

YEAR SIX 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 Six Class Parents' Meeting on Thursday 17th September at 5pm.**

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 '**An African Kingdom**' and '**Detectives**'. 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 developing our writer's voice. During the first half term, we will be reading 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Using this book, we will develop our ability to write for particular purposes. Next, we will be reading a picture book called 'The Arrival' to learn how to develop our knowledge of relative clauses, use commas for clarity and how to use a variety of sentence structures effectively. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to self-select writing techniques that are most appropriate for the text that they are writing.
Reading 	This term, we will be revising our reading strategies of clarifying, inferring, summarising, making connections, predicting, evaluating and questioning. We will be reading the books 'Windrush Child' and 'Poems about Migration' to practice combining these reading strategies. The children will also practice how to support and actively listen to others while reading. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Journal.
Maths 	This half-term we will be focusing on number and place value. This will include reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 10 million and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In addition to this, we will be learning about negative numbers. In the second half of the term, we will be learning how to add and subtract whole numbers with more than four digits. We will also learn how to multiply and divide numbers up to 4 digits by up to 2-digit numbers. We will be launching our Times Table challenge before half-term, so please continue to practice your multiplication tables at home.
RE 	Our Religious Education topics this term will be focused around Buddhism, the pilgrimage and how people of faith serve God and bring freedom and justice to others. Within these lessons, we will be considering how aspects of the religions taught can influence the lives of the believers.
Topic 	Children will find out about the African Kingdom of Benin. In this topic pupils will be learning about the continent of Africa and learn about the different countries, climate zones, history and customs of this culture. They will also find out about modern Nigeria, and how it compares to the Kingdom of Benin. Within the topic 'Detectives', we will learn about the science behind mixtures, solutions, reversible and irreversible changes. Finally, we will find out about the history of crime and punishment across different historical periods.
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 exploring how data is transferred by working collaboratively online and how to use technology safely.
Music		We will continue to use the music express scheme of learning, whilst taking account of guidance on singing and the use of musical instruments.
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 understanding ourselves and celebrating difference.
MFL		We will be studying French as our Modern Foreign Language (MFL). This term we will be learning to speak about our homes and classrooms.

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
- Thurs 17th September – 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 5th October – Fri 9th October- PGL school journey
- Wed 14th October- Year 6 class led worship
- **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 Friday.**



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.

Miss Egunjobi (Class Teacher)