

# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 13th September  
2024



@StMarys\_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term of 2024/25! It has been a pleasure to see all the children start their year so positively and with such enthusiasm. It has also been a joy to welcome both new staff and new families to our school. We welcome Mrs Jones in nursery, Miss Sambi in year 1, Miss Hillier in year 3 and Mrs Jerry in year 5. We also welcome a new PE coach, Coach Ashley.

Years 2-6 joined Father Addison and Deacon Michael at our beginning of year Mass on Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph and great importance was placed upon how we all support each other. We do look forward to working closely with you again this year and a menu of family learning opportunities will be shared soon.

Working together has certainly started positively as we have experienced excellent attendance at our 'open classrooms' this week in years 2/3/4-thank you for joining us. The remaining dates for open classrooms are below. We hope you can join us.

We started off the academic year with some whole staff training about our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. We are excited to start this new programme and will offer parent workshops later this term, to allow you to learn about it with us.

You may have spotted some changes to our playground! In fact there have been a few updates to our building over the summer-a summer spruce up! Our hall has been repainted (not a small job!) and new smart blue acoustic boards added, the Early Years have a brand new shelter (no more marquee!) to allow for all weather outdoor provision to take place and the playground is now full of games to enjoy including a painted snakes and ladders and a table tennis table. Both the participating children, staff and yourselves need to take credit for the new playground games-as the money raised by the Mini marathon and the Run Battersea run last year enabled us to purchase them. Well done all who took part-not only did you have fun and stay fit but you improved our school!

## 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

## Open Classrooms!

Please pop into your child's open classroom next week at 3:30pm to see their classroom and meet their teacher, thank you to those parents who came this week!

Monday 16th September - Y1

Wednesday 18th - Y5

Thursday 19th September - Y6



A JOE WICKS WORKOUT AND Q&A WAS ENJOYED BY Y5 AND Y6 WITH OUR FRIENDS AT SACRED HEART



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### Wednesday Word

**The Wednesday word this week is JESUS**

“Jesus loves us without limits. Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy God can only give.”

Pope Francis

Please take a look at this important link for more information regarding attendance.

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/schools/school-absence-and-attendance/>



Class assemblies will start at 9am in the school hall. Please come to the office for a sharp 9am start!

| Date    | Class |
|---------|-------|
| 27 Sept | 6     |
| 2 Oct   | 5     |
| 9 Oct   | 4     |
| 16 Oct  | 3     |
| 23 Oct  | 2     |
| 13 Nov  | 1     |





# Maths Challenge!



## KS1 Challenge:

1. Think of one of the numbers from 1 to 9.
2. Add 9 to your number.
3. Add the digits of your answer together. What is your new number?

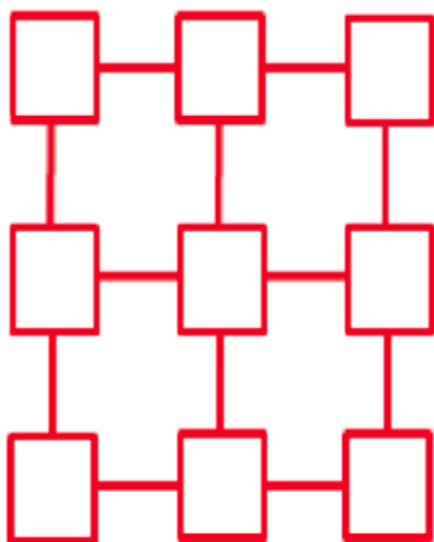
What do you notice?

Try the trick again with a new starting number from 1 to 9. What do you notice now?

**Will this always happen if you start with a number from 1 to 9?**

## KS2 Challenge:

Place the numbers from 1 to 9 in the squares below so that the difference between joined squares is odd.  
(You must use each of the numbers once.)



Can you find some other ways to do this?



