

Welcome

from your Co Headteachers,

Dear Parents and Carers,

This past week, we came together as a school community to observe Remembrance Day, a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve. In our assemblies, lead by Rev Teri-Anne, the children have explored the themes of courage, resilience, and peace, which echo through the lives and stories of those we remember.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who led a thoughtful and reflective assembly on the theme of Remembrance and peace. Their insights and respectful delivery helped all of us, both young and old, to pause and reflect on the importance of remembering those who gave so much. It's was inspiring to see our pupils approach this important topic with such empathy and insight.

As we move forward, we will continue to build on these values—fostering a sense of gratitude, respect, and compassion within our school.

Sport at St Mary's

On Wednesday our 5 and 6 girls competed in a football match, and although it was a tough game against some strong and experienced teams, our girls showed fantastic spirit. Many of the teams they faced play football outside of school, making it challenging for our players who haven't had that experience. However, they returned to school in high spirits, full of enthusiasm and proud of their effort—reminding us that enjoying the game and having fun are what truly count.

In other news, Mr. Johnson would like to celebrate the fantastic progress of the Year 1 pupils in PE. It's truly remarkable to see how much they've developed since last year, not only in their physical skills but also in their confidence and enthusiasm during lessons. Their growth has been impressive, and there's great excitement about the potential they continue to show!

Additionally, the afterschool Key Stage 2 football club has been a real success. The group of children attending this year is exceptional, demonstrating great team spirit, skill, and dedication. It's clear that they are enjoying the game, working together, and making significant progress. Well done to all involved—keep up the excellent work!



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Parents evening

A reminder that our Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday, 20th November, and Thursday, 21st November. These evenings provide an invaluable opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and learn more about their strengths and areas for growth. Parents' Evening is an important part of our partnership with you, ensuring that we work together to support your child's learning journey. It's a chance to ask questions, understand the ways you can support learning at home, and celebrate the achievements your child has made so far this year.

Please make sure you've booked your appointment. We look forward to welcoming you and to having productive conversations about your child's progress and wellbeing.

Book Fair

We're excited to announce that our annual Book Fair will be held next week! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore a variety of books, discover new authors, and develop their love of reading. The fair will be open on Wednesday and Thursday at the same time as parents evening. All purchases will help earn free books for our school library, so every book bought makes a difference!

The Book Fair will feature a wide selection of books suitable for all ages and interests. We encourage parents and carers to come along with their children, browse the selections, and support reading in our school. Payment can be made via your mobile phone by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading and for supporting our school library.

Ensuring your child Arrives on Time

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of ensuring that children arrive at school on time. Punctuality is key to setting a positive tone for the school day, allowing students to settle in and start learning promptly. Late arrivals can disrupt not only your child's day but also the learning of others in the class.

We understand that mornings can be busy, but we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives **before** 8.55am, so they can make the most of their day. If your child is going to be late, please ensure that they are signed in at the office. Thank you for helping us maintain a smooth start to each school day!

Remember that next **Thursday 21st November** is **Mufti** in exchange for bottles for the Christmas fair and **Friday 22nd November** is an **INSET** day at St Mary's.

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs Wayland and Mrs Woodier



Communication flow chart

Communication of concerns

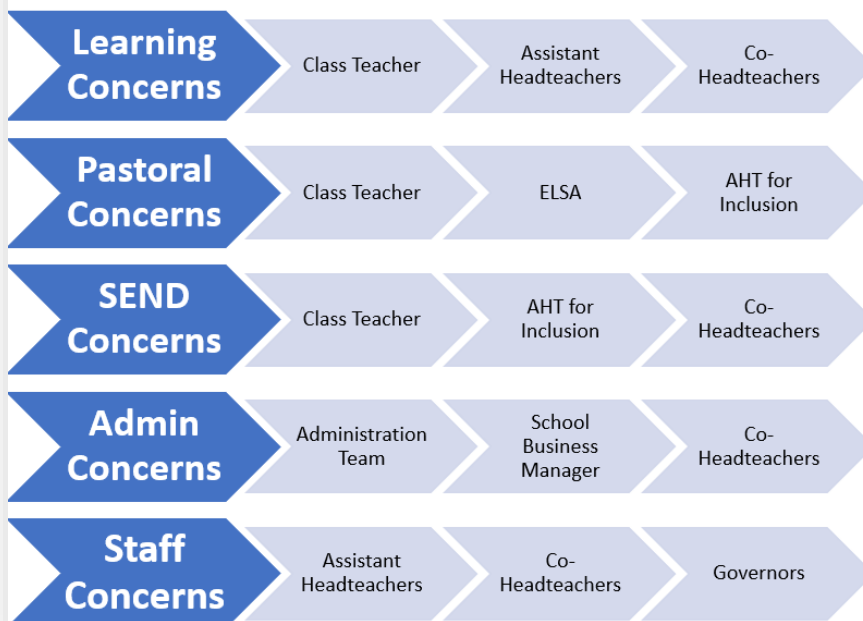
At St. Mary's, we greatly value open and positive communication with parents. We know that staying connected and informed is key to supporting each child's development and well-being. To make sure all queries and messages are handled efficiently, we have a process in place for communicating with school staff. This helps us respond quickly and ensures that your questions or concerns reach the right person.

