

# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 9th February  
2024



@StMarys\_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

Well the last 5 weeks have gone very quickly! It is unbelievable that it is already half term!

The evenings are slowly getting lighter and we have signs of spring appearing in our planters in the playground, as shoots from the bulbs pupils planted are showing themselves for the first time.

Thank you to those of you who have been able to attend the variety of parents events we have held this term, from maths family learning (reception will take place the first Tuesday back at 9am-please do come and join us) to our parent information event and this week our children's mental health week coffee morning.

Today we have celebrated learning behaviours in whole school assemblies.

The learning behaviours we celebrate and recognise at St Mary's are below.

Wishing all of our families a happy and safe half term!

Having a go

Being curious

Never give up

Improving

Using your imagination

Co-operation

Concentrating

Enjoying learning





### **Dates for your Diary**

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 COMPASSION**

“The compassion of God, his suffering with us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings”

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!

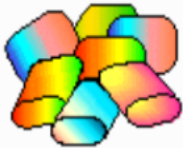


## KS1 challenge

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

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!



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

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These are our term dates for the academic year.

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>
<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>



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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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Resources



**February 2024**

**As we move into February, Spring is in the air and there are just a couple of weeks to catch our breath before Lent begins. We're well and truly into the new year!**

If you have the feeling that you're constantly trying to juggle the needs of your family and having to prioritise an ever-increasing list of must-dos, take comfort in the Gospel for the week commencing 4th February – Jesus knew what it was like to be busy and He took time away to re-set.

But despite His busyness, Jesus prioritised prayer – it's always possible to find time for the things we value. As this is a special Year of Prayer (a time of preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025 - more on that later in the year!), perhaps this is an opportunity to try to prioritise prayer time in your family life.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout February and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

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

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





## Keeping Your Children Safe Online

We recently took part in an online safety audit here at St Mary's. We asked to take part in this audit as we are keen to ensure your child's use of the internet here in school is safe and secure. During the audit we were made aware of the website below. It is a key resource to help all parents consider how to keep their children safe online.

[www.parentsafe.lgfl.net](http://www.parentsafe.lgfl.net)

Each month we will share here in the newsletter a particular section of the advice, we hope you will find useful.

### **FEBRUARY'S ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP**

This month we are sharing the section about how to help manage screen time on apple devices. Do spend a moment having a read...it could make a big difference.

[Want to track how you use your device? – Apple Support \(UK\)](#)