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St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 15th November
2024



@StMarys_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

We were so thrilled to see a number of our pupils participating in 'park run' at Battersea Park last Sunday! Coach Ashley and other staff members were there to cheer the children along. Well done all who took part and remember you can register and go along any week and enjoy some exercise together in your local community, with friends and family. We'll see you there again another Sunday!



We were proud to take part in a volunteering event last week at the Katherine Low Settlement. Along with our friends at TimeGivers and Up, we visited the community centre and spent the morning painting pots with local elderly people. It was a heart-warming way to spend the morning and our pupil volunteers were friendly, warm and engaging-well done all who took part.



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

Parents consultations

Parents consultations will take place on Thursday 28th November from 1:15pm.

School will close at 1pm.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **FAITHFULLNESS**

“Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness”



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

Date	Class
20th Nov	1

Birthday Invites

Please could we ask that you do not ask school to hand out birthday party invites, unless there is one for each child, as this can understandably cause upset. Thank you for your support with this.

Pupil Recipe Competition - Autumn 2024

Pupils are invited to design a meal suitable to be used as a school meal comprising of either a meat, fish or vegetarian dish, plus a carbohydrate accompaniment and a vegetable or salad dish using the principles of 'The Eatwell Plate' with emphasis on the use of fresh produce.

Entries Must Include:

- ✓ Protein Ingredient – meat, fish, eggs, beans (no seafood)
- ✓ Carbohydrate Accompaniment – bread, rice, potatoes, pasta
- ✓ Fresh Vegetables (and can also include fruit if you wish)

You Must Not Use:

- ✗ Nuts or anything made from nuts
- ✗ Soya or soya ingredients
- ✗ Sesame or ingredients that contain sesame
- ✗ Mustard or any ingredients that contain mustard
- ✗ Processed foods – like burgers, sausages or processed meat alternatives
- ✗ Artificial colourings or flavourings
- ✗ Saturated fats, i.e., butter

Two winning entries (one from KS1 and one from KS2) chosen from across the borough of Wandsworth will appear on the Spring/Summer 2025 menu cycle for all schools within the central contract. Pick up your entry form from the school office today. Closing date for entries is Friday 6th December 2024.

HARRISON
food with thought

If your child would like to enter this competition, please see Molly in the office for an entry



Important Dates



Monday 18th November	Year 6 to Lavender Hill Magistrates Court
Wednesday 20th November - Friday 22nd November	Year 6 to Sayers Croft
Wednesday 20th November	Year 1 class assembly at 9am
Friday 22nd November	Year 6 to The Old Vic for 'A Christmas Carol'
Tuesday 26th November	Year 4 to Ice Skating at Battersea Power Station
Wednesday 27th November	Year 4 Winter Sounds Concert Rehearsal at Burntwood School
Thursday 28th November	Flu Jabs
Thursday 28th November	Parents Consultations from 1:15pm School will close early
Friday 29th November	Y5 and Y6 Rugby Tournament at Rosslyn Park
Monday 2nd December	Dress the Tree day!
Wednesday 4th December	Y3 to Natural History Museum
Thursday 5th December	Reception to Battersea Arts Centre
Thursday 5th December	Year 4 Maths Family Learning
Tuesday 10th December	Year 4 Winter Sounds Concert at Fairfield Halls
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3 and Year 5 to Battersea Arts Centre
Wednesday 11th December	EYFA Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16th December	Year 1—Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert from 3:30pm outside the main entrance
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 Advent Service at 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	KS1 Nativity at 2pm



Maths Challenge!



Well done to Orion (y1) and Travis (y3) for their great answers to the last challenge.

KS1 Challenge:



Last Sunday, 10 children from St Mary's ran 2 km for the Junior Parkrun.

What is the total distance that they ran altogether?

Can you write this as an equation?

KS2 Challenge:



95 Parkrunners took part on Sunday to run the 2 km Junior Parkrun.

If 1 km = 0.62 miles, how long is a junior parkrun in miles?

How far did all 95 children run combined?



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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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These are our term dates for the academic year.**

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

FREE Sessions for parents and their children
aged 2 to 4 years

Where: St. Mary's Primary School

When: 9.00-9.45 am

Wednesdays 20th, 27th Nov and 4th, 11th Dec 2024
(4 week programme)



Share books



Gifts



Playing
games



Singing



Tips

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





Family Hubs Virtual Workshops for Parents/Carers

Enjoying Time with Your Child

Part 1: Understanding Their Behaviour

Monday 18th Nov 1 - 2.15pm

New time

Part 2: Approaches and Strategies for Encouraging Positive Behaviour

Monday 25th Nov 1 - 2.15pm

Join Daniel and Phoebe (Educational Psychologists) to hear more about understanding your child's behaviour and how you can enjoy the time you spend with your child even more.



Or scan the QR code below to join

**For more information and to book a place please email
for a Teams link**

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or call/text: 07974 586467





Family Hubs Virtual Workshops for Parents/Carers

September - December 2024
Fortnightly Mondays 1 - 2.15pm

New time



Grab yourself a cuppa and enjoy some helpful tips and support on a range of topics aimed at the **under 5s** from Wandsworth colleagues and partners, **all online**

Date	Topic	Delivered by:
16 th Sep	Supporting your child's communication, under 3s	Jo Hardman Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
30 th Sep	Using Makaton with Young Children	Jenny Prior Speech and Language Therapist and Makaton Tutor
14 th Oct	How to support your child with social communication differences	Jo Hardman Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
4 th Nov	Pathways of support Concerned about your child's progress? Next steps in support	Monika Hammel-Lobo Lead Early Years SEND Inclusion Advisor (and joined by EY SEND colleague)
18 th Nov	Enjoying time with your child part 1 Understanding their behaviour	Daniel Sellwood and Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
25 th Nov	Enjoying time with your child part 2 Approaches and Strategies for Encouraging Positive Behaviour	Daniel Sellwood and Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
2 nd Dec	Introducing Solids	Daisy Gresswell Infant Feeding and Healthy Weight Team Lead
16 th Dec	Developing a love of reading through play	Tara Coffin Director, Learn to love to Read

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Ten:Ten
Resources



November 2024

November is a month of special feasts starting with the Solemnity of All Saints and Feast of All Souls and ending with the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of the liturgical year.

Our November resources invite children to explore what is most important. The Gospels encourage us to prioritise God over all things and love our neighbour. Jesus explains that true generosity of heart means giving with the confidence to trust that God will provide us with all that we need and He is always there ready to help and guide us.

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

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