

# Newsletter: Week 7

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

Even amongst the rain this week we have managed to have fun with our learning. Year 2 spent a fantastic maths lesson measuring, including our corridors. We have also seen more changes at St Mary’s. The outside toilets have been finished which has made everyone’s life easier at breaktime and lunch time. These toilets have been paid for by the PTA and I would like to thank them for all their hard work raising money for our school, and all of our school community for supporting PTA events so projects like this can go ahead.

Mr Plummer has continued with his painting this week and has completed a mural that includes our school values linked to our vision.

Recently we secured funding for a quiet prayer garden this will include a living willow dome. If you have green fingers and some spare time we are looking for extra help to plant the willow and privet hedge. Please let the office know if you can help for one or all of the mornings from 13th-15th March .



God Bless

Mrs Nettleship.

### Notices:

- If you have any good quality second hand uniform that you would be happy to give to the school, we would appreciate any donations.
- 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

- **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
- **13th March:** Parents evening at 3.10pm
- **14th March:** Parents evening at 3.10pm
- **15 March:** Grey Willow Class trip to the Buddhist Center
- **15th March:** Field Maple Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome.

Attendance Champions	
Sapling Class	91.91%
Ash Class	92.96%
Beech Class	87.45%
Chestnut Class	94.47%
Elm Class	95.90%
Field Maple Class	89.47%
Grey Willow Class	95.34%

### 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 Sapling Class we have learnt the sounds 'p', 'b' and 'c' and we have chosen foods that begin with each of the sounds. We have continued with our 'space' theme and the children have counted spaceships and spacemen. We have also learnt about the concept of hot and cold.



### Ash Class

In Ash Class we explored height during maths lessons. The children were encouraged to draw each other on a large piece of paper to compare their height, using vocabulary words such as: 'tall', 'short' and 'the same'. We practised taking turns and working cooperatively.



### Beech Class

This week we have been looking at groups of tens in maths. In English, we are writing reports about how toys have changed over time. In RE, we looked at what Palm Sunday is, and why it is important to Christians. In DT we are designing our



### Chestnut Class

In maths we have started our new topic on length and height. We even managed to measure the length of the school hall and corridor! In English we have been writing persuasive sentences. In RE we acted out the Last Supper and we discussed symbols.



**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 Year 5 have enjoyed dissecting a plant in Science and identifying the different reproductive parts of a flower. We have also dived down the Great Barrier Reef to learn some important facts on how it helps Australia.



### Grey Willow Class

This week we have been furthering our coding knowledge in computing. In English, we looked at adverbials and punctuation. In maths we practised dividing decimals and worked with fractions. Next week we will look at percentages and revise coordinates.



## Thought for the week

*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*  
- Ephesians 3:18-19

### Something to think about

God is the Father of every human being on earth; so however different we may be, we are all brothers and sisters to one another, owing each other not only love and concern but practical and effective support.

Caucasian or Chinese, Indo-European or African, we belong to one another as God's family. So we pray for the love of Christ in our hearts and the strength of the Almighty in our spirits, that we may experience and share the fullness of God's love with all God's people, near and far, especially those in greatest need.

It is important to express this love in action; because love that is expressed only in words may be little more than sentimental.

Real love, God's love, only lives by sharing – and sharing at the expense of the giver.

### Something to do

So what can we do? Put at its simplest, we can look around to see what we are not using. Start with the wardrobe, the kitchen cabinet, then maybe proceed to the book-shelves, the attic, or the garden shed. Some call this "de-cluttering"; but decluttering alone is not enough. Take nothing to the dump! The parish sale, the nearest direct provision centre or charity shop are good first ports of call.

### Something to pray

Loving Father, give us hearts so full of your love that they overflow in giving to those in need around us. Help us never to judge or reject others, but simply to love, accept and help them according to their need, following the example of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

**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.



A decorative floral wreath composed of various flowers including pink roses, white hydrangeas, and small pink blossoms, with green leaves interspersed throughout. The wreath is arranged in a circular pattern around a central orange circle.

08th  
MARCH

St Mary's PTA presents

# Mothers Day Shopping Event

9.30am til 2.30pm

**Don't forget to bring your money!**



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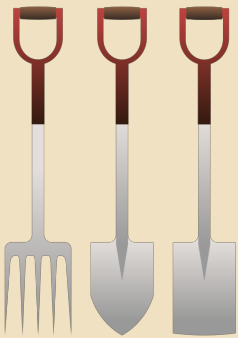
## **St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Spring Term 2023-2024**

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	Forest School for Reception, Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Chestnut Class trip to the 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
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Forest School for Reception, Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Secondhand World book day costume sale 3.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School for Beech & Grey Willow Classes
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Field Maple Class trip to Aquarium
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day shopping event
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Elm Class 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening at 3.10pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening at 3.10pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Grey Willow Class trip to the Buddhist Centre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Field Maple Class are Litter Picking 1.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Piano performance to Parents 9.45am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Elm class 9.30am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter egg raffle draw
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School for Chestnut, Elm & Field Maple Classes
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Elm Class 9.30am (last lesson)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term Ends @ 1.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holidays - 27 <sup>th</sup> March - 15 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:manager@southallcommunityalliance.com)

This project is supported by :



Ealing Parks  
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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](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