

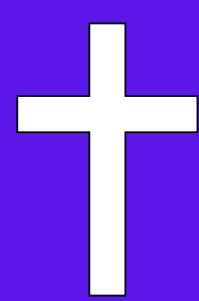
St Mary's RC Primary School School Newsletter

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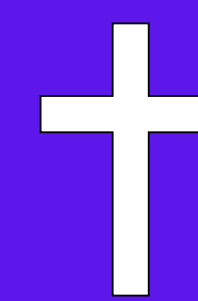
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This week's Wednesday Word is
INVITATION



'The Gospel is an invitation to the fullness of life.'
St John Paul II

Dear parents and carers,

Celebrating Black History Month

This month, we are celebrating Black History Month across our school community, learning about the achievements, contributions and experiences of inspiring black people from the past and present. Our children are exploring significant black figures through stories, reading, research and classroom activities. We are also enjoying books by black authors and stories featuring strong black characters, helping our children to discover new voices, perspectives and role models.

Our pupils have also been creating John Archer portraits, which will be displayed at Battersea Arts Centre, and we are running a Black History Month homework competition across all year groups. One child from each key stage will receive a prize, which will be presented in assembly.

We are proud to use Black History Month as an opportunity to celebrate, learn and inspire — while recognising the important contributions black people have made, and continue to make, to our society.

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful work and creative activities with you throughout the month!



Paddington The Musical Competition Winners!

Congratulations to the pupils in KS2 who won the Paddington competition and were taken to see the musical last week. It was an absolute joy! Heartfelt thanks to Richard, one of our loyal reading volunteers, who kindly bought all the tickets for us-all 35 of them! What a kind man and what a fun night for all.



Half Marathon -wish us luck!

On Sunday please wish the St Mary's running team well, as we take part in The Royal Parks Half Marathon to raise money for the Children's Book Project-a charity who supports our school and donates books for our pupils to read and take home. We've been training hard and are ready to go now! Good luck to Miss Hudson, Miss O'Riordan, Miss Shirley, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Shoubber who is joining us too.



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

October

October arrives as the Autumn term is well underway and routines of school and family life are becoming more firmly established. In these weeks, our resources aim to bring opportunities to pause, notice what is important and make time for God and one another.

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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 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.

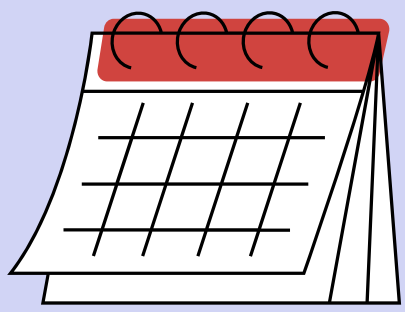
Regular attendance also helps children establish positive habits that will support them throughout their education and, eventually, in adult and working life.

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/>

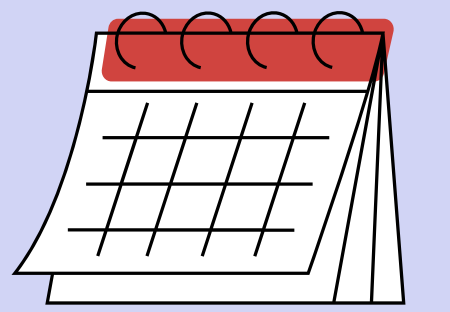
If your child cannot attend, please contact the school office as soon as possible and let us know the reason. If your child is finding it difficult to come to school, please talk to us. By sharing concerns early, we can work together to find ways to help.

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.



Upcoming Dates



Date	Event
13th October	EYFS open morning at 9:30am
14th October	Y6 school journey meeting at 3:30pm
15th October	Y3 class assembly at 9am
20th October	Y5 trip to Science Museum
21st October	Y4 & Y5 Fireworks workshop
22nd October	Y4 trip to British Museum
22nd October	Y2 class assembly at 9am
26th – 30th October	Half term
2nd November	INSET day
3rd November	Children’s first day
4th November	EYFS learn to Love to read parent sessions start at 9am
12th November	Y1 class assembly at 9am
13th November	Author Banji Alexander visit for YR – Y6
17th November	Individual photographs for all children
18th November	Y2 trip to BPS Glide ice skating
19th November	Time givers trip to Katherine Low Settlement
	Y4 trip to National Gallery
24th November	Y4 trip to Burntwood School for Winter Sounds rehearsal
	EYFS open morning at 9:30am
26th November	Parents consultations School will close at 1:15pm for all children
1st December	Dress the tree day
2nd – 4th December	Y6 residential trip to High Ashurst
7th December	In school flu jabs
9th December	Y4 to Fairfield Halls for Winter Sounds Concert
11th December	Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
15th December	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
16th December	Christmas dinner day!
17th December	EYFS Christmas singalong at 2:30pm
18th December	School finishes early for Christmas School will close at 1:15pm



Let's Talk!

PARENTS MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

9am

*Would you like to know
more about what ADHD is?*

WE WILL SHARE

- Advice and strategies from school staff and the school nurse
- What signs to look for.
- How to seek an assessment
- Practical advice and support

**Hamper
prizes to be
won**

MEET Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

AS SEEN ON:



HIS VISIT HAS BEEN

POSTPONED

UNTIL

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

This means there is still time for parents
to buy his book through the school!



**PRE-ORDER BOOKS
VIA THE SCHOOL
FOR £10!**

**BANJI ALEXANDER WILL SIGN
COPIES ON THE DAY.**





HOLIDAY COURSES

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for players of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now by using the below link or course code on our website.

Date: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026

Location: Battersea Park

Time: 9:00 - 15:00

Price: £180

Link: [Chelsea FC | Soccer Schools](#)

Age group: Reception to Year 6

Course code: SS-BSP-L-121



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

learn to
love to
read

Free sessions for parents and their children aged 2 to 4 years



Free books and other gifts every week

Where: St Mary's Primary School

When: 9.00-9.40am

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November

Please sign up:

by clicking here <https://bit.ly/46syqCb>
or email sally@l2l2r.org
or message or call 07859883798

or scan here

