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# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 10th November  
2023



@StMarys\_SW8



Dear Parents and Carers,

Every day at St Mary's is full of highlights we wish to share-see below for a week in the life of St Mary's through twitter this week. We hope you find the time to follow us to see what we get up to!

@StMarys\_SW8



## Family Learning Dates

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Tuesday 14th November	9am
Reception	Wednesday 15th November	9am
Year 2	Thursday 23rd November	3:30pm
Year 3	Thursday 16th November	3:30pm
Year 4	Monday 20th November	3:30pm
Year 5	Monday 13th November	3:30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 15th November	3:30pm



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November– Y5 family learning at 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th November– Nursery family learning at 9am

Wednesday 15th November– Reception family learning at 9am

Wednesday 15th November—Y6 family learning at 3:30pm

Thursday 16th November– Y1 class assembly

Thursday 16th November– Y3 family learning at 3:30pm

Monday 20th—Friday 24th November—Y6 to Sayers Croft

Monday 20th November– Y4 family learning at 3:30pm

Wednesday 22nd November– Y4 to Winter Sounds concert rehearsal at the Civic Suite

Wednesday 22nd November– Flu vaccinations

Thursday 23rd November– Y2 family learning at 3:30pm

Tuesday 28th November– Y6 to Wisley

Thursday 30th November– Parents consultations—school will close early.

Nursery will finish at 12:45pm

Reception - Y6 will finish at 1pm

Monday 11th December– Y3 to Chelsea Theatre Pantomime

Tuesday 12th December– EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December– KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December– Y4 performance at the Winter Sounds concert in Fairfield Halls

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service

Thursday 14th December– Y1 to Chelsea Theatre Pantomime

Thursday 21st December - LAST DAY OF TERM—school will close early.



### Parents consultations

Parents consultations will take place on Thursday 30th November from 1:15pm. School will close early on this day, Nursery will finish at 12:45pm and Reception—Y6 will finish at 1pm.

To book your appointment, click this link:  
<https://stmarysrcbatt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Our Mission Statement

‘A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches’  
Matthew 13.31

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	96%	4
Reception	93%	1
Year 1	94%	2
Year 2	89%	10
Year 3	93%	4
Year 4	95%	3
Year 5	98%	4
Year 6	97%	6

### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **WISDOM**

“We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom”  
Pope Francis



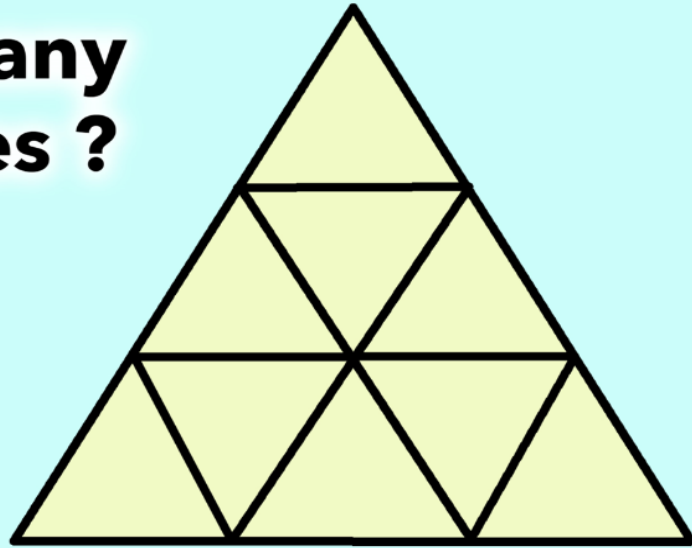
## KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



