

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful fortnight and are enjoying the upturn in weather. I am glad that so many children are wearing appropriate Summer-wear and carrying full water bottles and encourage the children to continue to do so.

This week, year 4 enjoyed a trip to the Church where they participated in the morning service with Revd. Vanessa Conant. Last Thursday, Worship council members from year 3-6 attended a food share at St Mary's Church. They provided our local community with some sandwiches and were met by our local MP, Stella Creasy.

Our Year 6s have begun work on their end of year performance; they have been joined by a choreographer who has been teaching them a dance in advance of their production. Their moves are fabulous and their voices are in fine fettle - it will be a show to remember!

Last Tuesday, we hosted the Latin Programme's Latin Roadshow. Jonathan led a really engaging assembly where the children were taught Latin words and phrases, partook in a rap, and some even did battle as gladiators! The year 5s were then treated to workshops led by two other Latin specialists.

Next Tuesday, the whole school will be logging on to the Great Big Live Assembly; this year, the assembly is on the theme of refugees and will feature a live broadcast from a refugee camp in Jordan. This will serve as further inspiration for the upcoming Refugee Week and the children's "We Cannot Walk Alone" projects.

We will have another special guest assembly next Thursday; we will be joined by Emmanuel Akpan-Inwang, the founder and Director of Lighthouse Pedagogy Trust, a children's home provider focused on ensuring that children in care have the same opportunities as everyone else.

We are extremely excited to have Crazy golf coming to our school on Thursday and Friday for all year groups to partake in; it was a great success last year and, I'm sure, promises to be another this year.

As ever, have a blessed weekend. In light of the beautiful weather, I leave you with a verse from Ecclesiastes 3:12-13:

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

Kind Regards,
Mr Pitchford,
Head of School

Attendance



Our whole school attendance for Week 1 was 94.49%.

Our whole school attendance for Week 2 was 95.58%.

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 95.34%

Gentle Reminder:

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please leave a message for the office team on the school absence line by calling 020 8521 1066 and dialling 1.

Please ensure this message includes the reason your child is off sick - i.e. sore throat, temperature or stomach bug.

If you need to collect your child for a medical appointment during the day or they are late to school due to a medical appointment, you will need to provide the school office with an appointment letter/record.

Important Messages

Medication

If your child has medication in school, please ensure that you have noted down the expiry dates to ensure we have the correct medication in school. If your child's doctor has made any changes to their medication or the procedure for caring for your child, please ensure the office is informed in writing of any changes and receives a copy of the documents from the GP.



Hot Weather

As the temperature begins to rise, we would like all children to bring a water bottle and a summer hat to school. If your child needs sun cream, please could you apply this before we come to school.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the bag at our Chestnut Avenue South Gate. A large amount of the uniform is not named, if your child is missing any of their items, please could you check the bag for any missing items.



Large Bags

Unfortunately, many children are bringing very large backpacks to school. There is little storage space available for such large bags and they pose a trip hazard. Please send your child to school with the smallest bag possible - ideally a bookbag.



Walthamstow Cafe

WALTHAMSTOW WELCOMES

**DROP IN COMMUNITY CAFÉ &
PAPERWORK SUPPORT**

**To book available appointments
send an email to:**

E17welcomecafe@stmaryswalthamstow.org



ST MARY'S WELCOME CENTRE

8 CHURCH END, E17 9RJ | 10:00–12:00



Saturday: 18/03 | 01/04 | 15/04 | 29/04 | 13/05 | 27/05

Wednesday: 22/03 | 05/04 | 19/04 | 03/05 | 17/05 | 31/05



Class Photos

Please can we remind you that your child's class photo will be taking place on Wednesday 12th July 2023.



Refugee Week



Refugee Week

Free Events and Activities

**SUNDAY 18
JUNE**

**TUESDAY
20 JUNE**

**WEDNESDAY 21
JUNE**

**SATURDAY
24 JUNE**

**SUNDAY 25
JUNE**

<p>13:30 to 15:30 Refugee Art Exhibition Opening Party</p> <p>Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, E10 7HU</p>	<p>15:00 to 18:00 World Refugee Day Celebration</p> <p>Waltham Forest Town Hall, E17 4JF</p> <p>Food Ice cream Games Activities for children Support and advice</p>	<p>11:00 to 15:00 Free health check-up (women only)</p> <p>Ghousia Grove Road Hall, Grove Road, E17 9BU</p> <p>Nurse clinic Health information Support and advice</p>	<p>11:00 to 13:00 Stories & Supper share stories about home, food and migration with other refugees and local people</p>	<p>12:00 to 16:00 Party in the Park</p> <p>Thomas Gamuel Park, E17 8NP</p>
<p>Food Music Games Art workshops</p>	<p>10:30 to 13:30 Environmental volunteering in local nature reserve. Free Lunch. 16+</p> <p>14:00 to 15:30 Guided walk of Walthamstow Wetlands. Enjoy nature and wildlife.</p> <p>The Engine House, Walthamstow Wetlands, 2 Forest Road, N17 9DG</p> <p>verangers@wildlondon.org.uk to book</p>	<p>16:30 to 19:00 Refugees Welcome Sports Day</p> <p>Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 6EQ</p> <p>Sports games Activities for children Food Support and advice</p>	<p>Peterhouse Community Centre, 122 Forest Rise, E17 3PW.</p> <p>Stories Practice English Food</p>	<p>Activities for children Food Meet animals Hairdresser Beauty treatments</p>  <p>Waltham Forest</p>

