

# St Mary’s RC Primary School School Newsletter

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This week’s Wednesday Word is  
**CHANGE**

‘To live, is to change and to be perfect is to of changed often.’  
St John Henry Newman

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Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Open Classroom sessions (EY and year 1 are to come). It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and to share a glimpse of the learning taking place in our classrooms and our expectations for the year. We value working with you to ensure your child gets the best out of their experience here at St Mary's.

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| EYFS                                    | Year 1                               |
| Wednesday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> September | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>September |

Coming Up: Maths Parent Sessions

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our upcoming Maths Parent Sessions, where we will explore how we can work together to help our pupils develop a love of maths (although we appreciate many love it already!). The sessions will provide an opportunity to find out more about how maths is taught in school, discover practical ways you can support your child at home, and learn how we can help children develop confidence, curiosity and enjoyment in mathematics. We hope you will be able to join us! Details about dates and times are below.

|            | Monday 12 Oct | Wednesday 14 Oct |        | Thursday 15 Oct |        | Friday 16 Oct |        |
|------------|---------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Year group | Year 5        | Year 4           | EY     | Year 6          | Year 2 | Year 3        | Year 1 |
| Time       | 3.30pm        | 3.30pm           | 2.45pm | 3.30pm          | 9am    | 3.30pm        | 9am    |

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are also currently looking for a parent to join our Federation Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in supporting our school and helping to shape it's future. Please see the previous letter/email sent to parents and carers for further information about the role, the application process and how to express your interest.

Mass for the New Academic Year

Faith Friends; Nyla, Mia, Nathan and Liya, accompanied by Miss Gilbride, proudly represented our school at the Mass for the new academic year at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark this Friday. The children were wonderful ambassadors, singing beautifully and showing themselves to be excellent role models. We were also delighted to see Margaret and and Barry Mizen receive special medals from Bishop John in recognition of their work with the Mizen Foundation. A very special celebration and one we were proud to be part of!



Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make a real difference to our children’s learning and school experience. Have a lovely weekend!



**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*

## September

**This new school year starts early, with some schools opening at the end of August! Whatever your school's start date, September is a time for beginning again as children settle in to new classes — it's a time for us all to look forward with renewed hopes and expectations.**

**Our team are asking God to bless your children, families and schools this academic year, and pray that all school communities will be places of learning, peace, care and understanding. 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 view the full version of the Ten Ten newsletter please click this link -  
<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/Vjmo5i0YPU8zc/>

## Every School Day Matters

Being in school every day helps children feel that they belong. It gives them the opportunity to enjoy friendships, take part in exciting learning and develop confidence, independence and resilience.

Regular attendance also helps children establish positive habits that will support them throughout their education and, eventually, in adult and working life.

We understand that children are sometimes genuinely too unwell to attend school. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to come in, this NHS guidance may help:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child cannot attend, please contact the school office as soon as possible and let us know the reason. If your child is finding it difficult to come to school, please talk to us. By sharing concerns early, we can work together to find ways to help.

Please support your child's learning by arranging family holidays and overseas trips outside term time. Even a few missed days can mean missing important learning, friendships, routines and special experiences that cannot always be repeated.

Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. We cannot wait to see the children and begin another happy and successful school year together.



# PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP

## Session 2

### Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation

Learn how to recognise risks beyond the home and keep your children safe.

#### Who is it for?

- Parents & carers of young people aged 9+
- Wandsworth residents only

#### What you'll gain

Build safeguarding confidence

Understand exploitation  
and risks beyond home

Practical tools to  
spot risks early

#### Guest Speakers

1. George Turner from Carney's Community
2. Davis Williams from Manhood Academy
3. Young Person & Parent with Lived Experience

# Thursday, 8 October 2026

## 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Arrival at 5:30pm

**Caius House**

2 Holman Rd

London SW11 3RL

Online: **Microsoft Teams**

 Free food provided at  
the in-person session

 Only 25 in person  
spaces available



**Register Now**

Scan the QR code to secure your place

More workshops coming soon on **Online Safety & Knife Crime Awareness**

Delivered in partnership with  
Wandsworth Council's Community Safety and Children's Services