KS1 challenge-

**How many triangles ?**

- A: 9**
- B: 11**
- C: 13**
- D: 15**

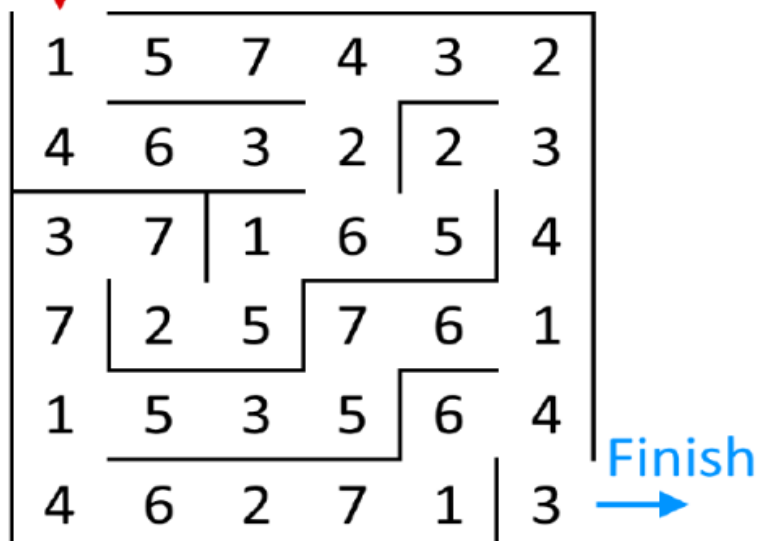


KS2 challenge-

In this maze there are numbers in each of the cells. You go through adding all the numbers that you pass. You may not go through any cell more than once.

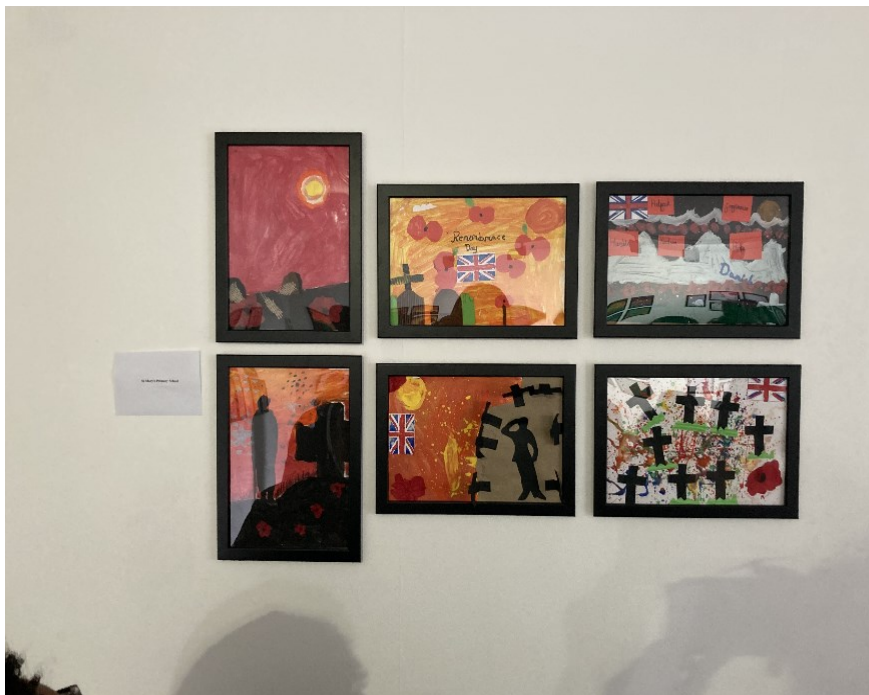
Can you find a way through in which the numbers add to exactly 100?

Start ↓





School council attended the Memorial Service in Battersea Park. We were recognised by the Mayor who we met on Monday and also recognised Councillor Hogg and Marsha De Cordova MP. After the service, we saw the beautiful artwork created by Year 5 pupils on display in the Pump House Gallery.





