

# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 10th January 2025

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all had a good Christmas break and we wish you all a happy and peaceful 2025. It was a pleasure to see the children return on Monday.

The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway. The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years.

The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

Throughout the school year we will host events to celebrate this event.

We also share with you the Jubilee prayer-see the next page.

Wishing you a good weekend-keep warm.



## Food collection

We are incredibly fortunate to be receiving weekly food donations from City Harvest Charity which enable us to continue with our weekly food banks every Tuesday at 3:15pm  
Please make sure to pop by!

## 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



### *The Jubilee Prayer*

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen





### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is BAPTISM

"Baptism gives strength and it gives light"  
Pope Francis

## **Ten:Ten Resources**

**January 2025**

Just when we thought the celebrations might stop after Christmas, the New Year starts with a month full of significant Church calendar events.

What's more, [the Year of Jubilee](#) has begun! This special celebration year comes with an invitation from Pope Francis to place our hope in God's love for us and to share His love with others.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January 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 rest of the ten ten parents newsletter please click this link below!

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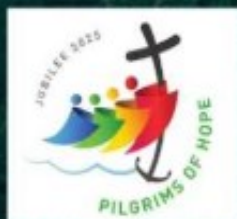
YEAR 6

CELEBRATION OF THE  
WORD SERVICE

TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2025

ALL PARENTS AND  
CARERS ARE  
WELCOME TO ATTEND

2PM IN THE SCHOOL  
HALL







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

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

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

<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>



## Sustainability Workshop

# REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE

### Recycle

- Learn how to recycle, what household items can be recycled, how to recycle them and how this can impact climate change

### Upcycle

- Learn how to make the most of resources and become a less wasteful household.
- Learn how to repurpose your waste in innovative ways.

### Grow

- Seed Planting Workshop
- Learn how to grow your own vegetables at home



*Happy Homes*  
ASIAN FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

11:00am – 2:00pm  
18th January 2025  
York Gardens Library  
34 Lavender Rd, London  
SW11 2UG

Activities for the whole family and refreshments





POWER TO CONNECT

# Free Introduction to Vinted Course



## What is Vinted?

Vinted is an online marketplace for buying and selling secondhand clothing and accessories.



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CENTRE**  
2 THESSALY RD,  
NINE ELMS, LONDON  
SW8 4HT



**Friday 14th February 2025**  
**9:30am-12:30pm**

## In this short course you will:

- Be introduced to Vinted Market Place
- Learn the art of product photography
- Learn efficient packing and shipping techniques
- Gain valuable tips and tricks

To book your place contact Megan from Power to Connect on  
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**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.

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED!**  
BUT, PLEASE NOTE YOU MAY  
NEED TO WAIT TO CHAT WITH ONE  
OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SPACES  
ARE LIMITED



**Jan 2025 - Feb 2025 - Mar 2025**

**\*\*Sessions run from w/c 13th January to w/c 31st March, with a pause for half-term during w/c 17th February\*\***

## **MONDAY**

**BATTERSEA LIBRARY** 265 LAVENDER HILL, SW11 1JB **10AM - 12PM**

**ROEHAMPTON LIBRARY** 2 DANEBURY AVENUE, SW15 4HB **2PM - 4PM**

## **TUESDAY**

**BATTERSEA PARK LIBRARY** 309 BATTERSEA PARK RD, SW11 4NF **2PM - 4PM**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**SOUTHFIELDS LIBRARY** 300 WIMBLEDON PARK RD, SW19 6NL **2PM - 4PM**

## **THURSDAY**

**WANDSWORTH TOWN LIBRARY** 9 COURTHOUSE WAY, SW18 4QG **10AM-12PM**

## **FRIDAY**

**TOOTING LIBRARY** 75 MITCHAM RD, LONDON SW17 9PD **2PM - 4PM**

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# Free Family Online Safety and Digital Skills Course



To book your  
place contact Megan  
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**Are you a parent or caregiver who wants to learn more  
about the digital world and keeping your children safe  
online?**



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**Start: 17th January 2025  
Finish: 7th February 2025  
Fridays, 10am-12pm**

Join our 4-session course designed to help you gain knowledge and understanding of the risks you and your children may face online. We explore topics such as **social media, online gaming, parental restrictions and privacy settings**. We'll also provide an introduction to Google and all the amazing things it has to offer.

**On completing the course you will receive your own refurbished  
Power to Connect Laptop**

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