If you need to speak with a teacher or another member of staff, we would ask that you please follow our communication procedures. Please note that in the flow chart reference to 'AHT for inclusion' is Mrs. Das- Mahon who is one of our Assistant Headteachers.

Thank you for partnering with us to support this process and addressing concerns, and if they occur.

Communication Flowchart

Steps Parents and Carers are to follow when contacting the school



*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

Contact details

Tel: 020 8979 5102

Email: admin@stmaryshamptonschool.org.uk



PTFA updates

Christmas Fair

We'd love for all families to come along and enjoy our festive Christmas Fair! It's the perfect opportunity to get into the holiday spirit while supporting our school. There will be plenty of fun activities, games, and wonderful stalls, as well as a chance to pick up some unique gifts and treats. This is a fantastic event to bring the whole family together, meet other parents and teachers, and spread some festive cheer. Your participation helps raise funds for school resources and special projects, so come along, have fun, and support our school community! We look forward to seeing you there!



St Mary's Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Once again, we are offering you the opportunity to buy your Christmas Tree from us and why would you not want to:

- Choice of 5 different tree sizes
- Fantastic prices
- Nordmann Fir (the lowest needle drop trees)
- 1st or Premium grade trees

To purchase your tree(s) please go to

<https://st-marys-school-hampton-ptfa.square.site> or use the QR Code

Size Options:

3-4ft **£30**

4-5ft **£34** 5-6ft **£38** 6-7ft **£45** 7-8ft **£60**

Please order by 5pm on the Friday 22nd November 2024



Tree collection will be on **Sunday 1st December 2024** with a time to be confirmed from St Mary's School Car Park on a first come first served basis, any queries please email ptfa@stmaryshampton.school.org.uk

Christmas Tree Sale

The annual Christmas Tree Sale at St Mary's Hampton is a festive event where high-quality, fresh Christmas trees are sold to support the school. Organised by the school's PTA or Friends of St Mary's, the sale is not only a fundraiser but also a wonderful way for the school community and local families to come together and get into the holiday spirit.

Typically, the sale offers a variety of tree sizes and types, allowing families to pick out their perfect tree for the season. Proceeds from the event go towards school projects, resources, or activities that benefit the children.



News from year 6

Mrs Rowlandson writes..

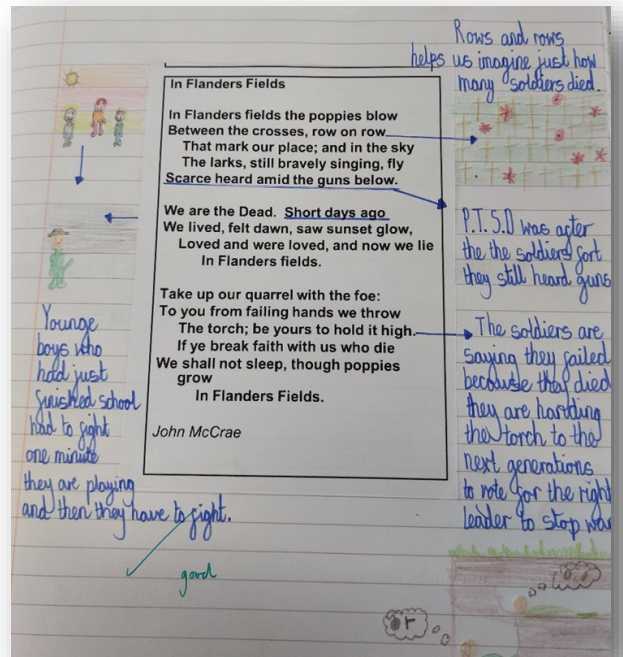
We hope you enjoyed our assembly this week on the theme of *peace*. Additionally, in honour of Remembrance Day, we have focused on writing linked to WWI. In English, we analyzed the symbolism and imagery in the poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae, and we started using our own imagery to create powerful and atmospheric descriptions of *Life in the Trenches*, which we will continue next week.