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Dear parents,

**Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...**  
**Parent Gym is coming to St Marys**

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme is free for parents.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the **Meeting room near the office** on:

**Tuesday, from 9 - 11**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Taster (45 mins)** – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Chat** (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Love** (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Behave** (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Care** (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Discover** (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Together** (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To **confirm** your place, please speak to **Mrs Cadden** or ask **Molly at reception/the office**.



## St Mary's RC Primary School Term Dates 2023-2024

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.  
These are our term dates for the academic year.

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>
<b>INSET Day: 4th September</b>
<b>Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October</b>
<b>Half Term: 23rd to 27th October</b>
<b>INSET Day: 30th October</b>
<b>Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December</b>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>
<b>Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February</b>
<b>Half Term: 12th - 16th February</b>
<b>Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>
<b>Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 27th - 31st May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 3rd June</b>
<b>Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July</b>
<b>Two INSET Days TBC</b>





**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



## November 2023

The feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1st and 2nd along with Remembrance Day on 11th November highlight that this is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the dead and ask God to bring them to their eternal rest in heaven. At the end of the month, we mark the end of the Liturgical Year with the great Solemnity of Christ the King. It's a busy month in the Church calendar and no doubt in the school calendar too!

This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time

For the rest of this newsletter please click the following link—

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for->



**Are you pregnant or have children under the age of 4?**

You could get help to buy:

- Plain cow's milk
- Fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- Fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- Infant formula milk

You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)  
@NHSHealthyStart

Scan the QR Code to register your interest for the Healthy Start Scheme / Free School Meals and we will contact you.



For more information and advice you can visit your local Wandsworth Children's Centre or Family Hub.

Call: **Paula - 07866 123 708**

**Kathy - 07971 005 884**



learn to

love to

read

## LET'S CHAT, PLAY, SING AND READ TOGETHER!

Sessions for parents and their children aged 2 to 4 years

**Where: York Gardens Library**

**When: 1:30-2:15pm**

**Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th  
November 2023 (4-week programme)**



**Storytime**



**Gifts each  
week**



**Playing  
games**



**Singing**



**Tips**

Please sign up on our website  
<https://bit.ly/46syqCb>





POWER TO CONNECT

# Free Family Online Safety and Digital Skills Course



To book your  
place contact Megan  
from Power to  
Connect on  
07934553192

**Are you a parent or caregiver who wants to learn more about the digital world and keeping your children safe online?**



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NINE ELMS, SW8 4HT**



**Start: 14th November  
Finish: 5th December  
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm**

Join our 4-session course designed to help you gain knowledge and understanding of the risks you and your children may face online. We explore topics such as **social media, online gaming, parental restrictions and privacy settings.** We'll also provide an introduction to Google and all the amazing things it has to offer.

**On completing the course you will receive your own refurbished Power to Connect Tablet.**

[www.powertoconnect.co.uk](http://www.powertoconnect.co.uk)



**Ibstock Place**

CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL



## Community Event: Parenting in a Digital Age

How do technology and social media impact mental health,  
and how can parents help their children to navigate it?

Ibstock Place School invites you to join us for an event designed to empower a new generation of parenting in the digital age. Hear from a panel of experts and have your questions answered.



**Hannah Abrahams**  
Educational and Child  
Psychologist at The Soke.



**Asha Fowells**  
Head of Education &  
Engagement at the  
Daniel Spargo-Mabbs  
Foundation.



**Alicia Drummond**  
Founder of Teen Tips  
and The Wellbeing Hub.

Wednesday 22 November 2023  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm



[Click here to book your free tickets](#)



Parents we are sharing with you details from the Education Wellbeing Service, about workshops they will be hosting on the Zones of Regulation and how to support managing emotions. We use the Zones of Regulation in school. This is an approach used to help children to better understand their feelings. Details on how to join these workshops are on the posters below.



## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Supporting Big Emotions at Home & School- The Zones of Regulation

The Primary Years are a time of rapid development and huge change; it is also a time where emotions can be expressed and experienced in many different ways.

This free session for parents of primary school children in South London schools looks at Emotion Regulation skills and strategies.


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