

Newsletter: Week 3

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Update from Mrs Nettleship

It has been a fun week in school this week with lots going on.

On Thursday we had visitors from a local charity group, who spoke to the children about the history of Southall and its diverse communities. During the workshop, the children had the opportunity to create their own badges, and they were invited to participate in a writing competition. The teachers will send further information on ClassDojo, but I can reveal that the winner will receive an award.

Our Year 6 prefects have started collecting house points this week. The house winners will be announced at the end of this half term.

We are looking at launching our own 'Carers and Toddler Group' to run once a week in the Summer Term to engage with our local community and promote our wonderful school. If you are interested in working with us to set up this group with ideas and volunteering on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Blake via the office email office@stmarysschoolng.org.

God bless,
Mrs Nettleship



Dates/ Information

- **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.
- **9th February:** End of Term-school finishes at 3.00pm
- **16th February:** School begins

Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	95.33%
Ash Class	93.18%
Beech Class	95.26%
Chestnut Class	97.22%
Elm Class	89.32%
Field Maple Class	94.21%
Grey Willow Class	95.71%

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Notices:

- We need volunteers on Wednesday mornings to help walk the children swimming. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer on trips please contact office@stmarysschoolng.org
- All children must have wellies in school every day. This will enable them to play in the grassy areas without getting their school shoes muddy.

Sapling Class

This week in Sapling Class we have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed making their own playdough and fashioning their own gingerbread men. We have also begun to talk to the class about who is special to us.



Ash Class

In Ash Class this week, we continued our topic 'Where has the sun gone?' The children conducted an experiment to discover how penguins keep warm. We also explored what happens when fat makes contact with ice.



Beech Class

In Beech Class, we wrote sentences using past tense about the way Pinocchio was walking. In maths, we looked at 1 more and 1 less up to 20. In RE, we learnt what the Star of David is and what the Menorah is in Judaism. In science, we looked at how trees change over the 4 seasons.



Chestnut Class

In our new multiplication and division topic, Chestnut Class have recognised and made equal groups. In science, they have recorded their findings of how some solid objects can be changed. In English, the children have been thinking of onomatopoeic sounds.



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

Elm Class

Elm Class improved sentences using fronted adverbials/adjectives/powerful verbs, and they summarised story plots. In maths we worked with money. In RE we learnt the significance of the 'Ohm' symbol for Hindus. In PE we practised gymnastics and swimming.



Field Maple Class

This week in Year 5 we have been comparing how the Maya and the Anglo-Saxons lived. We have also been looking more into Sikhism and how Seva is shown within a Gurdwara. In art we have started designing our futuristic piece of art.



Grey Willow Class

Year 6 have been busy writing their own fantasy stories this week. We also finished our ratio unit in maths, next week we will start with algebra. We have learnt about Eightfold Path in Buddhism and reflected on how to become noble and morally strong.



Thought for the week

'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
- Psalm 27:8-9.

Something to think about

God does not hide from those who seek him out, but when times are hard, it sometimes feels like God is distant, and might even be deliberately turning away from us.

However, that decision to seek doesn't always come easily. The Psalmist here has to persuade himself that turning to God in the midst of trouble is a worthwhile thing to do. It can feel a huge effort to open a Bible, to take a moment out for prayer, to pause and light a candle, or just to breathe in deeply and ask for God's help. But we can be encouraged that God truly wants to be found.

Something to do

In making time to read this reflection, you have already taken a step towards God today. Take the next one, whatever that looks like for you, using the ideas in the reflection above.

Something to pray

Ever-present God, thank you that you are always ready to be found, even when I'm not ready to search you out. Move my heart towards you today and every day, that I would continue to find the great joy of growing in friendship with you. 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.

If your child's attendance during the school year is:	Your child will have lost:	Or they will have missed:
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 th January	Term Starts
Wednesday 10 th January	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Thursday 11 th January	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Friday 12 th January	Field Maple Class/Grey Willow Class-Police talks
Wednesday 17 th January	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Wednesday 24 th January	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Thursday 25 th January	Hearing Tests – Ash class
Friday 26 th January	Elm Class Litter Picking at 1.00pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Friday 1 st February	R.E. Ambassadors to visit St Paul's for Annual Service
Friday 2 nd February	Young Voices-St Mary's Choir at Wembley Arena
Wednesday 7 th February	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Thursday 8 th February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Thursday 8 th February	Elm Class Assembly at 2.30pm – parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	Grey Willow Class Litter Picking at 1.30pm
Friday 9 th February	End of Term - finish at 3.00pm
Monday 12 th January	Half Term – 12 th -16 th February
Monday 19 th February	School begins
Wednesday 21 st February	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Wednesday 28 th February	Swimming Elm class at 10.00am
Friday 29 th February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am

MMR

Vaccinations

(Measles, Mumps and Rubella)

Every Wednesday 9am – 4:45pm

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97-107 Uxbridge Road

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Encouraging conversations with our
nursing team regarding eligibility

Available to those who are :

- 1 years old and over

First and Second Doses
Available



Scan the QR code to book
your appointment.

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

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



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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 8th January through to week commencing 25th March 2024:- (excluding half term 12th - 16th February 2024)

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

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

MONDAYS:

- Group 1 : School Years Reception & Year 16.00pm-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.unswestcoaching.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 2ND to FRIDAY 5TH 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.