



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Year 4: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 1 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2026! Thank you once again for all your good wishes at the end of last term and we trust you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday.

The children will continue mastering their skills in the curriculum so it is important that they settle back quickly into the routines of school life.



The Curriculum

To view the Year 4 curriculum intent please see the Year 4 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.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons continue to take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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.

On Tuesdays, this half term, will be *Gymnastics*. For safety reasons, it is helpful for children to be barefoot for this lesson. They should ideally be wearing shorts for the lesson. This is so that they can use the apparatus in the hall more safely. I have told the children that **they can wear shorts under their jogging bottoms** so they can be warm enough for the rest of the day.

Home Learning

The majority of home learning will be set in books but is also available via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child has access to Microsoft Teams, including knowing their username and password.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

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English: Set on THURSDAY via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following TUESDAY . Most English home learning will link with developing writing, such as creative and descriptive writing, acrostic poems, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary tasks. This should take on average 30-45 minutes.
Maths: Set on THURSDAY via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following TUESDAY . Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class. This should take on average 30-40 minutes.
Reading: Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 10-15 minutes each day - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner, school library, or one from home. - Reading records - A journal entry should be completed at least four times a week. Prizes are awarded to records with four record entries per week.
Spellings: Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday. This half terms sheet is pink to avoid any mix ups.
Times Tables: <i>Please practice regularly</i> - in Year 4 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. Additional practice at home is helpful to help children be able to recall facts automatically.
Optional Home learning will not be set during the holidays.

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

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.

Dates for Your Diary:

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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 6 team. As always, the best way to do this is using your child's 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 Class2021@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

We look forward to another very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mr Steinitz and Mrs Flavin