

# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 6th December  
2024



@StMarys\_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

As we enjoy the preparations for our Advent service and Nativities, a great deal of learning continues to take place. Enrichment opportunities also continue, ensuring that our pupils engage in meaningful experiences that foster both academic and personal growth this festive season.

Last week year 4 visited Battersea Power Station to enjoy a free ice skate at the **Glide ice skating rink**. On Tuesday this week year 1 visited **Fulham Palace** to learn more about toys from the past. On Wednesday year 3 visited the **Natural History Museum** and extended their learning about volcanos and earthquakes. On Thursday reception class enjoyed a performance of 'The Holly King and The Oak King' at **Battersea Arts Centre**. We really are making the most of living in such a vibrant and exciting city!

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who help make these visits possible-we do appreciate your time and support.



Wednesday 11th December	EYFS Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day!
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 Advent Service at 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	KS1 Nativity at 2pm

## End of term

On Friday 20th December school will close early for the Christmas break.

Nursery will finish at 12:45pm and Reception to Y6 will finish at 1pm.

## 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



### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **PREPARATION**

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the Grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas"

## **Ten:Ten Resources**

### **December 2024**

Advent starts right at the beginning of December this year. It's a special time of year and more than just the 'busy run up to Christmas'. Why not take some time, amongst all the busyness, preparations and celebrations that anticipate the coming of Jesus, to pause, reflect and get ready to welcome Jesus with open minds, open hearts and open lives.

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

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

### **Year of Jubilee**

The Assembly for the first week of Advent introduces the Year of Jubilee, which officially begins on Christmas Eve with Pope Francis opening the [Holy Door](#) at St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

A Jubilee Year is an ancient celebration, now celebrated in the Church every 25 years. Pope Francis has named 2025's Year of Jubilee - **Pilgrims of Hope** and it's an invitation to place our hope in God's love for us and to share His love with others. It's a celebration of reconciliation and renewal.

But this is just a taster - you'll hear more about this Holy Year in 2025!



# Maths Challenge!



Well done to Nylah and Mia for their great answers to the last challenge.

## KS1 Challenge:

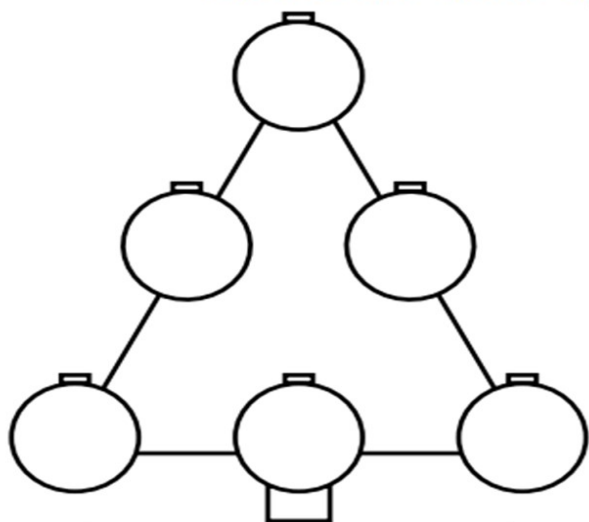
1. What if Santa has 10kg of toys in his sack? Every time he visits a house he leaves one tenth of the presents in his sack. How many houses does he visit before he has less than 5kg left?

- How many kg of toys does he leave at the first house?
- What about the fifth house?
- What patterns can you see?

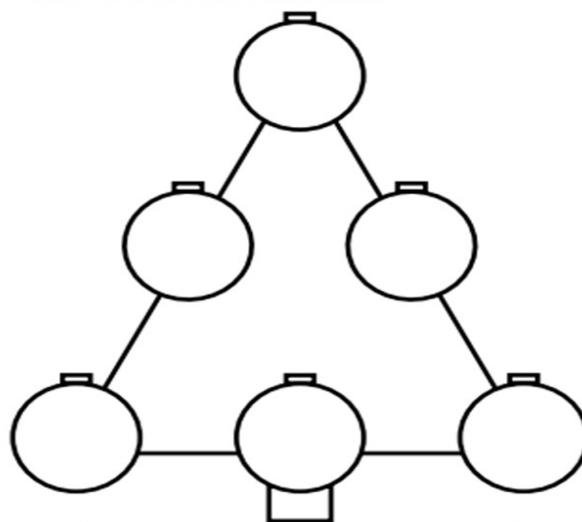


## KS2 Challenge:

Write the numbers in the baubles so that each side adds up to the total shown



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Sides total = 12



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Sides total = 10



## **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.**

<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>
<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: 21st July</b>
<b>One INSET Day TBC</b>



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

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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>
<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>
<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>





You are invited to our



*Christmas*



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS  
AND CAROLS



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00 – 7.30pm



Sacred Heart Church  
Trott Street, Battersea, SW11 3DS





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

For more information and to book a place please email

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Or call/text on 07974 586467

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