In art, we learned about the artist Henry Moore, focusing on his pieces depicting people sheltering in the underground tube stations during WWII. In maths, we have started our fractions topic by revising how to simplify fractions, place them on a number line, and compare and order them.

In computing, we continued learning how to create 3D shapes using Tinkercad—we learned how to duplicate 3D objects, hand-draw objects to create our own personalized name badge, and use placeholders to create holes before designing our own desk tidy.

For RE, we created advertisements in pairs to promote a Christian pilgrimage, and in French, we learned mathematical terms such as numbers and operations.

In science, we labelled the key parts of the eye and learned about their role in enabling us to see. Finally, in dance this half term, we are learning how to perform 1940s-style dances; this week, we kicked off with *The Charleston*—a dance that originated in the 1923 Broadway musical *Runnin' Wild*, influenced by African American roots after the Great War.



News from year 5

Mr Burkey Writes..



Last week, Year 5 completed their DT Viking longship models. The brief was to design and make a model that could be used for educational purposes to teach others about Viking longships. The process began by looking at different styles of models already in use, examining whether or not they were effective and making notes of the best designs. The children then created their own designs based on this, labelling them with measurements, materials and parts. We began making the models by stencilling around a template, cutting out four cardboard parts and stapling these together. Each part was covered in masking tape and painted.

The children then measured and sawed the pole used for the mast, creating a holding bridge that was placed inside the ship to keep the mast stable. They then stitched together two pieces of fabric to make a sail, added their own Viking designs and attached it to the top of the mast. Finally, everyone designed and painted their own shields, which were attached to the sides of the ship, then added any extra embellishments as they saw fit.



This was a complicated process involving many skills: researching, designing, sewing, painting, sawing wood, stencilling, cutting and attaching by various means. The end result showed a great deal of care and precision and the children should be very proud of their work. Special thanks to Fiona and Ayisha for helping the children to sew together the sails.

centering around finding objects hidden around school.

At the start of this half term, Year 5 began a new Power of Reading novel, 'Stombreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. The class has started designing their own spy gadgets, which they will now write about in a piece of persuasive writing, aiming to persuade other spies to make a purchase. As an added extra bit of fun, many of the children have found letters containing secret spy missions hidden around the school. These missions involve different tasks, some of which are puzzle solving activities, while others are more physical,



Your mission, should you choose to accept it...
For your secret mission, in order to pass,
You must find the message within the class.
It's inside somebody's pencil case,
A hidden spot, a secret place.

But which one is it? What's the name?
It's time to play a little game.
The person's name contains 3 letters;
Use these clues to guess much better.

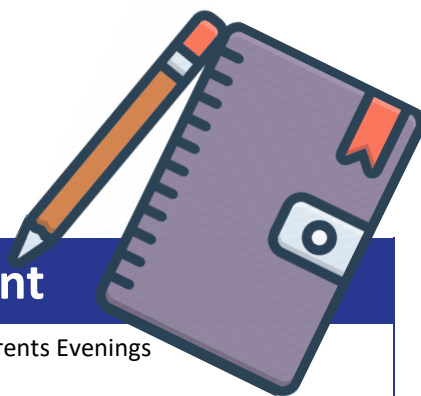
The first is in "apple," "giraffe," and "grape,"
But not in "pencil," "grip," or "feint."
The second's in "cloud," "tall," and "plain,"
But not in "sky," "ignite," or "grain."

The final letter is up your "sleeve",
The most popular letter that you will see.
I hope these clues help with it all—
Find the possible names, then give me a call!

In a link to this spy topic, in Science we have been learning about forces, including gravity. This week, the children took part in a test to find out which material would make the best parachute for a spy. We constructed the parachutes out of different types of fabric, then tested them by standing on a seat and dropping them in a timed test. The parachute drop was filmed and replayed in slow motion on the big screen to confirm the winner.



