

Newsletter: Week 6

The value we are thinking about this half term is:

Faith

"Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:3

Update from Mrs Nettleship

This week has been busy at St Mary's with a number of changes. During the holidays Mr Plummer decorated one of the stairwells, it is now all spotty and looks amazing.

We started our own afterschool club, Super Stars, with different clubs running each day. The children who have attended have had great fun cooking, making crafts and learning how to dance. Look out for the upcoming fun activities on ClassDojo – next week Super Stars has a pirate theme.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Lent competition. The work was of a really high standard and the staff had a hard time choosing the winners. At lunchtime today the house football competition started, so keep an eye out for the results on ClassDojo and in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Nettleship



Notices:

- If you own any second hand costumes for the World Book Day, please drop them at the school office.
- All children are required to have welly boots at school at all times.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer, please contact the school office.

Dates/ Information

- **27th February:** Forest School for Reception, Beech and Grey Willow Classes
- **28th February:** Elm Class Swimming at 9.00am-parent volunteers welcome
- **28th February:** Second hand World Book Day costume sale at 3.00pm
- **6th March:** Field Maple Class trip to Aquarium-parent volunteers welcome
- **7th March:** World Book Day-children can wear costumes
- **8th March:** Mother's Day shopping event

Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	87.22%
Ash Class	92.62%
Beech Class	91.34 %
Chestnut Class	96.77%
Elm Class	96.49%
Field Maple Class	98.94%
Grey Willow Class	89.36%

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.

Sapling Class

In Phonics this week we have been reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have been listening to sounds made in the story. We have also started to read the story 'Whatever Next' and the children have been imagining journeys through space.



Ash Class

In Ash Class this week, we explored Rosie's walk through practical activities. The children were also introduced to new vocabulary such as track, pursue, shadow to enhance the understanding of the story. At Forest School the children made musical instruments.



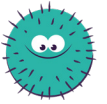
Beech Class

In English we have been predicting what will happen to Pinocchio at the end of the story. In maths, we have started our new topic: place value up to 50. In science, we are looking at everyday materials. In geography, we looked at the countries in UK.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class visited Holland Park Synagogue, learning about the Torah and the Judaism faith. In maths, we have been practising 10 and 5 times table and dividing. We have started looking at symbols to help us understand the meaning of Easter in RE.



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

Elm Class

Elm Class started exploring their science topic of sounds and vibrations. In maths we started learning statistics, charts and graphs. In English we started looking at features of poems. We also visited Ram Shree Mandir in Southall to support our class learning.



Field Maple Class

This week in Field Maple we have been finishing off our Mars transmission. We have also started designing a pop up book in DT. In geography we looked at why our oceans are so important to us.



Grey Willow Class

In Grey Willow Class, we have been learning about evolution and inheritance in science. In English, we finished writing an explanation text, and in maths we learnt about decimals along with SATs practice activities. In RE, we started our Easter unit of learning.



Thought for the week

☾ 'Why was this perfume not sold and the money given to the poor?' ☽
- John 12:5

Something to think about

Today's Gospel reading draws us to one of the most enduring dilemmas in the life of the Church, namely the proper balancing of fighting poverty with investing in beauty, and indeed art.

Some would say the Church should abandon aesthetics in order to strengthen the poor; others would contend that it's not right to deprive poorer people, or indeed anybody else, of an opportunity to taste the beauty of holiness.

All these continuing agonisings find echoes in the account of how Jesus himself responded to an extravagant gesture motivated entirely by love.

But generous people are generous people; the person who gives sacrificially to Christian Aid, and similar agencies, is often the same person who contributes generously to the appeal to restore the stained glass.

What's really important is that both acts should derive from a common motive: they both should express costly sacrificial love for Christ and for those who share his image.

We do not seek to strengthen the poor in order to glorify ourselves; equally we should not support the arts in order to draw attention to our own importance. Authentic patronage of the arts, in the context of faith, is surely about extravagant gestures that have no other purpose save to express love for Jesus and a

desire to beautify and inspire worship. The identity of the donor or patron should be scarcely relevant.

Artists, like the poor, will always be with us. Both need recognition and respect because in the presence of both we are led to encounter Christ in all his richness. And often it is actually the skill of artists which, more eloquently than any sermon, can awake the conscience of the church to the cry of the poor.

Something to do

What works of art have moved you to respond to the cause of those living in poverty or plight?

Something to pray

Creator God,

You made all people in your image,
and gave to some special talents to explore your beauty,
Help us, like your Son, to delight in extravagant generosity
empowered by selfless love,
And grant us the discernment of the Spirit in responding to both
artistry and poverty - We pray in the name of Jesus, your anointed
one.
Amen.



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January 18th 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!

Monday	Cooking
Tuesday	Homework Club
Wednesday	Arts and Crafts
Thursday	Dance Club
Friday	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 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 PTA



Second Hand World Book Day Costume Sale



Wednesday
28th February
3pm

Please bring any
donated costumes
to the School
office by
Friday
23rd February



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World Book Day
7 March 2024



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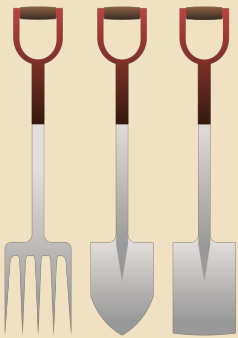
St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Spring Term 2023-2024

Monday 12 th January	Half Term – 12 th -16 th February
Monday 19 th February	School begins
Tuesday 20 th February	Forest School for Reception, Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Tuesday 20 th February	Chestnut Class trip to the Synagogue
Tuesday 20 th February	Elm Class trip to Shree Ram Mandir
Wednesday 21 st February	Swimming Elm Class 10.00am
Tuesday 27 th February	Forest School for Reception, Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Wednesday 28 th February	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Wednesday 28 th February	Secondhand World book day costume sale 3.00pm
Friday 29 th February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Tuesday 5 th March	Forest School for Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Wednesday 6 th March	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Wednesday 6 th March	Field Maple Class trip to Aquarium
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Mother's Day shopping event
Tuesday 12 th March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 13 th March	Swimming Elm Class 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 15 th March	Grey Willow Class trip to the Buddhist Centre
Friday 15 th March	Field Maple Class are Litter Picking 1.30pm
Monday 18 th March	Piano performance to Parents 9.45am
Tuesday 19 th March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 20 th March	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Monday 25 th March	Easter egg raffle draw
Tuesday 26 th March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 27 th March	Swimming Elm Class 9.30am (last lesson)
Wednesday 27 th March	Term Ends @ 1.15pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Holidays - 27 th March - 15 th April

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

This project is supported by :



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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



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



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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