

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025, WEEK 4

# FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### Headteacher

We are looking forward to Children's Mental Health week starting with a non-uniform day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. I hope the children enjoy the range of activities planned for them and that they share them with you throughout the week. Children in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 will all come home with a little gift which comes via a donation from one of St Mary's parents; we know they will like it and we send our thanks.

On Thursday this week our Worship Ambassadors represented St Marys School, visiting St Paul's Cathedral to take part in a service for the children of the London Diocesan Board for Schools. The LDBS has over 140 schools and a large majority were present; it was a special occasion and fell 100 years after the LDBS was founded. Adding our school's name to a timeline, we noted that our school is joint 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest of all church schools in London which is amazing!



# Weekly attendance: w/c 27th January 2025

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Year 6 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	4	97.30%
Year 1	4	98.15%
Year 2	5	94.47%
Year 3	2	97.88%
Year 4	4	97.63%
Year 5	3	97.29%
Year 6	1	97.41%
Whole School	23	97.21%

#### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **New Parent Governor**

We are pleased to welcome Louan Mouton as our new Parent Governor. Louan has daughters in Reception and Year 4, with a son due to start Reception in 2028 and as the sole candidate for the vacancy was elected unopposed.

With a background as a Chartered Accountant, Louan has held various senior board-level finance positions and brings with him a wealth of experience in risk management, strategic planning, value creation, and governance expertise that will be invaluable to the Governing Body and our school community.

We look forward to working with Louan over the next four years.

#### Safer Internet Day 2025

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025 and will be based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

Ensuring online safety for everyone, especially young people, requires proactive and open communication. When we are concerned about online risks, it's crucial to have those challenging conversations. To help you navigate these important conversations, please find attached to this newsletter a comprehensive guide with practical tips and strategies to foster a safer online environment.

# Join the Elastic Band in St Margarets!

Please see a link below for information on a local wind band, based in St Margarets, who are looking for new members to join them every Tuesday evening during school term time - <u>www.elasticband.org</u>

# Weekly School Social Media Posts



Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum this week as they explored her influence on nursing. They got to meet Florence herself and look at lots of artefacts from the past.



Also, on our Instagram this week (twickstmarys) was a great Table Tennis clip that reached over 3,000 accounts! Do take a look!

# FINALLY

#### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the food you provide. Please help us to make the right choices. Please help us to stop wars and to stop cancer. I really appreciate all you have done through the year and thank you for the roof over my head. Amen

By Katie, 4W

**Reminders:** 

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** Children's Mental Health Week Non-Uniform day

# Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

9am – Year 2 Oaks class assembly (link class 6N) Author 'Mrs P' all school visit

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Year 3 cake sale

# Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9am – 6C class assembly

(link class Year 1 Puffins)

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February Half-term week

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Inset Day for the whole school

# Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day (children invited to wear pyjamas)

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