



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Putney

Vision: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish

Mission: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian faith

Values: Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness

Year 2: Half Termly Letter to Parents Autumn 1, September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We are very excited to begin this new school year with you and your child. Each year brings new opportunities to grow, learn and develop, and we look forward to supporting your child as they take this important step from Year 1 into Year 2.

In Year 2, children begin to take greater responsibility for themselves, their belongings, and their learning. We will encourage them to become more independent while still offering plenty of guidance and support along the way. Our aim is to help every child feel confident, valued, and motivated to achieve their very best. We are looking forward to working together with you to make this year a happy and successful one for your child.

The Year 2 Team

The Year 2 teaching and learning team this year is:

Miss Jack

Ms Donlon

On Tuesdays, specialist staff will teach the class:

Art and Design - Ms Bosley

Music - Ms Fenner

P.E. - Mr Phillips

Safeguarding

Safeguarding the children at St. Mary's is the responsibility of all staff, parents and professionals who come on site. If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Miss Cheryl Payne. Her contact email is dsl@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

If there are safeguarding concerns, which take place outside of school hours please contact the Wandsworth Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Their contact details are: Telephone: 020 8871 6622 or e-mail: MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk.

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the National Curriculum's Key Stage One programme of study. To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>
We will be following the content outlined in the Autumn Term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the St. Mary's PE kit. If your child takes part in a school sports club before or after school on a **non-PE** day, they are required to change i.e. sports club before school then bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to get changed into.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR - TRAINERS FOR OUTDOORS) IS IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

School Trips

We're in the middle of planning some really exciting trips and will share details with you once everything is booked!

Home Learning

All home learning is set on **Friday** to be completed and returned by the following **Wednesday**

Maths: Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics and those in their Home Learning Books.

Dictation: Dictation will be sent home each week and are to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Dictation covers the spelling pattern from the previous week to check that your child can recall the spelling rule and not just rote learn for the test. The dictation helps us to see what your child has been able to retain and what we might need to go over again so please do not let your child see the words before writing and **please DO leave in any mistakes that your child might make.**

Grammar: Reinforcement sheets will be sent home during the week, for the children to complete and to let you know what we have been covering in class. These are for your reference and do not need to be returned.

Handwriting: This can be completed using the Letter Join online program (login: **lj9376** password: **home**). As the children have very different needs with regard to handwriting, I recommend you go into the Year 2 folder and choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suit your child's ability.

Spellings: Each week, spellings will be stapled into the front of home learning books. You can remove the list to keep practising once books are returned. Spellings are written on handwriting lines to support both spelling and handwriting. Tests are on **Fridays**, and children are expected to write out their spellings as part of their homework.

Reading: We encourage children to read aloud every night for at least 15 minutes, or at least four times a week. Reading regularly helps all children, whatever their level, to improve fluency and comprehension. Please use the laminated bookmark provided to ask questions and support your child's understanding of the text. Reading folders should come to school **every day** so we can also read with your child. Each child will read with an adult (teacher, teaching assistant, or volunteer) at least twice a week.

Reading books are changed on **Wednesday evenings**. Folders will be kept overnight and returned on **Thursdays**. Please remember to write in the Reading Record **every time** your child reads—without a comment, books cannot be changed.

Home learning will not be set during holidays.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or perhaps to inform us of other matters relating to your child, then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 2 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the use of your child's PACT. The PACT e-mail is a great tool for communication between home and school, so please do not hesitate in using it. The address is: Class2023@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Dates for Your Diary:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8.50am - Start of new Academic Year and Autumn Term 1
Monday 15th September 2025 - Start of Clubs
Thursday 18th September 2025 at 6pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Friday 26th September 2025 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship
Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 6pm - Volunteer Induction Meeting
Friday 3rd October 2025 at 9.45am - Harvest Festival Service (at St. Mary's Church)
Friday 10th October 2025 - Black History Month (BHM) workshop
Monday 13th October 2025 - Flu immunization in School
Thursday 16th October 2025 - DT Day 1
Friday 17th October 2025 - Year 2 Cake Sale
Friday 24th October 2025 at 9:15am - Celebration Worship
Friday 24th October 2025 at 3.20pm - End of Autumn Term 1 and start of half term break
Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 8.50am - Start of Autumn Term 2

Keep in the loop with social media

The school actively uses two social media platforms to communicate school news and events, so please check them out and follow us:

X <https://x.com/PutneySMPS>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PutneySMPS/>

Starting a new school year normally comes with some challenges and anxiety, but it is also the beginning of an exciting journey. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the PACT e-mail to let us know.

May this school year be filled with growth, learning and fun!

Regards,

Miss Jack and Ms Donlon