



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 4: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 1, September 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Hello, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all families as we begin Year 4, and to meet you all as a new teacher to the school. Embracing the challenges of the Year 4 and my classroom expectations is essential. Your child will engage with more demanding content in both mathematics and English, experience an increased pace of learning in the classroom and contribute more to home learning through assignments on Microsoft Teams.

Our dedicated Year 4 staff are here to support your child through this year, aiming to nurture a love for learning while encouraging a positive work ethic and discipline for successful study. We wish your child a fantastic year ahead!



The Year 4 Team

Our Year 4 teaching and learning team is made up of myself, Mr Steinitz, and Mrs Flavin, who many of you will already know and who will fulfil the role of teaching and learning support assistant. The specialist teachers working with your child are, as follows:

Leia Bosley- Specialist Art and Design teacher

Rowan Fenner - Specialist Music Teacher

James Phillips - PE Teacher

Claudine Stanton-Jones - French Teacher

The Curriculum

Your child will follow the national curriculum's Key Stage Two programme of study. The school has produced clear statements of intent which relate to this programme of study for each subject and these lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 4 curriculum intent please see the Year 4 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will begin by following the content outlined in the autumn term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the approved 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. if the sports club is before school then please bring school uniform to change into and if after school please bring PE kit to get changed into.

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

School Trips

We plan to conduct several school trips over the course of the academic year to complement your child's learning experience. During the autumn term we plan for Year 4 to visit the Cenotaph in Central London. Other trips are being planned for the rest of the year to link with other areas of our learning. This trip has been penciled in for November with an exact date to be set. More details will be sent out closer to the time of the trip. If you would like to volunteer as a helper on a school trip you must hold a DBS with the school and have taken part in our volunteer induction. Please contact the school office for details on how to become a school volunteer.

Home Learning Arrangements

The majority of home learning will be set as an assignment via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams, including knowing their username and password. You might need to support your child at first, especially with navigating the platform and meeting the deadlines for completion and submission. Once a routine has been established, it is expected that children can manage this process themselves.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. A copy will be given to each child to go between home and school. A copy will also be posted on Microsoft Teams. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - in Year 4 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. In the coming weeks, a times tables practice booklet will be given to each child to go between home and school and will focus on one set of times tables at a time - starting with the 2x tables. The booklet will also include related division facts. When reading each multiplication fact, children should say the larger multiplicand/multiplier first, for example, the fact $2 \times 5 = 10$ should be read as five twos are ten.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 20 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner or school library. Pages completed, should be written in your child's Reading Record. Once a book is finished your child is encouraged to complete a book review and return it to get a book changed.
- **Maths:** Set on Friday afternoon via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class and will consist of completing activities and quests on Mathletics, as well as a couple of reasoning and problem solving questions. This should take on average 35 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most English home learning will link with developing writing, such as creative and descriptive writing, acrostic poems, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary tasks. This should take on average 30 minutes.

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 that 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.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8.45am - Start of new Academic Year and Autumn Term 1
Sunday 7th September 2025 at 10.00am - Back Pack Blessing Service at St Mary's Church
Monday 15th September 2025 - Activity Clubs Start
Wednesday 24th September - Meet the Teacher
Friday 26th September 2025 - Celebration Worship

Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 6pm - Volunteer Induction
Friday 3rd October 2025 at 9.45am - Harvest Festival Service (at St. Mary's Church)
Monday 13th October 2025 - Flu Immunisations in school
Tuesday 21st October 2025 - Open Day 4-6pm
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
Monday 3rd November 2025 - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 8.50am - Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 5th November 2025 - Individual school photographs

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 4 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: Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

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 is exciting, but also comes with its challenges and anxiety, so do let us know if your child is struggling in the first few weeks back. We will be able to support your child and help them if we are made aware of any issues early on.

Wishing your child a great return to school.

Kindest regards,

Mr Steinitz
Year 4 Class Teacher