

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 11th October
2024

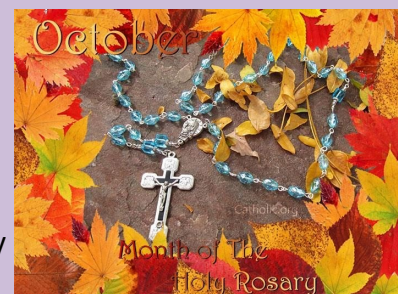


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Dear parents and carers,

We are well and truly into Autumn now. For our school, one of the signs of this season is the devotion to Mary every October. Each Friday morning in October, Deacon Michael and the Faith Friends will be leading online sessions for the classes from Sacred Heart and St Mary's. This year, we are focusing on The Luminous Mysteries. For our Catholic children, it provides an opportunity to utilise their Rosary beads from either their First Holy Communion or their Baptism. For those unfamiliar, the Rosary consists of a set of prayer beads, with each bead representing a specific prayer.



We hope parents weren't inconvenienced too much by the training day on Monday. It was an excellent day for staff and we hope that children and parents will see some of the consequences of the work that the staff put in. The morning was spent looking at how we feedback and assess children's work and their learning. Hopefully your children will share some of the terms they will become familiar with – Tickled Pink, Green for Growth, Yellow Boxing, Visualisers and conferencing.

The teaching staff spent the afternoon becoming more familiar with the software and hardware that we will be using with the children in the computing curriculum. Again hopefully they will share their learning with you and you will hear about Bee-Bots, Scratch Jr, Swift Playground and Micro-bits. We are committed to ensuring that staff have up to date knowledge and skills to give your children the best possible primary start.

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

INSET DAY

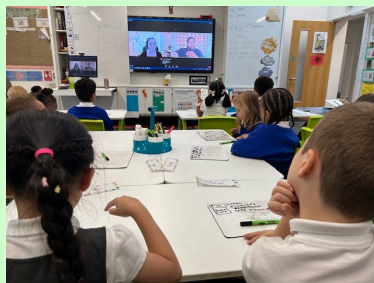
School will be **closed on Monday 4th November** for an INSET day.

School will be closed to all children.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we embrace Black History Month this October, it's vital for our school community to recognise and celebrate the rich contributions of Black individuals throughout history. This month allows our students to learn about influential figures such as Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela, and Rosa Parks, whose legacies have shaped the world. By exploring their achievements and the challenges they overcame, we foster empathy, understanding, and respect among our pupils. Engaging with this important history not only enriches our curriculum but also promotes inclusivity and diversity, preparing our students to thrive in a multicultural society.



Our students in Years 2, 3, and 4 have participated in an engaging virtual author workshop. They had the wonderful opportunity to hear about Hamza Yassin's new book, "Hamza's Wild World". The children learned what inspired him to become an author and how he generates ideas for his captivating stories. It was an inspiring experience for all!



FOUNDATION

We have also had the privilege of hosting workshops for Years 4, 5, and 6, delivered by Chelsea Football Club. These sessions aimed to enhance education and awareness of the significance of Black History Month. Students engaged in discussions celebrating and recognising the remarkable achievements and contributions of Black individuals within and beyond the sporting arena. The workshops also focused on promoting diversity and inclusion, fostering a deeper sense of equality and understanding.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is HAPPINESS

“Jesus is a teacher of truth that shows us the way to happiness”
Pope Francis

First Holy Communion at Mount Carmel and St Joseph's Church



First Holy Communion and Confirmation starts for those who may have child/children in year three or year nine. The first meeting is tomorrow at 1pm in the parish hall.
Please come along!



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

Date	Class
16 Oct	3
23 Oct	2
13 Nov	1

SPORTS NEWS!

We are thrilled to announce the formation of our Sports Council. This dedicated group of pupils will work together to promote physical activity and raise the profile of PE at St Mary's.

Purpose of the Sports Council:

- **Leadership Development:** Pupils will grow as leaders and set positive examples for rest of school.
- **Sports Promotion:** The council will inspire others to get involved in various sporting activities.
- **Event Organisation:** Members will plan and host sporting events to showcase talents and encourage participation.

Meet Our Successful Pupils

Congratulations to our new Sports Council members:

- **Angel** - Chair
- **Danny** - Vice Chair
- **Shiloh** - Year 3 Representative
- **Samia** - Year 2 Representative
- **James** - Year 6 Representative
- **Calley** - Year 6 Representative
- **Fearne** - Year 1 Representative
- **Dagem** - Year 5 Representative
- **Olivia** - Year 5 Representative

These pupils demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm and commitment in their applications, showcasing their passion for sports and physical activity.

