



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 1, January 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year and welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Already this term, Year 5 have dived headfirst back into their learning.

In our new Science topic, 'Properties and Changes of Materials', the children have been investigating the properties of the three states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and observing what happens when you add raisins to lemonade!

The class have also been enjoying our new History topic- Medieval Monarchs. They have been learning all about the Battle of Hastings and who was victorious in the succession crisis.

With all this and more to learn, it's going to be a busy term!

School Journey Residential Trip

We are so excited about our Trip to Sayers Croft in a few weeks! Year 5 will attend their school journey from.

If you have any questions about this please catch Mrs Rinaldi at the end of the day or alternatively send an email.

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

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.

Home Learning

Maths: Set on Friday via their home learning books. The home learning should be handed in by hand, in their books the following Wednesday.

English: 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.

Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed before their following GR session.

Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening.

Spellings: 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.

Times Tables: Tested on Friday. Practice sheets will be uploaded to team to enable children to practice regularly.

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 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

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Ms Hesketh

Miss Finney

Miss Comins

(Year 5 Team)