



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

**Vision:** *Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish*

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

**Values:** *Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness*

### Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 2, November 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. We are delighted to have Miss Finney joining our team. The children got to know her at the end of last half term and she is looking forward to teaching the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The class have been working hard and much has already been accomplished during the first half term. Notably, the children are settled and now familiar with the new expectations for working in the Year 5 classroom. This half term, we have much to look forward to, including an exciting new science topic, 'Forces' (and a trip to the science museum to consolidate this learning), learning all about traditional tales in English and of course, the end of term will focus on preparations for Christmas - including all the usual St. Mary's traditions!

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

#### The Curriculum

The curriculum is found on the school website, which lay 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: <https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Year-Five-Class-Curriculum-Map-.pdf>

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 will be visiting the science museum to consolidate the children's Science learning all about forces. It will be an incredibly fun and interactive day! Year 5 have also had a very exciting invitation to watch a theatre production of Wicked on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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
<b>Maths:</b> 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 Mathematics 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.
<b>English:</b> 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.
<b>Guided Reading:</b> Reading and task to be completed before their following GR session. <b>Independent Reading:</b> Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening.
<b>Spellings:</b> 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.
<b>Times Tables:</b> Tested on Friday. Practice sheets will be uploaded to team to enable children to practice regularly.

### 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](mailto:Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

### Progress in Learning Meetings

Please note, Progress in Learning Meetings will be taking place Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You will sent information for how to book in your meeting ahead of these dates.

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 - Trip to Science Museum  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm - Volunteer Induction Meeting  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Y5/Y6 trip to see Wicked!  
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  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - KS1/2 Pantomime - The Snow Queen  
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  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 1

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Ms Hesketh  
Miss Finney  
Mrs Ford  
(Year 5 Team)