

# Newsletter: Week 4

## Our Vision - ‘Good Ground Grows Well’

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### Update from Mrs Nettleship

We have had a busy week this week with many different activities. The RE ambassadors from KS2 went to St Paul’s Cathedral for the LDBS annual service, the theme of the service was ‘The heart of reconciliation’. The service challenged us to reach out with compassion and love to all those in need, whoever they are. The Year 4 and 5 Handball team participated in a competition at Beaconsfield Primary and did very well, they came joint first! Congratulations!

Today I am with the choir singing at the Young Voices Concert at Wembley Arena, the children have been preparing for this since September and are very excited about it, we are having a fantastic time and a wonderful experience.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Nettleship



### Dates/ Information

- **9th February:** Field Maple Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome.
- **9th February:** End of Term-finish at 3.00pm
- **19th February:** School begins
- **20th February:** Beech Class/ Chestnut Class trip to Synagogue-parent volunteers welcome
- **20th February:** Elm Class trip to Shree Ram Mandir-parent volunteers welcome

### Notices:

- Please find attached the letter about our new after school clubs launching after half term.
- 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
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer on trips please contact [office@stmarysschoolng.org](mailto:office@stmarysschoolng.org).

Attendance Champions	
Sapling Class	98.06%
Ash Class	89.67%
Beech Class	95.28%
Chestnut Class	96.31%
Elm Class	97.50%
Field Maple Class	97.89%
Grey Willow Class	93.95%

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### Sapling Class

This week in Sapling Class the children have been constructing homes for the Three Little Pigs. They have enjoyed listening and re-telling the story, and have made masks of the big bad, wolf. The children have also been practising writing their names and refined their cutting skills.



### Ash Class

Ash Class have been participating in action maths, we used songs to support the children's understanding of working in groups to find one more and one less. They especially enjoyed finding items around the classroom to understand the concepts.



### Beech Class

In Beech Class, in English we were acting a scene from Pinocchio. In maths, we finished the place value to 20 topic. In science, we looked at how the weather changes depending on the season. In history, we looked at how toys have changed over the years.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class performed a train drama with children pretending to be break-dancers to help write their sentences in English. They used similes and adverbs to describe the way the street dancers moved. In maths, we have introduced the multiplication symbol.



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

### Elm Class

In Elm Class this week we have been writing effective sentences. The children have enjoyed the role play, acting out the characters in the film 'Feast' to understand emotions. We have continued to learn about calculating with money, and learnt about teeth.



### Field Maple Class

This week Field Maple have been looking at completing their final retrofuturism design on their printing paper. We have also been looking at what happens during a Sikh wedding. In English, we started our new topic of writing a transmission.



### Grey Willow Class

This week Grey Willow Class have been working hard to improve their grammar skills. We have talked about the subjunctive form, reviewed relative clauses/ noun phrases and completed numerous spelling quizzes.



## Thought for the week

*He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.*

- 1 Kings 19:11-12.

### Something to think about

The prophet Elijah may not have known much of the language of burnout and breakdown, but he certainly knew the experience. Acutely alone, exhausted and ready to die, Elijah was first given by God three vital aids to recovery: sleep, food and water. Revived enough to engage further, he was then sent to a mountaintop to experience God's presence more fully: through the sounds of sheer silence.

For extroverts in particular, the idea of silence can be daunting. 'Give us the drama of earthquake and fire', we might cry! No doubt at times, God does meet us in high-octane environments and through the buzz of community. But if you find yourself beginning to struggle, try tuning out the noise for a while. A quiet day, a quiet hour, or even a

quiet few minutes can be a great help in reconnecting with God. Oh, and don't forget to eat, drink and take a nap too.

### Something to do

Plan a little quiet time with God – perhaps more silence than you'd normally experience. If you're not used to being alone, try to find time to go for a walk on your own with a notebook, flask and snacks.

### Something to pray

God of refreshing, thank you for your still, small voice which speaks in the silence. Help me to be aware of my own needs for rest and boundaries, and to find in you the calm and care I need. Amen.



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January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Punctuality**

Despite letters going home last week to those families who are persistently late, we still have an extremely high number of children arriving to school after the registers have been taken.

Due to this, we have no option but to change the way we receive children who are late to school.

The new procedure is as follows and will start after the February half term:

- Please escort your child to the gate where you will be buzzed through.
- Please come to the school office WITH YOUR CHILD and complete the form/sign your child in.
- Your child will then be taken/sent to class.

