

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Term 1- Week 5 & 6



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks at St Mary's, and there is still more to come. Thank you to the many families who sent their congratulations on our Ofsted report; the messages meant a great deal. Thank you, too, to those of you who joined us this week for our open evening. It was lovely to see so many of you.

Next week is a full one. We will start with a visit to St Mary's Church for our Harvest Service, a chance to reflect on all we have to be thankful for and to remember those in need. Back in school, Reception will continue to play, explore and build their friendships. Year 1 are designing and making their own puppets as part of their learning about toys. Year 2 are creating artwork inspired by Esther Mahlangu for our Black History Month showcase. In Year 3, children are making Ancient Greek pottery vases, while Year 4 are designing and making slippers for alpacas. Year 5 will have the playground to themselves for an outdoor adventure, with exclusive use of the cage, sensory garden, play ship and castle. Year 6 are studying Henry Moore and creating their own artwork in his style.

Our whole-school attendance for the year so far stands at an exceptional 97.6%. Thank you for your support with this; we want to finish the half term just as strongly. Please make sure your child is in school and on time every day next week. If anything is making that difficult, speak to the school office and we will help.

Next week, children will bring home an optional Autumn art project, a fun way to get creative over the holiday. We look forward to seeing their finished pieces when we return.

Finally, as we reach the end of a busy and successful first half term, I am enormously proud of how hard the children have worked and how much they have achieved. I'll leave you with Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."

Yours faithfully,
Joe Pitchford

Key Dates

13th October
Meet the team
5pm-7pm

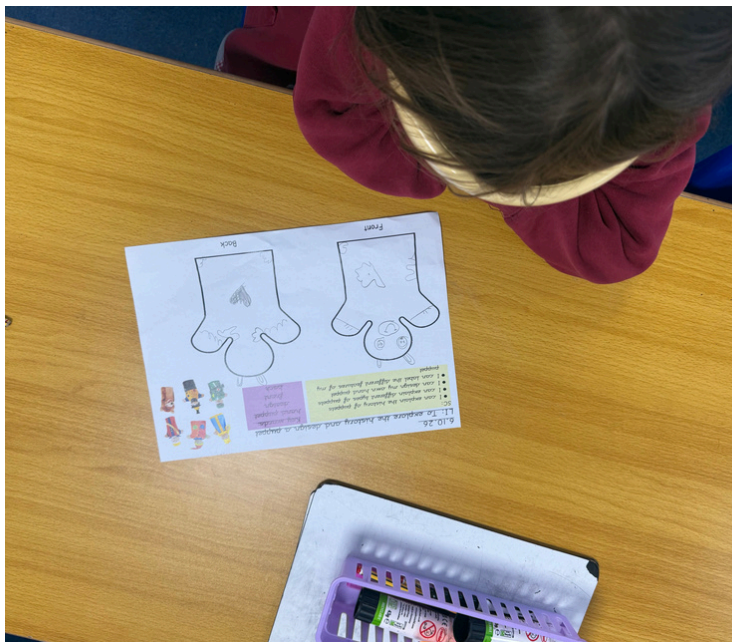
14th October
Y4 Trip -
Forest School

16th October
Wear Red (non-
uniform day)
Give Racism
the Red Card

Y6 Residential trip Gilwell Park



Year 1 Puppet Designs





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Reminders

Medication

If your child has medication in school, please check that it is in date and that we have the correct expiry details on record. If there have been any changes to their medication or care plan, please let the office know in writing and send in any updated documents from your GP.

Healthy Snacks

As St Mary's School is a Healthy School, please send only healthy snacks such as fruit. Chocolate, crisps, and fizzy drinks will be replaced with fruit and sent home. Please also make sure your child brings a water bottle each day, as we encourage regular water drinking.

We are proud to be a nut free school.

Please note that 'may contain nuts' is not suitable.

Umbrellas, Helmets and Large Rucksacks

Please be reminded that our classrooms and cloakrooms can safely accommodate a book bag or a small St Mary's rucksack, along with a jacket.

For safety reasons, umbrellas and helmets must be taken home by parents and carers. Large rucksacks required for overnight stays can be stored safely in the school office during the day.

Thank you for your cooperation.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2027



Do you have a child who was born
between 1 September 2022 and 31
August 2023?



If so, they are due to start Primary School in **September 2027**.
To make an application please apply online
www.eadmissions.org.uk by 15th January 2027.



For more information visit the Waltham Forest
Primary Admission page on
<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school>



where you can download a copy of the **Starting
Primary School 2027 brochure** which has full
details of how to apply for a Primary School place.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2027



Do you have a child who was born
between 1 September 2015 and
31 August 2016 or who is currently
in Year 6?



If so, they are due to start Secondary School in **September 2027**.
To make an application please apply online
www.eadmissions.org.uk by 31 October 2026.



For more information visit the Waltham Forest
Secondary Admission page on
<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place>



where you can download a copy of the **Starting
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**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DATE
Wednesday 7 July 2027**



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