

# Newsletter: Week 8

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

We have had a busy and fun week at St Mary’s! Field Maple Class visited London Aquarium, where the children had close encounters with various sea creatures.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. It was lovely to see them all in costumes and to guess who they were. The teachers have shared some great pictures on ClassDojo for the parents.

Today the children had a fantastic time at our Mother’s Day sale! They enjoyed walking around the hall and choosing what to buy and then wrapping it up for their mum or special person. The PTA have more fun activities planned but we would like to give you advanced warning of our new and extended Summer Fair on Saturday 20th July.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Nettleship



## Dates/ Information

- 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
- 18th March:** Piano performance to parents at 9.45am
- 19th March:** Forest School for Chestnut, Elm, Field Maple Classes
- 25th March:** Easter Egg raffle draw

### 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.

Attendance Champions	
Sapling Class	89.92%
Ash Class	89.01%
Beech Class	89.76%
Chestnut Class	92.13%
Elm Class	97.40%
Field Maple Class	94.74%
Grey Willow Class	94.98%

### 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, it was wonderful to see all the children dressed as a book character for World Book Day. We talked about our characters and read some of the children's books too. We have continued with our 'supermarket' theme and cut out pictures of food.



### Ash Class

In Ash Class we read lots of books for World Book Day and created pictures of favourite characters. The children wrote sentences explaining why they like that character. In maths we focused on "now", "then", "next" and "after" to consolidate our understanding of time.



### Beech Class

In English we looked at how to structure a report. In maths, we looked at number lines up to 50. In geography we learnt about weather in the UK. On Thursday, it was World Book Day and we had to tell the class about our favourite book and character.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have learnt about the "cross" being the most important symbol for Christians, reminding them that our sins have been forgiven and salvation. We have also learnt about similarities and differences between a modern and an old classroom.



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

### Elm Class

Elm class enjoyed being characters and performing activities on World Book Day! The children completed assessments in reading, maths and grammar and designed Mother's Day cards. In maths we worked on problems involving fractions of numbers.



### Field Maple Class

This week Year 5 have enjoyed their trip to Sea Life London Aquarium. The children have also learnt about the life cycle of mammals in science and different reasons our oceans are suffering in geography. World Book Day was great fun, too!



### Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow Class had great fun writing about their favourite book and character for World Book Day. The children also practised their numeracy skills and they have enjoyed the outdoor activities in Forest School. We wish you a happy Mothers Day!



## Thought for the week

*Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.*  
- Proverbs 4:10

### Something to think about

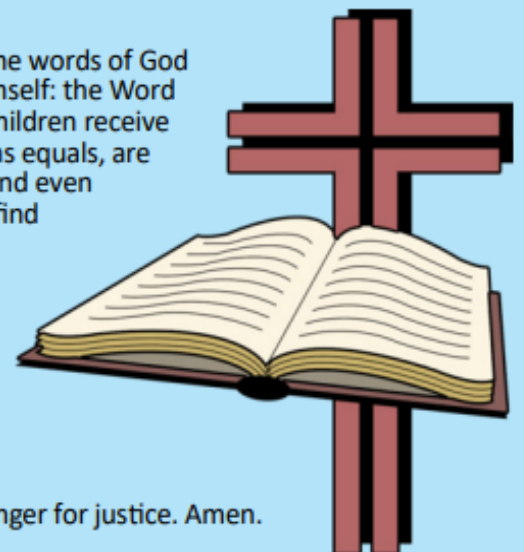
The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom for life. In Christ, we receive not only the words of God which flow from his mouth, but we receive the Word which is Jesus Christ himself: the Word made flesh. We know what God is like by what we see and hear in Jesus. As children receive instruction from their parents, so we receive instruction from God. All of us, as equals, are God's children - part of God's family. It takes humility to receive instruction, and even more humility to receive that instruction as truth. It is in God's word that we find wholeness, truth, and light for life and for love.

### Something to do

Try to learn something new together as a family this week. Show your children that we were all beginners once and that we can all learn wisdom - whatever our age.

### Something to pray

For those who are hungry, grant bread; and for those who are full, grant a hunger for justice. 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.





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 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 at 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

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# **Mothering Sunday**

**at St Mary's Church**  
(opposite The Plough)

**ALL WELCOME**

**10am on Sunday**  
**10th March**

**All-age service**



## NEED TIME TO RELAX AND UNWIND?

### CONTACT EALING'S "DEEP REST" PARENT CARER SUPPORT GROUP

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Reduce stress | Feel better | Pamper yourself!

Take some time for yourself and practice "Deep Rest" – techniques that allow you to slow down your mind, regenerate, reduce stress and benefit your immune system. Sessions are led by Leah Barnett

<https://www.unwindwithleah.com/>.

**"9PM ON WEDNESDAY IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A HIGHLIGHT OF MY WEEK"**

**"I LOVE THESE SESSIONS SO, SO MUCH!"**

Join us and learn this relaxation practice, no equipment or fitness level required!

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**Every Wednesday evening, starting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9pm**

**Where:** online via Zoom

Need time to relax and unwind? Join Contact's "Deep Rest" parent carer support group, Reduce stress | Feel better | Pamper yourself! Take some time for yourself and practice "Deep Rest" – techniques that allow you to slow down your mind, regenerate, reduce stress and benefit your immune system. Join us and learn this relaxation practice, no equipment or fitness level required!

**Dates - Starting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and every subsequent Wednesday evening at the same time during term time. **FREE for parents and carers of children with ASD or ADHD in NW London.**

**To book please book via this link below to receive the Zoom meeting link:**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/irfFUZXQJe>**

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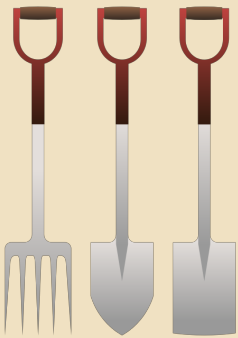
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**Western Road Urban Garden**

# 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