**Please note that we cannot accept late children without an adult to sign them in, so please do not just drop them and go, please bring them to the school office.**

This now applies to all children who are late to school, regardless of the reason. If you have notified us of a medical appointment, this will be recorded accordingly but you are still required to escort them to the school office.

Those families who are persistently late have already received a letter, but please find the letter attached again to ensure that everyone is aware of the new procedures and the Borough's requirement for us to report persistent lateness.

As always, children can be dropped off from 8.30am at the gates, and should be in class ready for the register by 8.50am. The gates are closed promptly at 8.50am.

Thank you to all those families who do get their children to school on time, your efforts and support do not go un-noticed and are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs C Stangroom*

Pastoral Manager



**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!

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**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.





We are delighted to launch 'St. Mary's After School Club' after Half Term. Mrs Hunter will be leading our club and she is working with the School Council to come up with a new name!

**Sessions are**

- 3-5pm £8.00
- 3-6pm £12.00
- Half days at School and Training Days will now also be available at an additional cost

Every session will include a small snack, consisting of toast and fruit. Quiet time and playground activities every session. We will also be offering clubs each session which is included in the price!

<b>Monday</b>	Cooking
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Arts and Crafts
<b>Thursday</b>	Dance Club
<b>Friday</b>	Film night or Karaoke with Hot Dogs and popcorn!

Charges will now apply for late collection to all parents. If you are late collecting your child (after 3pm) your child will go into ASC and you will be charged £8.00 for the session which will need to be paid on arrival.

If you are interested please contact the school office [office@stmarysschoolng.org](mailto:office@stmarysschoolng.org) to secure your space!

Mrs R Blake  
Executive Headteacher  
*Bishop Winnington Ingram, St. Mary's and Holy Trinity*  
Church of England Primary Schools



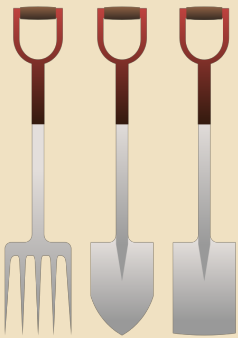
## **St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Spring Term 2023-2024**

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 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
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Beech Class and Chestnut Class trip to Synagogue
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Elm Class trip to Shree Ram Mandir
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

**Western Road Urban Garden**

# COMMUNITY ACTION DAYS

Entrance is next to 217 Western Road, Southall, UB2 5HR



We are working with at Western Road to create an Urban Garden for residents and have three Community Action Days planned on :

**Saturday 17th February (10 am -1pm)**

**Saturday 16th March (10 am -1 pm)**

**Saturday 13th April (10 am - 1 pm)**

**All are welcome !**

For further information contact **Call** : 07958 499222 or **Email** : [manager@southallcommunityalliance.com](mailto:manager@southallcommunityalliance.com)

This project is supported by :



**Ealing Parks  
Foundation**



**Southall  
Transition**



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



# measles

## Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

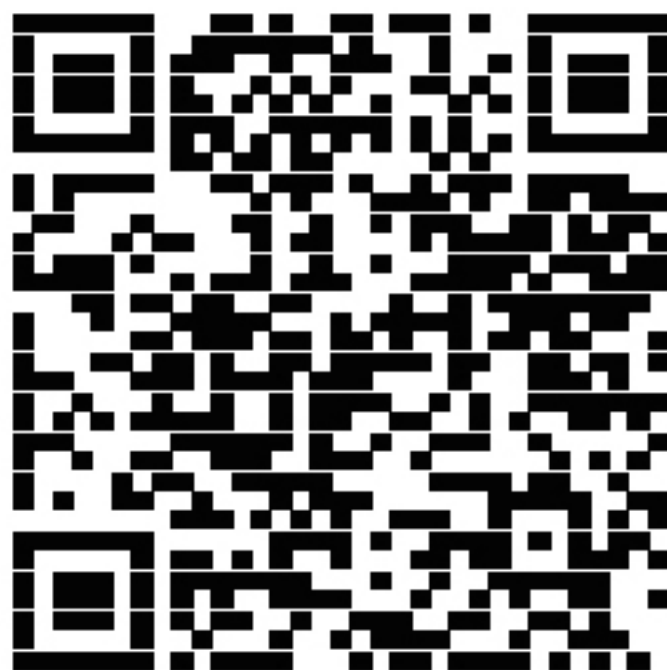
\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



# 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.unswestcoaching.org](http://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 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.