Reminders...



Date	Event
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November	Whole school Parents Evenings
Thursday 21st November	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles for the Christmas fair
Friday 22nd November	Inset Day
Tuesday 26th November at 9.15am—10am	New Reception 2025 Stay and Play
Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November at 9am	New Reception open morning (2025 intake)
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for cakes for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 30th November	St Mary's Christmas Fair 2pm—5pm
Thursday 5th December at 9.10am	EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Monday 2nd December	Class Christmas postboxes officially open
Friday 6th December 2.30pm	Class Act performances in whole school celebration worship
Tuesday 10th December at 10am	Choir performance for the residence at Linden Hall
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th December at 2.30pm	Rock steady concert (invited event only)
Friday 20th December	Christmas Church Service
Each Friday morning at 8.45am (MTV Hampton)	Parents prayer group



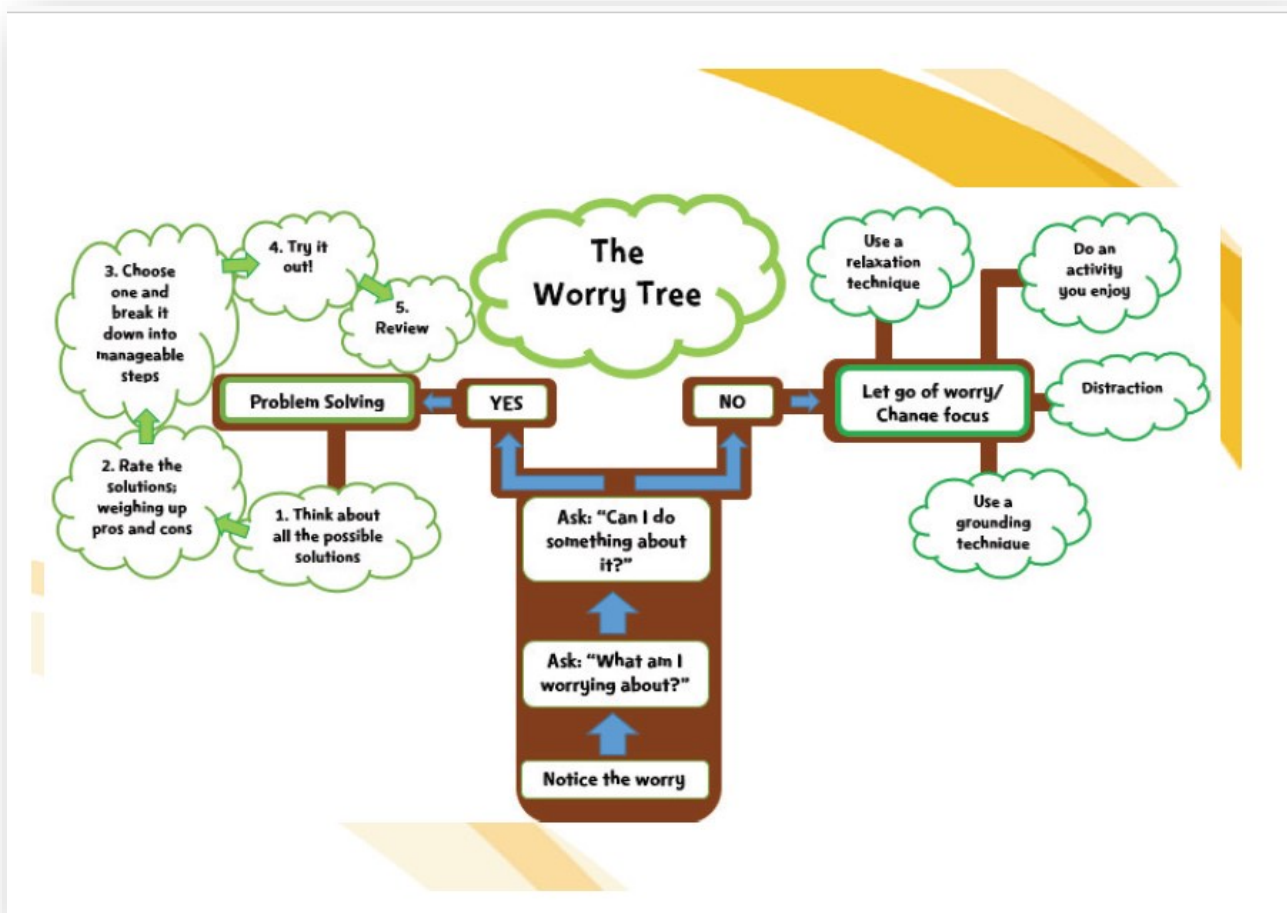
Mental Health Service Team

Achievement for children Mental Health Service team updates:

Thank you to everyone who joined us before half term for our coffee morning hosted by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), where we focused on understanding and managing anxiety in children. It was a valuable session, filled with practical insights and advice for parents and carers on how to recognize signs of anxiety and provide effective support at home.

