



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Summer 2, June 2026

Dear Parent(s) & Carer(s),

Welcome back! Year 5 have such an exciting few weeks left of the school year and we will be working very hard to ensure they are ready for Year 6.

This half-term Year 5 will be heading to Barnes Literary Festival to listen to famous Author Sharna Jackson speak! Sharna Jackson also happens to be the author we will be focusing on this half term in our English lessons, as we read her novel *High Rise Mystery*. Excitingly, we will also be starting some swimming lessons this half term. These will be happening every Wednesday morning. Please see the letter which went out recently for more details. Of course, we also have Sports Day and the KS2 production coming up as well. Lots to look forward to!

*Please note that in **PSHE** we will be covering the Changing Me unit of work. As part of RSHE, we will be focusing on the following areas in a sensitive and informative way:

Self-image and body image

Puberty for Girls

Puberty for Boys

Conception

Looking Ahead 1

Looking Ahead 2

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this topic, please see us as soon as possible.

If you would like to read our school policy on how we teach this part of our PSHE curriculum, please click the link below:

<https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/curriculum-subjects/sex-and-relationship-education-sre/>

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Sports Day for the whole of KS2 will take place on Friday 10th July 2026. Further details about this event will be sent home shortly.

Diary Dates

Monday 1st June at 8.50am - Start of the Summer Term 2

Wednesday 10th June 2026 - Swimming Lessons commence

Monday 15th June 2026 - Trip to Battersea Arts Centre to see Sharna Jackson speak

Wednesday 17th June 2026 - Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Photos

Wednesday 24th 2026 at 6pm - Transition to Year 6 Talk (for Y5 parents)

Friday 26th June 2026 - Celebration Worship at 9.15am

Saturday 4th July 2026 - FOSMS Summer Fair

Thursday 9th July 2026 - Y6 and KS2 Performance to parents

Friday 10th July 2026 - KS2 Sports Day

Friday 17th July 2026 - Celebration Worship at 9.15am

Friday 17th July 2026 at 2.30pm - Last Day of Term

**Please note: the school finishes at the earlier time of 2.30pm on the last day!*

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 Alisha McCarthy Her contact email is:

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 summer term.

English

There has been a slight change to our English curriculum map this half-term. We will now be exploring *High Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson 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 *Overheard in a Tower Block* by Joseph Coelho.

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 term your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please note, their Wednesday PE lessons will now be swimming lessons. Please see the letter that was sent out for more details. Your child can attend school on Mondays 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 Wednesday morning and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
English: Set on a Thursday and should be handed in on Wednesday morning
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday.
Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday
Home learning will not be set during holidays

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 half term ahead!

Kindest regards,
Ms Hamilton
Miss Comins