St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children in all classes have been learning about aspects of gender, race and religious equality as part of the school's equality curriculum. We look forward to sharing some of their work next week.

The weather has turned colder now so please make sure that your child has a warm coat. Many children have very similar looking coats so please make sure their name is on it too. Thank you for your help with this.

With best wishes, Ms Marsham (Head of School) and Ms Dyson (Executive Headteacher)



Science: Year 2 Visit Hampstead Heath

Year 2 visited Hampstead Heath to learn about animal habitats as part of their science learning. They participated in a 'Heath Beasts' workshop and went on the hunt for different creatures in two different habitats. They explored a woodland habitat where they used magnifying glasses to carefully observe how these woodland creatures lived in their surroundings.



How to read with your child at home…



Thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Information Coffee Morning this week where we shared tips on how to read with your child at home. Please see overleaf for more Coffee Mornings planned this term.

We talked about how children will be using their phonics to help them sound out and read words. Here are a helpful videos for parents on how to say the sounds in different phases https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics

Top tips for reading with your child:

- Make a regular time to read with your child with no interruptions.
- Make reading a pleasurable time. Get excited about books and reading—children will feed off your excitement and want to read more!
- Read to your child as well as listening them read to you.
- Give your child some thinking time when they get stuck.
- Prompt your child to use their phonics to sound out words using their fingers.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 6.11.26

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 9th November- 9.05 Reception PWAC

Wednesday 11th November- School Photo Day

Thursday 12th November- Year 6 Junior Citizenship workshop

Friday 13th November- Coffee morning- Childhood worries (led by mental Health Support Team)

Tuesday 17th November- Y6 Predators and Prey workshop- in school

Tuesday 17th November- Year 3 Poetry Workshop with Valerie Bloom (at St Luke's)

Thursday 19th November- Year 4 Trip to the Wallace Collection

Friday 20th November- Coffee morning- Helping support your child's SEND needs at home

Tuesday 24th November- 10am Nursery- Year 2 Music Concert- parents welcome

Tuesday 24th November- 2pm Year 3- Year6 Music Concert- parents welcome

Friday 27th November- Non-Uniform day



Person of the Week!

Reception- Antonios
Year 1 – Fis
Year 2– Yihan
Year 3- Jamila
Year 4– Mateo
Year 5 – Samia
Year 6 – Jack

Attendance…

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



Year 3 had a class attendance of **98%**

Well done, to other year groups who had above 96%!
Year 2 97%
Year 3 96%

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.

Work of the Week!

This week's brilliant piece of work displayed in the school lobby is by Shiv in Year 6.



In English, Year 6 have been learning about World War Two. After doing their own research into the causes of the war, they have written a chronological report about their findings.

Shiv has written an informative and detailed chronological report, using conjunctive adverbs to link causes to their effects and including important vocabulary and dates. Shiv has taken pride in his writing, and has worked hard to keep the tone of a report throughout his work.

Well done, Shiv!

Our Prayer of the week…



Dear God,
For those who are lonely or sad at this joyful time of year.
For those who are hungry and have no home of their own.
For all in our family,
in our parish and in our school,
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Give us hope in our hearts.
Amen



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 CofE Primary School
Term dates 2027/28

Holidays should be taken in the 13 weeks holiday throughout the year.

Autumn term 2027

1st September 2027	INSET DAY. Pupils not in school
2nd September 2027	Pupils back at school
10th September 2027	Academic Review Day
Half term	25th October – 29th October 2027
End of term	17th December 2027

Pupil attendance
(71 days)

Spring Term 2028

4th January 2028	INSET Day. Pupils not in school
5th January 2028	Pupils back at school
Half term	14th February – 18th February 2028
25th February 2028	Academic Review Day
End of Term	31st March 2028

Pupil attendance
(57 days)

Summer Term 2028

18th April 2028	Pupils back at school
1st May 2028	May Day-school closed
Half Term	29th May – 2nd June 2028
7th July 2028	Academic Review Day
End of Term	21st July 2028

Pupil attendance

(62 days)

(Total 190 days attendance)