

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful fortnight. I want to start by offering my heartfelt congratulations to the Year 6s who have completed their KS2 SATs; they have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at St Mary's and can be proud of their achievements. They have an exciting summer ahead of them.

This week, there have been a number of exciting trips. The School Council visited the Houses of Parliament and saw some of the MPs in the House of Commons - they even saw the Prime Minister at work! Our Year 2s had a great time at the awe-inspiring St Paul's Cathedral, receiving a guided tour and making their own mosaic tile. The Year 6s, to celebrate the end of SATs, enjoyed a picnic and fun and games at Lloyd Park on Friday, although the weather wasn't especially cooperative.

Last Wednesday, we were joined by Jacintha Danaswamy who, as an ordinant, is training to become a priest. She spoke about how she was continuously learning through her job and how the school's vision - love one another as I have loved you - is central to much of the work that she carries out. Thank you again to Jacintha.

Thank you to those of you who attended the parent Spelling Frame workshop, led by Mrs Crawford, on Wednesday 10th May. Spelling frame combines exciting rewards with distributed practice and progressive introduction of spellings - we recommend it highly and celebrate those children who use it. If you have any questions about using Spelling Frame, please contact the office and Mrs Crawford will be able to assist you. Please be aware that we have an e-safety parent workshop scheduled for next Wednesday (17/05/23). We hope to see you at this important event.

As ever, have a blessed weekend. In keeping with celebrating the culmination of the Years 6s hard work, I leave you with a verse from Proverbs 31:31

Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Kind Regards
Mr Pitchford
Head of School

Attendance



Our whole school attendance for Week 3 was 96.17 %.

Our whole school attendance for Week 4 was 95.2%.

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 95.26%

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

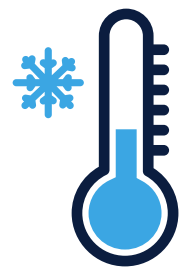
Medication

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.



Cold Weather

As the temperature are getting colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm winter coat that is labelled. The temperature is dropping fast and we want the children to be dressed appropriately. However still continue to bring in their own water bottle.



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

School Council's visit to the Houses of Parliament



Our school council had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and take part in a Law & Debating Workshop.

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!



Edwards and Ward Food Hygiene Rating

We are pleased to inform you that a recent inspection of the Edwards and Ward kitchen resulted in a 5 star rating.



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).