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' in phonics. The children have enjoyed role playing with a bakery, and have been busy making puffy paint cakes and pasties for Little Red Riding Hood's basket!



### Ash Class

This week for Art & DT, we learnt about Vincent Van Gogh. We used foil and water paint to recreate the starry night painting. In literacy, we are learning to become creative writers using a variety of ways to introduce new vocabulary to enrich our work.



### Beech Class

In Beech Class, we have continued to read Pinocchio in our English lessons. Then we wrote our own paragraph to explain what happened in the next part of the story. In maths, we are counting to 20 and we are learning how to spell the numbers.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been writing effective sentences based on the book 'Milo Imagines the World' in our English lessons. In RE, we have learnt about Rosh Hashanah as part of our Judaism festival topic. In maths, the children have been making a pound and found change.



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

### Elm Class

Elm Class shared their holiday news with their peers and then completed a recount of this in their books. In maths, we worked on using the formal method of division. We also mind-mapped initial ideas on where food comes from, and practised basketball skills.



### Field Maple Class

This week in Year 5 we have been busy looking at transparency in a range of different objects. We used a light metre to measure the amount of light that passes through an object. We also looked at replicating an image in four different ways in art.



### Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow Class have used creative skills to express themselves through art this week. We have also learnt about ratio in maths, analysed texts from our fantasy novel in English, and started planning our own fantasy story.



## Thought for the week

☪ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.* ☪  
- Ephesians 3:14

### Something to think about

Sometimes people know the history behind their ancestors' names, but sometimes it has been lost to memory. Paul presents God as the Father of all living things: the source of every nation, the origin of every language, the beginning of every history. In some families, God's foundational role has been long consigned to oblivion. In others, his name is recognised and carried with joy. But whether known or not, God is the wellspring of life for all.

In the context of Ephesians, this point is particularly significant, as Paul expounds the reconciling of Gentiles and Jews through Christ. He describes them as 'you who were far off and...those who were near' respectively. But in truth neither group were strangers to the God who has always been for them Creator and Sustainer; as they came together in Christ, that reality became visible once again.



### Something to do

Reflect on your own family history with God: were there other generations before you with faith, or did you come to it on your own? You might like to chat to someone of another generation in your family about their faith story and yours.

### Something to pray

God of all generations, thank you that you have always been part of my family's story, whether or not you were known. Help me to find my identity as your child, beloved and belonging. Amen.

**All children are expected to achieve 96% attendance.**

- *Attendance of 96% is regarded as good by Ofsted.*
- *Attendance below 96% is cause for concern and needs improvement.*
- *Children with attendance below 90% are regarded as persistent absentees and can be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.*
- *Every day counts!*

**Every day counts!**

**Holidays**

Requests for holidays or requests for travelling to visit relatives will **NOT be authorised** under any circumstances. Please note this includes requests to visit relatives who are unwell.

Families who take holidays or travel in term time will be issued with a penalty notice.

<b>If your child's attendance during the school year is:</b>	<b>Your child will have lost:</b>	<b>Or they will have missed:</b>
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons

**Exceptional or special leave**

In exceptional circumstances, parents/carers must make a request to the Headteacher. Please note that it is very unusual for the Headteacher to be able to authorise absence from school.

It is vital that requests are made before making any bookings and documents must be provided to support the application.

In making the decision, the Executive Headteacher will consider the reasons for the absence, your child's current attendance percentage and any previous applications and absences.





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

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Field Maple Class-Police talks
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Hearing Tests – Ash class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Elm Class Litter Picking – 1.00pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	R.E. Ambassadors to visit St Paul's Cathedral for Annual Service
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Young Voices-St Mary's Choir
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Elm Class Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Grey Willow Class Litter Picking – 1.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term - finish at 3.00pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Half Term – 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School begins
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Elm Class-10.00am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am

Ealing Mental Health Support Team

# WORKSHOPS FOR PARENT/CARERS

SPRING TERM 2024



Over the spring term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.



<https://forms.gle/jmUT9kJNRPNdBUAh6>



If you have any questions, please do email us on: [Ealing.mhst@nhs.net](mailto:Ealing.mhst@nhs.net)

## PRE AND POST-ATTENDANCE GUIDE

### Step 1

Use our QR code to sign up for a workshop(s) of your choice

### Step 2

You will be emailed a Microsoft Teams link several days before the workshop

### Step 3

You'll receive another email reminder on the morning of the workshop

### Step 4

All workshops start promptly on the time advertised. Please note we cannot guarantee access to the workshop if sign up is on the day so do sign up as early as possible

### Step 5

To ensure you receive resources from the workshop you have attended, please complete the feedback form provided at the end of the session



# MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 1 - 4 MULTISPORTS



## ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 3 – 6 FOOTBALL



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Dear Parent/Carer

**St Mary's Church of England Primary School extra-curricular clubs,**

The following extra-curricular clubs will begin week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January through to week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024:- (excluding half term 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

Monday	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4	Multi- sports	8 <sup>th</sup> January 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (11wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£55.00
Friday	Years 3-6	Football	12 <sup>th</sup> January - 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 (10wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£50.00

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 sessions delivered by qualified PSD staff, 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

The PSD Group





## **ISLEWORTH FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE**

**AT ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL**

**RIDGEWAY ROAD, ISLEWORTH, TW7 5LJ**

**WHEN: EVERY MONDAY**

**STARTING: MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

(PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN CAN JOIN COURSE AFTER START DATE CONTACT NUMBER FOR MORE INFO)

**MONDAYS:**

- Group 1 : School Years Reception & Year 1 .....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 2 : School Year 2 & Year 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)
- Group 3 : School Year 4 & Year 5.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 4 : School Year 6 & Year 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 24 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2023. The course will run for 12-14 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

### **About our Course**

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A. qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn **ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL TECHNIQUES**, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice.
- It is an **INDOOR** course held in Sports Halls, therefore trainers must be worn.
- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'American shoot out' and 'Penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation.
- The cost of the course is £8.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £34 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

[www.unswestcoastcoaching.org](http://www.unswestcoastcoaching.org)

### **TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**

**ISLEWORTH + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)**

**and receive confirmation by text to: 07880 798 762**

## **CHRISTMAS FUN FOOTBALL CAMP**

We are also holding our very popular 4 day **CHRISTMAS** football camp at Swakeleys School (Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ) on **TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> to FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024** (9.00am – 3.00pm) for boys and girls aged 4 – 13. Each child will receive an engraved trophy. The cost of the 4 day camp are £80 per child. (£50 for additional siblings & Individual Days £25 per day) If you would like your child to attend these football fun days please text: **SWAKELEYS CHRISTMAS CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE TO: 07880 798 762** to obtain confirmation and further details.