

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 13th October 2023



@StMarys_SW8



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at St Mary's with many enriching opportunities taking place.

The week began on Monday with year 4 visiting Wandsworth Civic Suite to meet Joseph Coelho, the well known poet and author.



Tuesday was a day of our parents! We hosted the taster session for parent gym and are happy to see that our parents are taking up this wonderful opportunity.

We also hosted the last session of Love To Learn's EY family reading sessions. Wonderful feedback was received below! Thank you to all the families who have committed to these sessions for the last few weeks.

'This class was fantastic! I will encourage more in schools!'

'It's really useful. It helps you know more about your child.'

On Wednesday we hosted a theatre experience here for our Nursery, Reception and year 1 pupils. Little Angel Theatre came to present 'Wow! Said The Owl', and was enjoyed by all. Our friends at Sacred heart also joined us for this enriching experience.

Our friend Tyrone also joined us to lead an assembly for Black History Month.



On Thursday Year 4 delighted their families and the Year 3 audience with facts upon facts about Ancient Egypt, through their class assembly. Thanks to all the families who attended and stayed behind to look at their child's maths and English books to share all the good learning they have been taking part in recently.



Finally, on Friday, the competition winners for the book club competition were fortunate enough to attend Wimbledon Theatre, to listen to and meet David Walliams as he launches his next children's book 'The Blunders'.





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th October– EYFS open morning for prospective parents

Thursday 19th October– Y3 class
assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th October - Y1 & Y2 to the London Wetland Centre

Thursday 19th October - Football Festival in Battersea Park with Coach Pedro

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th
October—HALF TERM

Wednesday 1st November—Y4 football team to Emanuel tournament

Thursday 2nd November– Y6 to Wisley

Thursday 9th November– Y2 class assembly

Thursday 16th November– Y1 class assembly

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

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

Wednesday 22nd November– Flu vaccinations

Thursday 30th November– EYFS open morning for prospective parents

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

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 Fair-
field Halls

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service

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



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	93%	6
Reception	90%	0
Year 1	96%	3
Year 2	99%	12
Year 3	100%	7
Year 4	97%	4
Year 5	99%	4
Year 6	99%	4

Food Collection

We are fortunate enough to be receiving a food donation every week.

Every **Tuesday** we will be giving out food at the front entrance from 3:15pm. All families are welcome.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **INVITATION**

“Let us ask the lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to his feast which is free”

Pope Francis



Parent Gym taster session Tuesday
10th October at 9am!



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more

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FOR PARENTS WHO CARE



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 31st October: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

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

Tuesday 14th Nov: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

Tuesday 21st Nov: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Tuesday 28th Nov: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

Tuesday 5th 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**.



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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.

Autumn Term 2023
INSET Day: 4th September
Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October
Half Term: 23rd - 27th October
INSET Day: 30th October
Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December

Spring Term 2024
Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February
INSET Day: 15th January
Half Term: 12th - 16th February
Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March

Summer Term 2024
Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May
Half Term: 27th May - 31st May
INSET Day: 3rd June
Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July
One INSET Day TBC



Ten:Ten
Resources



October 2023

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary with the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. As an important feast in the Church calendar, it's a great opportunity for schools to pray the Rosary. We'd like to support and encourage families to pray the Rosary together too, and therefore, we have made available a simple Rosary resource which can be accessed through the Collective Worship Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

To read the full October newsletter please click on the link below!

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/



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What is Vinted?

Vinted is an online marketplace for buying and selling secondhand clothing and accessories.



**YVONNE CARR
FAMILY HUB**
2 THESSALY RD,
NINE ELMS, LONDON
SW8 4HT



**Tuesday 17th October,
10am-1pm**

In this short course you will:

- Be introduced to Vinted Market Place
- Master the art of product photography
- Learn efficient packing and shipping techniques
- Gain valuable tips and tricks

To book your place contact Megan from Power to Connect on
07934553192 / megan@powertoconnect.co.uk



KIDS AUDITIONS

Golden Socks & THE 3 BEARS



BETTER

Chelsea
Theatre



Audition for an exciting opportunity for any young performer to dance and perform on stage this Christmas in Golden socks and the Three bears a professional pantomime at the Chelsea Theatre!

As part of Inside Out Dance Company's gifted and talented dance troop getting top quality dance training from industry professionals supported by RBKC and Better.

Age 7-12 years

Must be available and committed for all dates below:

Audition day: Sunday, 29th of October, 10:00-11:00 am, at the Chelsea theatre.

Weekly rehearsals: Every Wednesday from 1st of Nov-13th of Dec, 4:15-5:15 pm at Chelsea better gym studios on the Kings Road.

Performance days: Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of Dec 1:30- 2:30 pm and 3:30-4:30 pm

To register your interest and apply for a spot at our audition day on the 29th of October email:

insideoutdancecompany@gmail.com