



## 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 1: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring Term 1, January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a wonderful holiday and feel refreshed and ready to embark on a new term. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back, and they have already made a fantastic start—hitting the ground running with enthusiasm and energy!

We're all set for another busy, but exciting term, filled with lots of opportunities for learning, growth, and fun. We look forward to all the wonderful moments ahead!

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 1 curriculum intent please see the Year 1 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/curriculum/y1/>

We will be following the content outlined in the Spring 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-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).

#### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** and **Friday**. Your child should 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 please 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 MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.**



## Home Learning

All home learning is set on **Friday** to be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday**

**Maths:** This will be set on **Friday** please refer to your child's home learning book and complete at least one of the options. This should be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Please also look at Friday update emails for areas in which you could further support your child's learning.

**Dictation:** Dictation cards will be sent home the week after spelling cards 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 due dates are written on the cards to help you! 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 card 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:** Optional handwriting reinforcement can be completed using the Letter Join online program ([Login/username: st-marys-putney\\_1 Password: felsham1](#)). As the children have very different needs with regard to handwriting, I recommend you go into the Year 1 folder and choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suit your child's ability.

**Spellings:** Physical copies of Spelling cards will be sent home after the first spelling test (16th January 2026). Weekly spellings are tested on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child brings their spelling card to school on a **Friday** so that we can mark down their score for you to see how they did and what they might need to work on.

**Reading:** We expect that children will read aloud every night for at least 10 minutes. Inside the front and back covers of the books, there are useful questions to ask your child to probe their understanding of the text. Please refer to these before, during and after reading together. Reading folders should be brought into school every day in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. Every child will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) every week. Every child will read with the class teacher every two weeks and a comment will be written in their Reading Record book. Reading books are changed on a **Wednesday evening**. We will keep reading folders overnight on a Wednesday and they will be returned home every **Thursday** after book change. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise they will not be changed! Books are changed, if requested on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**. We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this. Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading is always welcome via the online PACT book.

### Home learning will not be set during holidays

#### Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am - Start of Spring Term 1

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Spring Term clubs start

Friday 16th January - Year 6 Cake Sale

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Volunteer Induction Evening at 6pm

Friday 23rd January - Year 5 Cake Sale

Monday 26th - 30th January - Sayers Croft Week

Friday 30th January - Celebration Worship

Friday 30th January - Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 5th February - DT Day 3

Friday 5th February - Year 3 Cake Sale

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - FOSMS Quiz Night

Friday 13th February - Anti-Bully Day 2

Friday 13th February - Year 2 Cake Sale

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term

**Show and Tell Dates** - To prepare your child for show and tell, you can help them choose an item they are interested in, practice with them, giving them reminders about their volume, eye contact and expression to engage the audience. You can also help them think about questions that classmates might ask and how they might respond.

Red Family	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026
Blue Family	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Green Family	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Yellow Family	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or to inform us of other matters relating to your child (e.g., if your child is being collected by someone who does not usually collect them), then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 1 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the PACT e-mail. 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: [Class2024@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2024@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)



Best wishes for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,  
Miss McCarthy and Miss Monaco