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

### **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.**

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| <b>Autumn Term 2024</b>                        |
| <b>INSET Day: 2nd September</b>                |
| <b>First Day: 3rd September</b>                |
| <b>INSET Day: 7th October</b>                  |
| <b>Half Term: 28th October to 1st November</b> |
| <b>INSET Day: 4th November</b>                 |
| <b>Last Day: 20th December</b>                 |
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| <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>                     |
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| <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: 21st July</b>                     |
| <b>One INSET Day TBC</b>                       |



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

### **Term Dates 2025 - 2026**

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| <b>Autumn Term 2025</b>                        |
| <b>INSET Day: 1st September</b>                |
| <b>First Day: 2nd September</b>                |
| <b>Half Term: 27th October to 31st October</b> |
| <b>INSET Day: 3rd November</b>                 |
| <b>Last Day: 19th December</b>                 |
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| <b>Spring Term 2026</b>                        |
| <b>First Day: 5th January</b>                  |
| <b>Half Term: 16th to 20th February</b>        |
| <b>Last Day: 27th March</b>                    |
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| <b>Summer Term 2026</b>                        |
| <b>First Day: 13th April</b>                   |
| <b>Half Term: 25th to 29th May</b>             |
| <b>INSET Day: 1st June</b>                     |
| <b>Last Day: 17th July</b>                     |
| <b>Two INSET Days TBC</b>                      |



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NHS Trust

## Education Wellbeing Service

# Parent Webinars For Early Years Parents & Carers

### Autumn Term SCHEDULE 2024

16TH or 18TH September

**Goodbyes and Goodnights:  
Building your child's  
confidence and independence**

For early years parents & carers

14TH or 16TH October

**Toilet Time: Supporting your  
child with toilet training**

For early years parents & carers

2ND or 4TH December

**Building Strong Bonds:  
The Circle of Security for a  
Healthy and Secure Attachment**

For early years parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of Early Years children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours, speak to your school to find out more

Scan the QR Code or follow the  
link to sign up to any of these  
free local NHS parent webinars  
and hear more

[Click here  
to sign up](#)





POWER TO CONNECT

# Digital Drop Ins



These free sessions give you the opportunity to connect with others on all things digital, share tips and get expert advice from our Digital Champion volunteers. Visit us with your device or use one of the devices available.

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

## Autumn 2024 (September - December)

### BATTERSEA LIBRARY

265 LAVENDER HILL, SW11 1JB

**Every Monday  
10am-12pm**

### ROEHAMPTON LIBRARY

2 DANEURY 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 28th October 2024



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## **Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC)**

Yvonne Carr Children's Centre

**Thursdays 9.30-12.30**

**STARTING September 19th – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### **What is the SFSC group?**

To support parents and carers to develop and increase their parenting skills. It promotes: positive parent-child relationships; a range of life skills; self-esteem; strong ethnic and cultural roots and positive discipline methods.

### **How do you know this group is for you?**

Anyone with responsibilities caring for a children aged 0-18 years.

### **How can the group help?**

The course includes how to handle stress and manage anger as well as learning how to build positive family relationships and how to value family and cultural traditions within their home. Helping to build self-esteem and confidence in your child and promote a sense of wellbeing and confidence as a parent.

### **How long do the groups run for?**

Face to face: 13 weeks for 3 hrs

You will be given a parent manual when you come to group.

### **What Parents Say?**

'I am shouting less and am calmer'

'My relationship with my daughter is better...'

'In my opinion every parent should/must do this group '

Contact: [WandsworthLINKS@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:WandsworthLINKS@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)





**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



**September 2024**

**September marks the return to term-time and as your children get used to routines, a new class or maybe even school, the new term promises to bring lots of change.**

Our September resources have a new look and introduce new ways of praying but in amongst all the change and newness, this month we remember God's unchanging nature and how extraordinary change can come when we allow God's love to work in and through us.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout September 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 September 2024 newsletter please click this link here-

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