



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

Spring Term 1, January 2026



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year! We are pleased to welcome back the children into class and to see how quickly they have settled back into routines and learning and of course, adapting to a new teacher! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Curriculum

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 spring term.

However, for Mathematics we are reviewing our knowledge of shapes for the first week before moving on to money, which is 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.

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.

PE Arrangements

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 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 TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

Home Learning Arrangements

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

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

Math: Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics.

Dictation: 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: Handwriting reinforcement is to be completed using the Letter Join online program (login/username: [st-marys-putney_2](#) password: [felsham2](#)). 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 suite your child's ability. In class we are focusing on correct posture for handwriting, basic pattern formation and horizontal and diagonal joins.

Spellings: Spelling 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 week, all children will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) either during a Guided Reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs). 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 5th January - INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January at 8.50am - Start of Spring Term 1
Monday 12th January - Spring Term clubs start
Friday 16th January - Year 6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 20th 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-Bullying Day 2
[Friday 13th February - Year 2 Cake Sale](#)
Friday 13th February - Last Day of Term

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

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead.

Kindest regards,
Ms Nam and Mrs. Ford

