



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

## Year 6 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 2, November 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, we hope you had a lovely break. Year 6 is an action-packed year and your children have been wonderful, rising to the occasion, working hard and extending their learning outside school too. The class have come back full of enthusiasm and excited about the learning we have planned. Thank you for all the support and positivity that you are providing at home, it really makes a difference.

We have an interesting half term planned, which is sure to keep your children engaged. In **Maths** we will be continuing our learning of the four operations, fractions and geometry. Our **English** text this term is 'Can We Save the Tiger?' a non-fiction text which will guide our grammar and writing tasks. Our English scheme is developing some fantastic writers in year 6, be sure to ask you children what they are learning! In **RE** we will be exploring the question: Was Jesus the Messiah? The children will study key texts that recount the story of Jesus' birth and the links Christians make to Old Testament prophecies. We will be teaching **Geography** this term covering learning about local fieldwork. In **Science**, we will be exploring light once we have completed our learning about electricity. Our **Computing** unit, will continue to look at the different ways we can programme Micro.bits. In **PSHE** we will be 'Celebrating Differences,' exploring our attitudes towards differences and how we can deal with issues that might arise. We are lucky enough to be working with Equality and Diversity specialists from Crystal Palace football who will be working with Year 6 on Friday afternoons. In **Music** we will be composing our own music and children will hone their drawing skills in **Art** this term. Obviously, the end of term will focus on preparations for Christmas - including all the usual St. Mary's traditions!

### 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 6 curriculum intent please see the Year 6 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.

### 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)

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).

### 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.

### Home Learning

In Year 6, all children will be given three sets of home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths/English/Guided Reading. This term for English, the children will completing weekly comprehension tasks. Maths home learning will continue to focus on improving arithmetic skills. This work will be handed in using their home learning books .

We advise our 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 our Year 6 children to complete their home learning independently but it would be beneficial for them to have it checked over for accurate punctuation, accurate calculations and neatness before it is handed in. Please comment if you have had to help significantly.

Home learning is structured as followed:

Home Learning
<b>Maths:</b> Set on and should be handed in the following Wednesday.
<b>English:</b> Set on Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday
<b>Guided Reading:</b> Reading and task to be completed for assigned Guided Reading session
<b>Spellings:</b> Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
<b>Independent Reading:</b> Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
<b>Times Tables:</b> Tested each week 100 Club sheets are on MS Teams if the children want to practice fluency and speed!
<b>Home learning will not be set during holidays</b>

### Secondary Transfer

The deadline for applying for Secondary Schools has now passed. Please could you ensure that you have sent us a copy of the list of schools applied for if you have not already done so.

There are a number of banding and entrance exams coming up, please keep us updated if you child will be missing school. We urge children to return to school once exams are finished rather than taking full days off, this maximizes learning time. If you are applying to schools that require references, please could you let Mrs Rinaldi know as soon as possible so we are prepared for when the request is made to the school.

### 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 6 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the use of your child's class email. 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

[Class2019@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2019@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.

### Other Dates for Diaries

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

We are delighted to be teaching Year 6 and look forward to a very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Rinaldi and Mr Phillips  
(Year 6 Team)