



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. Thank you very much for continuing to support your child's reading. Please ensure that you get your child to school on time every day this term, as our daily reading lessons start at 9am for all classes– remember that the gates are open from 8.45am. Children who practise reading every day at school and at home have the best chances of success in all areas at school and when they grow up.

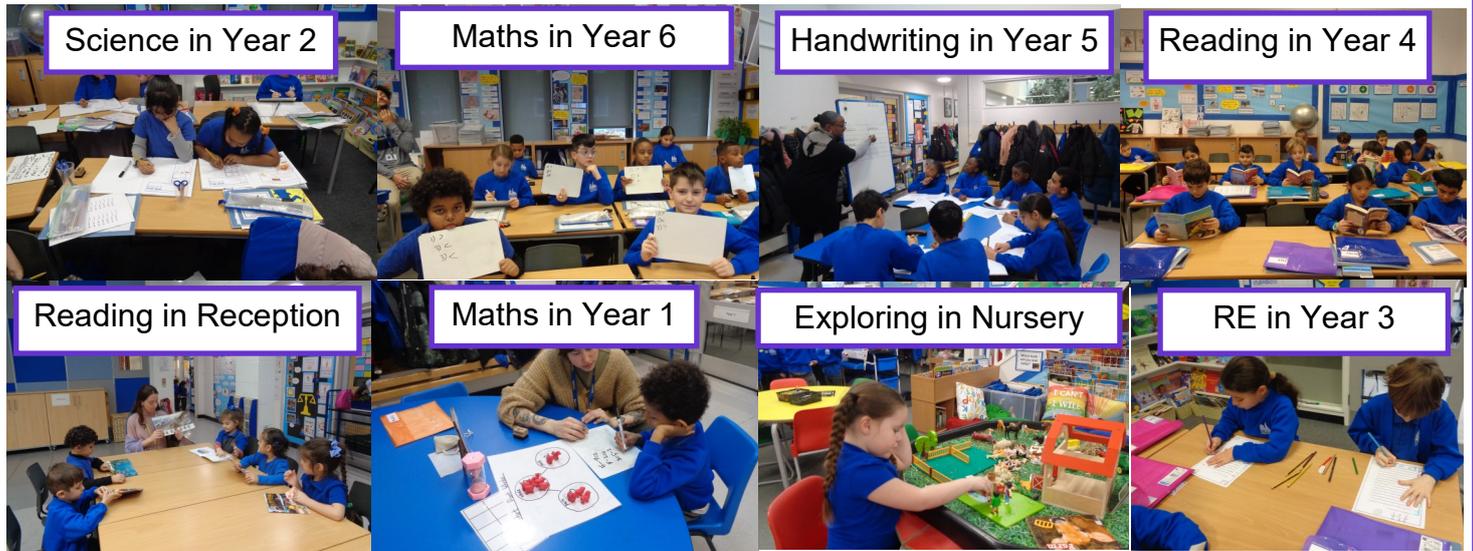
A reminder that after school enrichment clubs begin next week for the children who received confirmation letters last term.

Please see the term dates for next academic year starting September 2026 as these have been updated

With best wishes, Mis Marsham (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

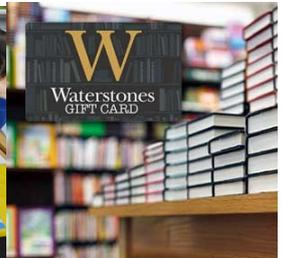
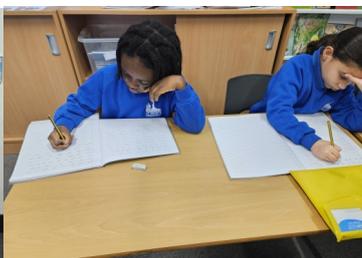
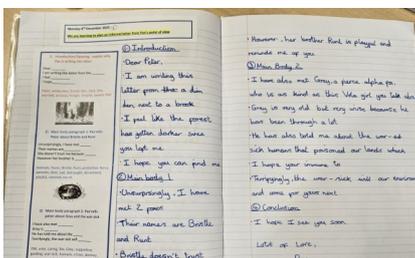
Start of Spring Term...

Children have returned to school ready to work hard and have been enjoying learning and playing with their friends this week. Please ask your child what they are learning about and encourage them to talk about it.



