



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday.

Throughout Spring 1, the children's growing maturity was so evident within their both learning and conduct around the school. They are definitely growing up and becoming more and more ready for Year 6! May they continue to flourish as the year goes on.

Although it has only just been half term, the children have already been hard at work.

With another term of hard work ahead, the class and the adults of Year 5 can't wait to get stuck in.

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.

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Upper Key Stage Two programme of study.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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.

There has been a slight change to our English curriculum map this half-term. We will now be exploring *Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji in our writing sessions. Our Guided reading sessions this term will follow a whole class reading approach as opposed to guided reading groups. During these sessions we will be focusing on *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans.

If it can be avoided, please do not explore these texts at home just yet as we will be discovering them slowly together in class and want to avoid any spoilers. Knowing key events in advance can sometimes limit children's creativity and independence in their writing. If your children are already familiar with either of these texts please do not worry, they will still get plenty from the lessons.

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 **Thursday** via the children's HL books. This should be handed in the following **Tuesday** morning and should take on average 30-40 minutes.

English: Set on **Thursday** and should be handed in on **Tuesday** morning

Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday.

Reading: Daily for at least 25 minutes each evening. Children must log reading in their Reading Record books.

Times Tables: Tested on Friday

Home learning will not be set during holidays

Diary dates

Friday 6th March - Reception Cake Sale

Friday 13th March - Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church YR - Y6
Nursery Mother's Day Celebration at School 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th March - Spring Music Concert - 5pm (KS2 Pupils)

Wednesday 18th March - Whole School Photograph

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th March - Progress in learning meetings - Meetings for Y5 will be scheduled separately

Thursday 19th March - DT Day 4

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief - Wear something red - £1 donation

Monday 23rd March - SEND Parent meetings with Mrs Dunford available

Friday 27th March - Celebration Worship - 9.15am

Last Day of Term.

Term ends at 2.30pm

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 get in touch with any member of the Year 5 team. As always, the best way to do this is either at pick up or through the use of your child's PACT. The address is: Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead!

Kindest regards,
Ms Hesketh
Mr Phillips
Miss Comins