



## 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 2, November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn term.

The children have settled into Year 2 expectations and routines so well, and we are incredibly proud of their progress so far. As we move into Autumn 2, we look forward to another exciting term filled with engaging learning, fun activities, and even some wonderful trips. Autumn 2 is always a particularly exciting time in Year 2, as we start preparing for Christmas and the Nativity. The children are already buzzing with excitement about the fun and festive activities that lie ahead! Our goal remains to support each child in building their confidence and enthusiasm for learning, ensuring they continue to thrive in all that they do.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Year 2 PE lessons will continue to 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! We also in the process of rescheduling our trip to the Polka Theatre.

### 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](mailto:Class2023@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

### Progress in Learning Meetings

Your child's 'Progress in Learning' meeting (parent-teacher consultation) will take place either on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December or Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. More information to follow shortly. These meetings will take place in school.

Dates for Your Diary:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 8.50am - Start of Autumn Term 2  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Individual Pupil Photographs  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti Bullying Week  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Armistice Day Worship and 2 minute silence  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Wicked Workshops  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm - Volunteer Induction Meeting  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - DT Day 2  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Celebration Worship - lighting of the Christmas Tree  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Progress in Learning Meetings  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Progress in Learning Meetings  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - FOSMS Christmas Fair  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 & KS2 to watch Christmas show (in school)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS to watch Christmas show (in school)  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December EYFS/KS1 Nativity at St. Mary's Church  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Celebration Worship  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term - Finish 2.30pm

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