



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Summer 1 - April 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

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

The Year 5 team look forward to another busy term, hoping to get into the garden for planting, taking on some cooking in our DT days and with some luck, hopefully utilise our outdoor classroom in the warmer weather.

It has been lovely to work with the Y5 class again over the last half term and we will keep you updated about any changes to the teaching team as soon as we can.

Thank you for your kind support and understanding,
Best Wishes,
Mr Phillips - Senior Teacher

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 Mr James Phillips. Contact email for any concerns can be sent to:

info@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 be finishing off our English work about the Kingdom of Benin in the first week before moving on to '*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*' by Mordicai Gerstein

In our Whole Class Reading lessons, we will be reading 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl.

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 most weeks
Home learning will not be set during holidays, nor the first week back after a break

Diary dates

13th April - Term Starts
15th / 16th April - Year 5 Progress in Learning Meetings
16th April - Year 5/6 RNLi Lifeguard session in school (pm)
24th April - Whole School Celebration Worship 9.15am
24th April - Y6 Cake Sale
29th April - KS2 Eucharist at Church
1st May - Year 5 Cake Sale
4th May - BANK HOLIDAY
22nd May - Celebration Worship 9.15am

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 email. The address is: Class2020@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Ms Hesketh - Class Teacher

Mr Phillips - Interim Class Teacher & Senior Teacher

Miss Comins - Teaching Assistant