

# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 2nd February  
2024



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Dear parents and carers,

It has been an exciting week at St Mary's as children have enjoyed a number of enrichment activities.

The pupils in year 4 and 5 continue to work hard (with the ongoing support of Miss Kilcommons, Miss Brown, Miss Hunt and Miss O'Riordan) rehearsing for their Disney Aladdin performance on stage at The Lyceum theatre...yes you read that correctly THE LYCEUM THEATRE in the West End!



On Monday this week school council were invited to visit the House of Parliament-please see page two for a detailed account of this visit.

On Tuesday year 6 visited Scotland yard to meet their working horses. This was all because a child in year 6 won a card competition-what a treat for all!

We are ending this week with a team of pupils entering a football tournament at Southfields-we came third-well done team!



Next week we look forward to a trip to Kingston Theatre in year 5 to see 'The Boy At the Back Of The Class' and a group of KS2 girls will have the privilege of visiting

**The London Design and Engineering UTC** to learn more about the STEM roles that take place at the BWT Alpine F1 Team.

Just a selection of the enriching opportunities our pupils receive at St Mary's.





### School Council

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, School Council went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament. We organised this trip by writing a letter to Marsha De Cordova (our MP) and she allowed us to visit her work! When we got to the Houses of Parliament, we all had to go through security and Ms Hunt and Ms Lere-na had their whistles taken off them! Then, we walked through to Westminster Hall where lots of famous royals (like the Queen) have laid in state. It is over a thousand years old! Donald Trump asked to speak in Westminster Hall, but he was not allowed to speak here. Also, when King Charles I was told he would be beheaded, this was in Westminster Hall too!

We met two kind ladies named Sharon and Grace who work for Marsha De Cordova and they showed us the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The seats in the House of Commons were green and the seats in the House of Lords were red and, in these chambers, they share opinions and debate. We also saw lots of statues of previous Prime Ministers such as Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill. There was also a blue room where King Charles got changed for an important ceremony in the House of Lords: the mirror was very small! We learned that when MPs vote, they do it digitally and need their special pass to scan in. If they don't have it with them, they cannot vote and enter special areas in Parliament.

Thank you to Deacon Michael for joining us on this trip, a special thank you to Marsha de Cordova for organising this trip and to our excellent tour guides Sharon and Grace. We hope to we can organise a visit to our school for Marsha de Cordova next!



## Being Kind to Yourself Matters



5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Children's Mental Health Week  
Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb  
at 9am



### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 5th February— Y5 to Rose Theatre

Friday 8th February— Y5 / Y6 Girls on Track Science Event

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day! Please dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday 14th March—Y2 to Tate Modern

Monday 18th March—Y4 to National Gallery

Thursday 21st March—Book Fair starts!

Thursday 21st March— Parents Consultations—school will close early

Monday 25th March—Y4 and Y5 perform at Lyceum Theatre

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term, school will close early for the Easter break

### **Wednesday Word**

**The Wednesday word this week is HEALING**

“God grants us his love which gives us strength and heals us”

Pope Francis

### **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

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March.

We will be asking children to dress up as a character from a book while taking part in fun World Book Day activities!



# KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!

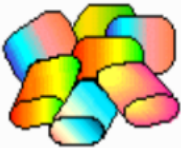


## KS1 challenge

Rosie went into the sweet shop with 10p to spend.

There were chews for 2p, mini eggs for 3p, Chocko bars for 5p and lollypops for 7p.

2p



chews

3p



mini eggs

5p



Chocko bars

7p



lollypops

What could she buy if she wanted to spend all her money?

## KS2 challenge

Here is a picnic that Petros and Michael are going to share equally.



Can you tell us what each of them will have?



## Maths Family Learning Spring 2024

Class	Date	Time
Reception	20/2/24	9am
Year 1	New date TBC	9am

St Mary's has been specially selected to receive an incredible offer of tickets for the British Basketball League All-Star Game at just £10 each – that's a discount of over 50%

The British Basketball League, the pro league in the UK, is proud to announce the long-awaited return of the All-Stars Game, which will take place at the Copper Box Arena in London on Sunday, March 17 2024. The Stratford-based arena will host the Men's and inaugural Women's All-Stars Games, which will showcase the best 20 players from each League in an entertainment spectacle.

It will be a jam-packed day of events for all the fans to enjoy, including a dedicated FanZone, the much-loved Slam Dunk Competition, a Three-Point Shoot Out, a Skills Challenge, and much much more.

You can find out more about the All-star Game by visiting [www.britishbasketballleague.com/2024allstars](http://www.britishbasketballleague.com/2024allstars) – but as this exclusive offer is just for St Mary's, you can only order tickets at this special price by calling us on 0116 266 3339



Mr Esa is running the London Marathon **AGAIN** this April!

If you would kindly like to sponsor him in aid of a fantastic charity, please click the link below and wish Mr Esa the best of luck when you see him!

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/esa-mapara>

Also-after the success of our 'running weekend' last year-we are attempting to book in some running opportunities again. If your child likes running or would like to take it up-please keep 20th and 28th April in your diary!



## **St Mary's RC Primary School**

### **Term Dates 2024 - 2025**

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<b>INSET Day: 2nd September</b>
<b>First Day: 3rd September</b>
<b>Half Term: 28th October to 1st November</b>
<b>INSET Day: 4th November</b>
<b>Last Day: 20th December</b>

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 6th January</b>
<b>Half Term: 17th to 21st February</b>
<b>Last Day: 4th April</b>

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 22nd April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday: 5th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 26th to 30th May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 2nd June</b>
<b>Last Day: 22nd July</b>
<b>Two INSET Days TBC</b>



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



**Ten:Ten**  
**Resources**



**January 2024**

The new year has arrived and some of you may have already taken your Christmas tree and decorations, but it's not yet time to put away all signs of Christmas. Some families like to leave the crib on display until the wise men have visited and delivered their gifts to Jesus, the newborn King.

The 6<sup>th</sup> of January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is celebrated in many churches on the Sunday of that week. We have created a special assembly that may be used in schools, and which explores the Epiphany through children's experience of giving gifts.

This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on what we can give to Jesus as we start afresh in 2024 with the reminder that Jesus is the most perfect gift of love from God to all of us!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that the new year brings peace and blessings for you and your family.

To read the January 2024 newsletter please click this link here-

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>





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# Digital Drop Ins



These free sessions give you an opportunity to visit us with your device or use one of the devices available, sit down with a member of our team, and receive assistance with a specific problem or enhance your tech skills.

**\*\*Booking is not required, but please keep in mind you may need to wait to chat to one of our volunteers\*\***

**January 2024 - June 2024**

## **BATTERSEA LIBRARY**

265 LAVENDER HILL, SW11 1JB

**Every Monday  
10am-12pm**

## **ROEHAMPTON LIBRARY**

2 DANEBURY AVENUE, ROEHAMPTON, SW15 4HD

**Every Monday  
2pm-4pm**

## **TOOTING LIBRARY**

75 MITCHAM ROAD, SW17 9PD

**Every Friday  
2pm - 4pm**

**\*Important Notice\***

Digital Drop-ins will NOT be available:  
Week commencing 12th February 2024  
Week commencing 1st April 2024  
Week commencing 8th April 2024  
Week commencing 27th May 2024



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