During the session, the MHST shared useful strategies for helping children manage anxious feelings, such as relaxation techniques, building resilience, and creating a supportive environment. Attendees also had the chance to ask questions, share experiences, and learn more about the resources available through Achieving for Children to support mental health and wellbeing.

We hope those who attended found it helpful and informative. If you were unable to attend but would like more information on managing anxiety in children, here are some [useful documents](#) to support you at home.



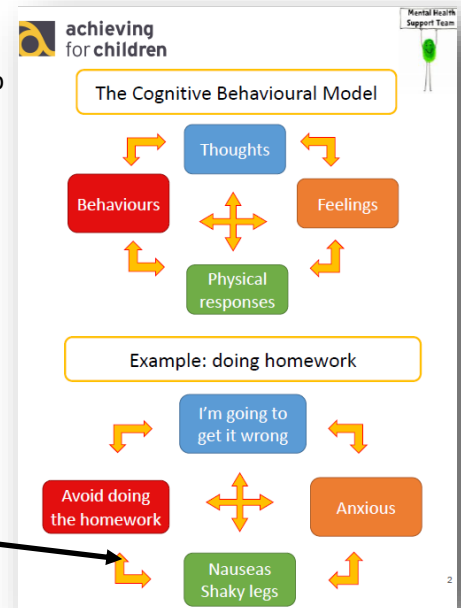
Mental Health Service Team

What is anxiety? Anxiety is a normal emotion and it is not always bad. It can help to keep us to stay safe and motivates us to be prepared and do our best. However, too much anxiety too often can interfere with our day to day life.

What can we do as parents to help?

Instead of focusing on what has caused the anxiety, you can support your child overcome their worries. If your car was stuck in the mud, focusing on what got you there would not be the best way to get the car out.

This [link](#) contains the strategies you can use to support your child.





MHST

Your Local Family Resources And Support



Parenting Offer 2024



Family and Parenting Support - courses and parent champion network



AFC landing page - links to all areas of support.



Local Youth Centres - find activities, homework support and community activities



Emotional Health Service Resource Hub - parenting, mental health including crisis signposting



Local Children's Centre Programme Autumn 2024



NHS
South West London
Clinical Commissioning Group



**Are you OK
Richmond?**



**Are you OK
Kingston?**



**achieving
for children**



Reminders...



Adverts

St Mary's
PTA
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

Saturday
30th
November

2:00pm-
5:00pm

REINDEER FOOD,
FESTIVE TREATS, AGGY,
ECO SHOP, QUIRKY
CATS
JEWELLERY, CHRISTMAS
GIFTS, SCHOOL CHOIR
PERFORMANCE,
CHRISTMAS GAMES,
CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING
AND MUCH MORE

Please come and
join us

ST MARY'S HAMPTON
Church of England Primary School



Adverts





ST MARY'S HAMPTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION 2025 OPEN MORNINGS

Thursday 10th October
Friday 11th October

Thursday 24th October
Friday 25th October

Thursday 28th November
Friday 29th November

Join us from **9am** for a talk and tour 

Please contact the school office to book your place

Flourishing through faith, hope and love

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Adverts

**The Fulham Palace
Festive Light Display**

28th November to 22nd December.
5.00pm - 9.00pm
FULHAM PALACE

www.londonilluminatedlights.co.uk



Santa Fun Run 2024



Help us care this Christmas
Festive fun with family and friends

10% discount for groups over 6!

Run, jog or walk 5K and raise money for your local Hospice.
Sunday 8 December at Bushy Park.
Sunday 15 December at Sandown Park
Racecourse followed by a Christmas Market.
 9.30am for a 10.00am start.



Scan the QR code or visit
pah.org.uk/santafunrun