



St. Mary's Church of England Nursery and Primary School, Putney

Vision: *Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish*

Mission: *Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian faith*

Values: *Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness*

Year 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 1, September 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Hello, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all families as we begin Year 3 – your child's exciting first step into Key Stage Two! This marks a significant milestone as your child enters the junior phase of their primary school journey. In Year 3, we encourage children to become more independent and take on greater responsibility for themselves, their belongings and their learning.



Embracing the challenges of the Key Stage 2 national curriculum is essential. Your child will engage with more demanding content in both Mathematics and English and experience an increased pace of learning.

Our dedicated Year 3 staff are here to support your child through this important transition, aiming to nurture a love for learning while instilling the necessary work ethic and discipline for successful study. We wish your child a fantastic year ahead!

The Year 3 Team

Our Year 3 teaching and learning team is made up of Ms. White (class teacher) and Ms. Donlon (classroom teaching assistant).

On Mondays, the class will also be taught by specialist staff: Mrs Bosley for art and design, Ms Fenner for music and Coach Cooper for PE.

On Wednesdays, the Wandsworth Music Service, led by Mrs Salter, will teach the children how to play the recorder and Ms. Stanton-Jones will teach French.

On Thursdays, Ms. White will take the class for a second PE session.

The Curriculum

Your child will follow the national curriculum's Key Stage Two programme of study. The school has produced clear statements of intent which relate to this programme of study for each subject and these lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 3 curriculum intent please see the Year 3 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here:

<https://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/>

We will begin by following the content outlined in the autumn term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the approved 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. if the sports club is before school then please bring school uniform to change into and if after school please bring PE kit to get changed into.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR – TRAINERS FOR OUTDOORS) IS READY FOR SCHOOL ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.

School Trips

We plan to conduct several school trips over the course of the academic year to complement your child's learning experience. During the autumn term we plan for Year 3 to visit the local area in Putney, which links to our science topic on Rocks, and then a visit to Butser Ancient Farm down in Hampshire, which links to our history topic on Prehistoric Britain – more details will be sent out closer to the time about this trip. If you would like to volunteer as a helper on a school trip please let us know. Please contact the school office for details on how to become a school volunteer.

Home Learning Arrangements

Tasks need to be completed in books which will be sent home every Thursday and should be returned every Wednesday.

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each week showing the week's spellings to learn. A copy will be given to each child to go between home and school. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly – in Year 3 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 10x12. Our focus will be on our 6 and 7 times table in and out of order.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 10-15 minutes each morning or evening – if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner or school library. Pages completed, along with any comments, should be written in your child's Reading Record Book and signed off by parent/carers.
- **Maths:** Set on Thursday afternoon. Most maths home learning will link with work completed in class. Worksheets need to be stuck in books and written workings should be encouraged!
- **English:** Set on Thursday afternoon. English home learning will link with developing writing, such as creative and descriptive writing and poetry. These tasks will link with our class text and needs to be completed in books.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs**

Caroline Andrews: dsl@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

For concerns outside school hours, contact **Wandsworth MASH: 020 8871 6622** or MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk

Dates for Your Diary – Please also check weekly In Touch or the Yearly Event Calendar for upcoming dates that may not be listed below.

Fri 2 Oct, 9.45am	Harvest Festival Service – St Mary's Church
Mon 12 Oct	Heritage Day!
Tue 13 Oct, 4–6pm	Open Day
Tue 20 Oct	Flu Immunisations
Wed/Thurs 21-22 Oct, Timings TBC	Parent Evening to discuss how your child has adjusted to Year 3
Fri 24 Oct, 3.20pm	End of Autumn Term 1 / Half Term
Mon 2 Nov, 8.45am	Start of Autumn Term 2

UPCOMING: - Wed 4th Nov – School photographs

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 3 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: Class2023@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Starting a new school year is exciting, but also comes with its challenges and anxiety, so do let us know if your child is struggling in the first few weeks back. We will be able to support your child and help them if we are made aware of any issues early on.

Wishing your child a great return to school.

Kindest regards,

The Year 3 Team
Ms. White and Ms. Donlon