

NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

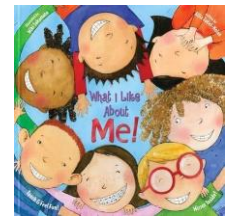
It has been wonderful to welcome back both children who attended Nursery last year and our many new starters. The focus this half term is settling the new children into their class and establishing routines. All the children have enjoyed exploring activities and resources and are beginning to make friends. We are gradually introducing class rules, prompting children to think about how they treat others and how we behave at school.

Curriculum

Children in Nursery spend time inside and outside, engaging in learning activities based on all 7 areas of the Early Years Curriculum. They also have 2 teacher led sessions on the carpet per session. We are currently focusing on learning nursery rhymes, learning to count objects and looking at the seasonal changes of Autumn. Children also learn practical skills in their weekly visits to the Forest School.

Topic

Each half term we choose a topic to extend the children's knowledge of the outside world. This half term we are starting with 'All about Me'. Children will learn to describe different parts of the body, their emotions and talk about their families.



Phonics

Children take part in phonics activities, where they learn to sit quietly and tune into sounds. Children gain experience in making sounds and talking about them. By the Summer Term, they will be ready to learn individual sound names.

'Meet the Teacher' for all Nursery parents is on Thursday 24th September after school at 3:30pm for all parents. We look forward to seeing everyone there! This is your chance to find out what your child will be learning in Nursery and how we support their development.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

- September – we are welcoming any donations for our annual Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Thu 24th September – Parents' welcome meeting with your child's class teacher at 3.30
- Tue 29th September – **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- Wed 30th September 9AM – Harvest worship in St Mary's Church
- **Mon 19th October – Fri 30th October – HALF TERM**
- Tue 3rd November 8:45AM – Friends of St Mary's AGM and planning for the Christmas Fayre
- Thu 12th November – PARENTS EVENING
- Fri 13th November 8:45AM – Friends of St Mary's Present Wrapping
- Fri 27th November 3:10PM – Christmas Fayre
- Fri 4th December – trip to Albany Theatre – the Gingerbread Man
- Thu 10th December 1:45PM – Nativity Performance for Parents and Carers
- Fri 18th December – 1:00PM – End of Autumn Term
- Tue 5th January 2026 - Children return to school for the Spring Term



Key Reminders

- Please be on time. Morning sessions run from 08.30 – 11.30 and afternoons from 12.30 – 3.30. (unless you have opted for the shorter day at 2.30pm)
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Nursery children have a PE lesson on Monday afternoon, so you might want your child to wear trainers on that day.



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewelry to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. School shoes should be plain and black. Also, please send in a bag of spare clothes, in case of accidents.



Reading Fridays

Each Friday, we are inviting parents and carers to come into Nursery for the first half hour of the session to share stories with your child. You can choose a book to keep at home for the week and then change the next week. Please send in a photo of you reading with your child at home (use the email address below) for our Reading Families display.



Harvest

Each year the school collects food donations, which are taken to St Mary's Church and distributed among local charities. The class has decorated a special box and we would greatly value any dry or tinned foods you can offer.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

Early Years depends on parent partnership and we look forward to working with you and your child as they start their learning journey.

With best wishes,

Miss Rowe, Mrs. Gaitan and Miss Johnson