

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 15th March
2024



@StMarys_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, next week we have parent consultation meetings on Thursday afternoon and evening. If you have not managed to book your slot you will be allocated a slot. We hope to see you all and share with you the progress your children have made and how we can support them further to have a successful final summer term.

Parent opportunities

Thank you to those parents who joined us on Thursday morning this week for 'Learn To Love To Read's' parent coffee morning about how we can support our KS2 pupils to continue to love reading in KS2. Congratulations to Amani's dad for winning a bundle of books to take away and enjoy!

Enrichment opportunities

This week year 2 have enjoyed a visit to the Tate Modern, to look at a variety of art work but with a focus on portraits and how colour and texture is used.

Our Eco Ambassadors and Curiosity Club are attending a trip today to the Royal Institution of Great Britain to join a Climate Innovation Day Workshop: "How to save the planet." We look forward to hearing all about it and to see if there are any positive changes we can make at school to save our planet.



Catholic Life of the School and Federation news

During Lent, KS2 have been meeting across the federation every Friday morning, led by our Faith Friends and Deacon Michael, to share this prayer journey. During Lent we will have listened to these fourteen stations to learn about what happened to Jesus when he died. We realise how much Jesus suffered and how much he loves each of us.

Have a good weekend.





Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th March—Y4 to National Gallery

Wednesday 20th March - Y4 and Y5 perform Aladdin at St John Bosco College

Thursday 21st March—Book Fair starts!

Thursday 21st March— Parents Consultations—school will close at 12:45pm for Nursery and 1pm for Reception to Y6

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 - school will close at 12:45pm for Nursery and 1pm for Reception to Y6

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is FOLLOW

“Lent is a journey during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer and fasting”

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

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Thursday 21st March from 1:15pm.

School will close early— please see timings below.

**Nursery—12:45pm
Reception—Y6—1pm**

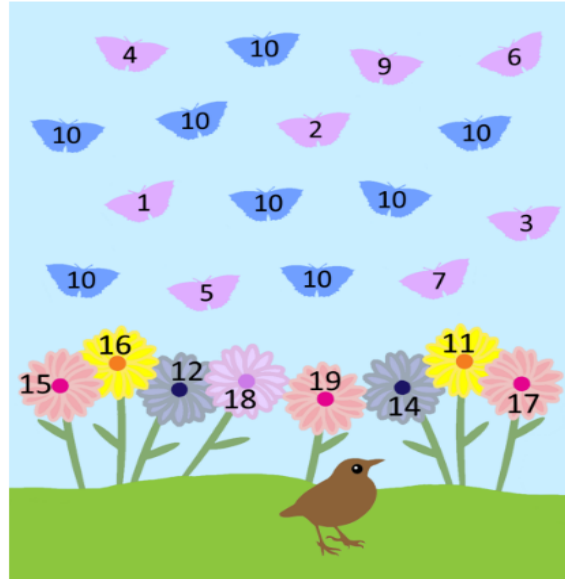


KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



KS1 challenge

Look at these butterflies and flowers. All of them have a number.



Can you find two butterflies to go on each flower so that the butterfly numbers add to the flower number?

Which pair of butterflies has no flower to go to? Why?

Which flower cannot have a pair of butterflies on it? Why?

KS2 challenge

This represents the multiplication of a 4-digit number by 3.

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The whole calculation uses each of the digits 0 - 9 once and once only.

The 4-digit number contains three consecutive numbers, which are not in order. The third digit is the sum of two of the consecutive numbers.

The first, third and fifth digits of the five-digit product are three consecutive numbers, again not in order. The second and fourth digits are also consecutive numbers.

Can you replace the stars in the calculation with digits?



We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2024!



St Mary's RC Primary School will join thousands of

others to help fight extreme poverty. Each class will be walking 200km

over Lent. We aim to raise money for this charity. The Big Lent Walk will take place on Friday 22nd

March. Please click the link to our fundraising page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-gilbride-1709022411148?
utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmary-gilbride-
1709022411148&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-gilbride-1709022411148?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmary-gilbride-1709022411148&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the
Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Y6 Secondary School Places

I am really pleased that most children were given one of their choices for Secondary schools.

There are always some parents who are disappointed.

My advice to them, is to accept the school you have been offered and then request to stay on the
waiting lists of schools you had on your form.

There will be a lot of movement between now and July.

Some parents consider appeals, these are very seldom successful.

I am happy to meet with any parents who want to consider other options. Mr Brading



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

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

Autumn Term 2024
INSET Day: 2nd September
First Day: 3rd September
Half Term: 28th October to 1st November
INSET Day: 4th November
Last Day: 20th December

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

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



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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
INSET Day: 15th April
Summer 1: 16th April - 24th May
Half Term: 27th May - 31st May
INSET Day: 3rd June
Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July



Family Reading Breakfast.

- Thursday 18th April at 9am
 - School Hall
- Come and join us for breakfast and reading with your child! We hope to see you there!



Tickets available on parent
mail!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Y4 & Y5
PERFORMANCE OF



WEDS 20TH MAR 24

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

ST. JOHN'S BOSCO, SW11 3DQ

TICKETS VIA PARENTMAIL
ADULTS £4 & CHILDREN £2



**29th March (Good Friday),
Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 12th April
Ages 7-15, 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Herne Hill Harriers Star Track
Tooting Bec Athletics Track, Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 3NP**

**Please email with days required
and the following details:**

Name of child

Address

Tel no / daytime contact

Email address

School

Payment to HHH bank account:

£16 per child, per day

CAF Bank

Account: Herne Hill Harriers

Account no: 00036124

Sort code: 40-52-40

Ref: startrack / surname

**For further information, contact Steve Bosley
Tel 0208 773 8733 • Mob 07721 555 688
startrack@hernehillharriers.org**

**£16
per day**



learn to
love to
read

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

FREE Sessions for parents and their children aged 2 to 4 years (including children attending St Mary's Nursery)

Where: St. Mary's RC School, Battersea

When: 9:00-9:40am

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May 2024

(4 week programme)



Storytime



Gifts each week



Playing games



Singing



Tips

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





Ten:Ten
Resources



March 2024

March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by using the prayer resources below.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March 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 March2024 newsletter please click this link here-

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