



St. Mary's C.E. School, Putney

Year 5 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and welcome to Year 5! We are delighted to have Mr Molloy join the Year 5 team this year! With his wealth of teaching experience we are very lucky to have him.

As the Year 5 children are entering into upper Key Stage Two, We have high expectations for their organisation and their learning as they will be stepping up to the challenges of the upper Key Stage Two National Curriculum. They will be expected to show increased independence and maturity in the way they approach their learning. The staff in Year 5 will of course be on hand to support the children to manage this. Furthermore, we will endeavor to fill the children with a continued love for learning.

The Year 5 Team

Our Year 5 team this year is:

Ms Jessica Hesketh

Mr Patrick Molloy

Mrs Irene Ford

Leia Bosley- Specialist Art and Design teacher

Rowan Fenner - Specialist Music Teacher

James Phillips - PE Teacher

Claudine Stanton-Jones - French Teacher

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-school.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

The curriculum is found on the school website, which lays out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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 **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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.

School Trips

This half term we have been invited to visit St Paul's Cathedral in October, a very exciting trip which will enable the children to have 'back stage access' to the beautiful Cathedral in the heart of London. Next half term we will be visiting the science museum to compliment our learning on forces! It will be an incredibly fun and interactive day!

Home Learning

In Year 5, all children will be given three sets of home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths/English/Guided Reading. As the year progresses and the children settle, we will be adding to this.

We advise children to spend no more than 40 minutes on each piece of main home learning and to let us know whether they found it too complicated or too easy at the end of the assignment. We expect all of Year 5 children to complete their home learning independently. Please comment if you have had to help significantly. If for any reason your child is unable to complete their home learning that week, please send a PACT email explaining why this is the case. If children need help or support with their home learning, they should let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Weekly spelling and times tables tests will also be given. In addition to spelling accurately, children are expected to be able to use the weekly words in context and apply the focus spelling rule to other unfamiliar words.

Home learning is structured as follows:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via their home learning books. It will also be available on TEAMS for those who may be absent. The home learning should be handed in by hand, in their books the following Wednesday. We will also set a few Mathletics task each week which are do not have to be completed but are available if parents would like their children to have some extra consolidation. These can also be completed by the following Wednesday.
English: Set on Friday via their home learning books, to be handed in by hand the following Wednesday. This will usually be either a reading comprehension, written task or a grammar task. By the end of the year the children will need to complete tasks in all three areas.
Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed before their following GR session. Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening.
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday. Please encourage the children to learn the spelling rule. This will enable them to apply it to other words they are unfamiliar with.
Times Tables: Tested on Friday. Practice sheets will be uploaded to team to enable children to practice regularly.

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 5 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 Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.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
- Monday 22nd September 2025 - Meet the Teacher
- Friday 26th September 2025 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship
- Tuesday 30th September 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
- Friday 17th October 2025 - Trip to St Paul's Cathedral
- Tuesday 21st October 2025 - Open Day 4-6pm
- Friday 24th October 2025 at 9.15am - Celebration Worship
- Friday 24th October 2024 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
- Tuesday 18th November 2025 - Trip to Science Museum

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/>

We are delighted to be teaching Year 5 and look forward to a very busy and productive term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Ms Hesketh
Mr Molloy
Mrs Ford
(The Year 5 Team)