

# Newsletter: Week 9

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the parents' meetings, it was lovely to see so many of you. This week our Year 6 children visited the Jamyang London Buddhist Centre, their behaviour as always was impeccable, therefore demonstrating our school value of Respect whilst learning about other people's views. Year 5 went out litter picking in the local area which is a wonderful example of the students serving our local community – another of our school values.



This week with the help of parents we have started our prayer garden. When finished this will be a place that children can spend time when they want to be quiet or to reflect. There is still much to do and the children will be helping us with planting over the coming weeks. If you find that you have some time to help with planting or shovelling wood chippings we would love to hear from you.



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

- **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
- **26th March:** Forest School for Chestnut, Elm, Field Maple Classes
- **27th March:** Spring Term finishes at 1.15pm
- **15th April:** Summer Term begins

### Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	91.30%
Ash Class	90.33%
Beech Class	95%
Chestnut Class	98.33%
Elm Class	99.66%
Field Maple Class	97.14%
Grey Willow Class	96.77%

### 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 been reading 'We are going on a bear hunt' The children have been acting out the scenes and enjoying various activities based on the story. We have started our phonics with the letter and sound 's'.



### Ash Class

This week Ash Class continued the Easter story in RE. To consolidate the children's understanding we played Chinese Whisper to illustrate how the disciples who saw Jesus went and told all their friends that they had seen Jesus. Vocabulary used: 'risen', 'followed', and 'disciples'.



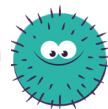
### Beech Class

We are continuing to learn how to write a report in English. We are finding the height and length of objects in maths. We are investigating the different properties of materials in science. In DT we have started to make our Little Red Riding Hood puppets.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been comparing mass and understanding that we measure in grams and kilograms. In RE, the children designed their own cross to symbolise the meaning of Easter for Christians. In history, we compared three time periods when looking at schools.



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

### Elm Class

Elm Class have learnt to add and subtract fractions with different denominators in maths. In grammar, we learnt about possessive and contraction apostrophes. In RE, we discussed and reflected on Holy Communion, and on Jesus' message of love and forgiveness.



### Field Maple Class

Year 5 have been looking at converting decimals into fractions and into percentages. We have also identified different ways in which we can help keep our oceans clean. In English, we looked at an animal in a zoo and in the wild and noted similarities/differences.



### Grey Willow Class

Year 6 enjoyed the trip to Jamyang Buddhist Center, as part of enriching our RE curriculum. In history, we have learnt about the effects of WW2 on women. In science we looked at genes inherited from our parents/grandparents and drew portraits.



## Thought for the week

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.  
- Hebrews 11: 32-35.

### Something to think about

If you ever had the impression that living for God was a way of opting out of life and avoiding life's problems, read this passage again! The writer to the Hebrews has a quick look through the history of God's people and picks out a number of people who had one thing in common – their faith in God meant that they were not overwhelmed by even the fiercest opposition and the greatest danger. Our problems and challenges are often rather different from the ones that these Old Testament figures faced. But the problems and challenges we face still demand the best of us, and we need to remind ourselves that faith in God is as essential today as it was thousands of years ago.

### Something to do

Focus attention on one particular person who is facing overwhelming challenges. Pray for them. Pray for your own faith to be strengthened as you face challenges in your life. more deeply, to give thanks more readily and to serve more fervently.

### Something to pray

God our Father we thank you for the extraordinary example of women and men of faith in the past. Help us to be humble enough to learn from their example, and to be inspired by their lives. Help us today to face every challenge with peace and confidence because of our knowledge that you will always be with us and will never let us down. Fill us with your spirit, that in all that we do the name of Jesus Christ may be praised. 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



## 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>**

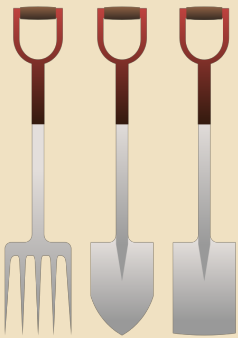
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**Western Road Urban Garden**

# 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



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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