



St Mary's CE Primary School
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2025, WEEK 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Headteacher

Welcome back to school and we hope you all had a lovely break. This week has simply flown by and it has been an exciting time for the children with Hook Days happening across the school. Please sign on to our Instagram account to see the photos of what's been going on: visits by a Doctor and an Arctic explorer are just some of the events.

Weekly attendance: w/c 6th January 2025

Well done to Year 1 for reaching **The Golden Goal** for the highest attendance and also to Year 3 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	3	90.31%
Year 1	12	98.03%
Year 2	6	91.64%
Year 3	0	96.51%
Year 4	8	97.75%
Year 5	6	95.27%
Year 6	3	95.82%
Whole School	38	95.17%

OTHER NEWS

380 Years of St Mary's School

Plans are underway for our commemorative service on Thursday 23rd January which will be attended by The Lord Mayor of Richmond, in robes no less! Thank you for helping us by sending in any costumes that teachers have requested and by helping children to learn their lines. FoSM has kindly agreed to provide a little tea party for the children after the service. With discos taking place in the next few weeks too, we really are celebrating this wonderful milestone in style.

We are very grateful to the parents who have come forward to help us move pews numerous times in advance of the service. The service is to be held 'in the round' to make sure each and every St Mary's pupil fits in; remember we will be sending you the film so you get to feel part of it too. For those parents whose children do not have photo permission, please look out for separate communication about this; if your child cannot be filmed we will need to ensure they are not in the spotlight.

Technology at St Mary's

St Mary's is reaching out to see if any of our school community members work in the tech industry and might be able to assist us with hardware resources such as iPads, Chromebooks, laptops or other devices. As technology continues to play a crucial role in children's learning, any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated and will help us to ensure that all pupils have access to the tools they need to succeed. If you're able to help or know of any potential donations, please get in touch with us. Thank you for your support.

Confirmation at St Mary's Church – Year 6 Children

On Sunday 2nd March 2025 the Bishop of Kensington will be confirming a group of young people and adults at St Mary's Church. If your child is in Year 6 and interested in taking this next exciting step on their faith journey then please email Donna (dmcdowell@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) for more information or if you have any questions. There will be a run through on Sunday 23rd February from 4-5pm, with another 2/3 sessions on Sundays prior to that.

Subscribing to our St Mary's Calendar

Did you know that you can link the St Mary's calendar events to your own personal calendar by subscribing to our online calendar? This means that all events at St Mary's will automatically pull through to your own personal calendar, alongside any existing calendars you may already have. You only need to subscribe once; any changes made will be reflected in your personal calendar.

This can be done via the following link.

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/>

Weekly School Social Media Posts



A new half term brings new Key Questions for each year group, commenced with fun, engaging and interactive Hook Days. This picture shows Reception children at St Margaret's Station as they explore different ways to travel. Other year groups have trips out, visitors and lots of exciting activities.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, please guide us through the challenges we will face this year. Please help us remember to thank you and all others who serve and help us. Thank you for all our amazing friends and our wonderful education. Amen

Rowan A, 5F

Reminders:

Monday 13th January 2025

School run clubs start

Wednesday 15th January 2025

2-3pm – Reception school disco (IS)

2-3pm – Year 4 school disco (JS)

Thursday 16th January 2025

2-3pm – Year 1 school disco (IS)

2-3pm – Year 2 school disco (MS)

Friday 17th January 2025

9am – 5F class assembly

(link class 4W and Reception Doves)

2-3pm – Year 3 school disco (MS)

2-3pm – Year 5 school disco (JS)

Year 2 cake sale

Monday 20th January 2025

Year 1 cake sale

Tuesday 21st January 2025

9am - 4M class assembly

(link class Year 3 Sycamores)

2-3pm – Year 6 school disco (JS)

Your sincerely

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