Healthy Snacks



We would like to remind parents and carers that St Mary's is a Healthy School. Children should not bring chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks as morning snacks, if your child does bring these in, they will be replaced with a piece of fruit and sent home with them at the end of the school day. Please ensure that should you like to provide your child with a snack that it is a healthy option. Nut free cereal bars, yoghurt bars or fruit bars are recommended.

All children are encouraged to drink water regularly – please ensure that your child is bringing in their own water bottles, these can be refilled during the school day.

We are proud to be a nut free school!



Food Bank



We have now got a food bank located in our school office foyer. We are welcoming donations of tinned goods and non perishable items.

The food bank is open for any families struggling with the cost of living crisis. You are welcome to come into the office at any time to collect items that you may need.

Any extra donations will be donated to local food banks to provide support our local community.

Parent Workshops

We have online workshops for parents that cover a variety of topics. This can be located under the Parents Tab on our school website. We offer these workshops to support learning at home.



Young Transformers

Our Summer Curriculum



EYFS - Curiosity

As far as important species go, bees are on top of the list. Summer is the time for bees, flowers and honey. EYFS classes will learn how bees live and how they are fundamental to existence. We will meet a real beekeeper who will tell us about the different types of bees out there and we even get to taste different types of honey. *By looking after our wildlife, we create a harmonious world.*

Year 1 - Curiosity

Have you ever wondered how food ends up in the supermarket? This term, pupils and parents will grow and harvest their own vegetables in gardens or allotments. Ingredients are used to make and sell healthy dishes in our pop up kitchen. Not only will children learn how to grow their own produce, they will share it as well. *By growing, harvesting and sharing our produce, we aim to change the way we appreciate food.*

Year 2- Community

Immigration has helped us to become the prosperous society we are today. Year 2 children will learn about immigration, ancestry and London's diverse communities. They will also learn that many people are less fortunate and seek to make out a future here. We will work closely with our church to support refugees who have recently entered the UK. *By looking after the most vulnerable people in society, we reveal our true community spirit.*

Year 3 - Curiosity

Some say that robots will take over the world. We are not so sure. This term, children in Year 3 will learn what robots are and where they are used in industries to help production. They will become familiar with the notion of automation. We will invite students from Imperial College to show how robots work and children will have the chance to operate them. *By mastering robotics, we can achieve the unthinkable for the best of humankind.*

Year 4 - Confidence

In the summer, year 4 will hold a travel survey to see how pupils travel to school. To promote scooting, cycling, walking and skipping to school, the children will work with professionals scooter experts to improve their road safety and scooting skills. *By getting on your scooter or bike, you help to eradicate pollution.*

Year 5 - Curiosity

This summer, Year 5 pupils will ask the question: 'What is truth? Pupils will become critical readers of history and current news to interrogate concepts such as bias, prejudice and power. The truth according to whom? Who is to gain and who misses out? *By challenging accepted theories and structures, we reveal uncomfortable truths.*

Year 6 - Community

Now we have reached the end of our primary school years, we celebrate our time with a school sleepover party. Bring pyjamas and a sleeping bag; the rest is all taken care of. *By remembering our time together, we step with confidence into the future.*

Home- Mandatory Confidence

Breaking records is all about improving yourself. We want every pupil to set themselves a challenge to break a sporting record. This could be push ups in a minute, skipping without stopping, or swimming lanes in the pool. Use this term to become an expert at a particular sporting feat by breaking records: don't give up. *By breaking personal best records, we set ourselves no limits to what can be achieved.*

ST MARY'S TERM DATES 2022-23

Spring Term 2023

First Half (29 Days)

Start – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

End - Friday 10th February 2023

Half Term: Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 20th February 2023

End – Friday 31st March 2023

Holidays: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

First Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 17th April 2023

End -Friday 26th May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 (during Half Term)

Second Half (37 Days)

Start - Monday 5th June 2023

End – Tuesday 25th July 2023

This calendar gives a total of 195 (189 pupil days 1 building closure day, 1 resource and environment day and 3 inset days – Staff to work twilight sessions to make up 1 inset day).

St. Mary's Christian Vision

I AM THE VINE AND YOU
ARE THE BRANCHES. IF
YOU REMAIN WITH ME AND
I WITH YOU, THEN YOU
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.
(JOHN 15).