'Handwriting Week' at St Mary's

This week, there has been a great drive to improve handwriting which helps to increase children's ability to read, write, spell and comprehend. It is important that you practise handwriting with your child at home concentrating on letter formation in Reception –Y1 moving on to correctly joining letters from year 2 all the way until year 6. Once children have shown that they can consistently demonstrate neat, legible and joined writing, they are awarded their hand writing hero, which is a £10 waterstone voucher and their name on our handwriting hero display.



Applications for Nursery and Reception class for September 2026...



A reminder that parents of children already in our Nursery class still **must apply** for Reception. You are not automatically guaranteed a place in Reception.

Applications for both classes need to be completed by **15th January** (this coming Thursday) An application form can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from our [website](#). Parents applying for Reception need to also apply online via eadmissions.org.uk and should select 6 schools in order of preference.

SEND Support

The next SEND Surgery is at [Parliament Hill School](#), Highgate Road NW5 on **Tuesday 13 January, 10.30am to 12.30pm**. It is open to all parents and carers.

This is an opportunity to speak directly with Camden Council SEND officers, managers and specialist services.

Whether you're looking for advice, want to better understand the SEND (special educational needs and / or disabilities) process, or simply want to talk things through, please come along. We're here to listen, offer guidance, and help you navigate the support available.

Measles Outbreak

Measles cases are increasing in Camden, check if your child is vaccinated
There has recently been an outbreak of measles in Camden. Measles is very contagious and can result in serious health complications, especially for children and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

The only protection against the most severe forms of measles is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. You can check if your child has had both doses of the vaccine by looking in their Red Book.

camden.gov.uk/measles-vaccinations



Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 1** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** the week before the holidays

Year 1 had a class attendance of **97%**.



Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school.

A reminder that gates open at 8.45am and children should be in school by 9am ready to start their learning.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 9.1.26

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Monday 12th January – After school enrichment clubs begin

Thursday 15th January– Friends of St Mary's Meeting

Thursday 15th January– Reception application deadline

Friday 23rd January– Mental health and resilience coffee morning

Tuesday 27th January– Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

Friday 30th January– Non-Uniform Day

Monday 2nd February– Reception PWAC

Tuesday 3rd February– Year 5 Trip to the Charles Dickens Museum

Friday 6th February– Year 6 History off the Page

Friday 27th February– Academic Review day

Nursery– Year 6

Everyone at some point in their life will struggle with something. If you're affected right now with anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, overwhelm, anger or relationship issues, I can help.



Counselling helps people to quickly figure out their present challenges, get clear on what to change and how, and then bravely take first steps to repair, rebuild or transform their life going forward. I'm Juliette Jackson a counsellor and psychotherapist (HG.Dip.P) www.juliettejackson.co.uk.

I work with parents and carers like you from your child's school for no charge.

Booking a session is easy

Text me on 07887553124 or e mail me juliette@juliettejackson.co.uk and I'll get back to you.

Work of the Week!



This week's brilliant piece of work displayed in the school lobby is by Harper in Year 4.



As part of their Maths learning, Year 4 have been learning about factor pairs. Using factor bugs, they have learnt to work out what numbers can be multiplied together to make the number in the middle.

Harper has shown an excellent understanding of factors. She has completed factor pairs, used factor bugs to find all the factors of a number and solved reasoning and problem-solving questions, taking pride in her work and presenting it clearly and neatly.

Well done, Harper!

Our Prayer of the week...
Happy New Year to all of our school community.



Loving God,

Another term begins and at school Learning and working together. Bless our school, our home from home. Keep us safe and well.

Bless all of our pupils and keep us on the right path.

Bless our teachers and support staff, Who look after us to grow in knowledge and skills.



Person of the Week!

Reception– Amir
Year 1 - Mohammed
Year 2– Suraj
Year 3—Isaac
Year 4– David
Year 5 - Ariana
Year 6 - Leart

Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Marsham or Ms Jackson.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



St Mary's CE Primary School

Term dates 2026/27

Autumn term 2026

1 st & 2 nd September 2026	INSET DAYS. Pupils not in school	
3 rd September 2026	Pupils back at school	
11 th September 2026	Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)	
Half term	26 th October – 30 th October 2026	
End of term	18 th December 2026	Pupil attendance (71 days)

Spring Term 2027

4 th January 2027	Pupils back at school	
Half term	15 th February – 19 th February 2027	
26 th February 2027	Academic Review Day	
End of Term	25 th March 2027	(53 days)

Summer Term 2027

12 th April 2027	Pupils back at school	
3 rd May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday -school closed	
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June 2027	
16 th July 2027	Academic Review Day	
End of Term	21 st July 2027	(66 days)
		(Total 190 days attendance)