

YEAR 3 CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Summer break. The children have settled well into their new class and we are looking forward to our year of learning together. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential. We look forward to seeing you at the **Year 3's Class Parents' Meeting** on **Wednesday 16th September** at **8.45AM**

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last term. Our topics this term will be **Pole to Pole** and **Stormy Weather**. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topics, with links to the learning in Literacy and Maths. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

English 	In English, we will be reading 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers, which is about Barnabus, an imperfect pet (half mouse and half elephant) trying to escape the world of Perfect Pets. The children will learn how to use speech punctuation correctly and how to create expanded noun phrases using concrete and abstract nouns. They will also learn how to write persuasively.
Reading 	This term, our reading journey will take us through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the Read Write Inc. scheme. Children will build their fluency and confidence as readers, while developing their comprehension and learning to think carefully about, discuss and respond to the texts they that they have read. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.
Maths 	This half term we will be focusing on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. We will be learning how to recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens and ones), as well as compare and order numbers to 1,000. We will also learn formal written methods for column addition and subtraction and solve number problems. In the second half of the term we will be learning about Multiplication and Division. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to recall and use facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. We will be launching our Times Table challenge before half-term, so please continue to practise your multiplication tables at home.
RE 	In RE, we will be learning about Christianity, in our unit 'What is the story?' The children will learn about the Bible and where the stories that they know fit. They will make link between the 'Big story' and some things that Christians believe.
Topic 	In this topic pupils will explore the globe from pole to pole, revising their knowledge of countries, continents, and oceans in Geography. They will learn the position and significance of global features including latitude and longitude, the equator, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the North and South Poles. In History, they will research some of the famous explorers who have tried to reach the North and South Poles including Ernest Shackleton and Matthew Henson. They will compare the resources and equipment used by Polar explorers in the 19th and early 20th centuries with modern expeditions today. In Science, we will experiment with magnets and magnetic materials and explore their properties. Pupils will find out which magnet is the strongest, using a fair test.
Values 	We will be focusing on the whole school values of Respect and Peace . We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.
Comp Uting 	In Computing, we will be learning that digital devices can accept inputs and produce outputs. They will also understand what makes a secure password and how a computer network can be used to share information.

Music 	The children will be listening to, appraising and composing music using a scheme of work called 'Music Express', where we will be learning a song and performing it in many styles.
PSHE 	We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work in our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). This term we will be learning about how to make people feel welcome and considering how we can make our school community a better place. The children will understand that we all have a right to learn and will think about how they can work well with others.
MFL 	We will be studying French as our Modern Foreign Language (MFL). This term we will be learning to introduce ourselves. We will also learn how to say the colours and count up to 20 in French.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

- Trip to the Maritime museum-TBA
- 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
- Wednesday 16th September at 8.45AM – Parents' welcome meeting with your child's class teacher
- 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 – Pantomime at Greenwich Theatre
- Tue 15th December 2:00PM – Candlelit Service in St Mary's Church
- 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 at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Thursdays**



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practicing their times tables, spellings and reading every day.

There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.

Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

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

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Mrs Chetri (Class Teacher) Miss Williams, Mrs Dikule (Teaching Assistants)