Upcoming Initiatives

Following their first meeting, the Sports Council has decided to implement several exciting initiatives, including:

- **Netball Competition:** A thrilling event to encourage participation and teamwork.
- **Code of Conduct:** Establishing guidelines for all pupils to adhere to during PE and school sports.
- **Junior Parkrun Promotion:** Encouraging participation in the upcoming junior parkrun on Sunday, 10th November, at Battersea Park.

Stay tuned for more updates from the Sports Council, and let's support our pupils in their efforts to promote an active and engaged school community!



Maths Challenge!



KS1 Challenge:

Ron has these digit cards.



He uses two of the cards to make a 2-digit number.

How many even 2-digit numbers can he make?

KS2 Challenge:

Ron and Eva each make a 3-digit number from these digit cards.



- **Ron makes the largest even number possible.**
- **Eva makes the smallest odd number possible.**

What is the difference between their numbers?



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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
INSET Day: 7th October
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: 21st July
One INSET Day TBC



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Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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



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St George's Mental Health
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](#)





junior parkrun – where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun



St Mary's Primary School x Battersea junior parkrun Headliner event on Sunday 10th November

Junior parkrun is a **free**, 2k community event where you can **walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate**. It is for 4-14 year olds and their families and friends, **every Sunday morning at 9am**. junior parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun!

Excitingly, we are running a Headliner event with Battersea junior parkrun on Sunday 10th November! We encourage all children, families and friends to come along for a fun morning! It will be an amazing experience to walk, jog, run or volunteer with so many friends at junior parkrun.

You can register for parkrun for free here - www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

Here are details for Battersea junior parkrun:

Address: Battersea Park, London, SW11 4NJ.

Every Sunday, at 9am (arrive at 8:45am for the fun warm up).

This flat course starts on the path in front of the Hut near the corner of All Weather Sports Ground. The route is two laps in a clockwise direction, the majority of it is on tarmac with the finish on grass, just a few meters from the start. There are three toilet facilities in the park; the closest to the start/finish are the Beechmore toilets close to Sun Gate - behind the children's playground.

For more information see the website below.

www.parkrun.org.uk/battersea-juniors/

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us on batterseajuniors@parkrun.com, it is great fun and a lovely way to meet new people!

**Audience:**

All Schools – Headteachers, School Admin Officers, Parents/ Carers

Family Film Screenings at The Garden Cinema

Please pass the following information onto your parents/ carers:

The Garden Cinema in Covent Garden hosts film screenings for families on Saturday and Sunday mornings and on weekdays during the school holidays. All screenings are Pay What You Can which means you are free to pay as much or as little as you can afford. On Sunday there is always a free activity after the film. Upcoming highlights include 'Mary Poppins Returns', 'Kensuke's Kingdom', 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse', 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'Dazzling Animations' chosen by London International Animation Festival.

Full Details: <https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/films-for-the-family/>

films for the family

Join us on Sat & Sun mornings and in the school holidays for our favourite family films + free activity on Sundays.



101 DALMATIANS (1996)
SAT 21 SEP / SUN 22 SEP

FIEVEL GOES WEST (1991)
SAT 28 SEP / SUN 29 SEP

LIAF: ANIMATED SHORTS
SAT 5 OCT / SUN 6 OCT

SPIDERMAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE (2023)
SAT 12 OCT / SUN 13 OCT

MARY POPPINS RETURNS (2018)
SAT 19 OCT / SUN 20 OCT

KENSUKE'S KINGDOM (2023)
SAT 26 OCT / SUN 27 OCT

MONSTERS, INC. (2001)
THU 31 OCT / SAT 2 NOV / SUN 3 NOV

JOURNEY TO THE BEGINNING OF TIME (1995)
SAT 9 NOV / SUN 10 NOV

THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (2017)
SAT 16 NOV / SUN 17 NOV

PAY WHAT YOU CAN

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**Contact details:**

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Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC)

Yvonne Carr Children's Centre

Thursdays 9.30-12.30

STARTING September 19th – December 12th 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





Ten:Ten
Resources



October 2024

Our October resources explore Jesus' welcome for everyone and His leadership through loving service. We are encouraged to have an attitude of child-like trust in God who makes all things possible and to respond to Jesus' call to put others before ourselves.

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

[http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/
parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)