

Welcome

from your Co Headteachers,

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been!

Just sing....

This week, our Key Stage 2 choir, led by Mr. Burkey, had the privilege of visiting the elderly residents at Linden Hall.

The children sang a beautiful selection of festive songs, filling the room with warmth and Christmas cheer. Their voices were bright and joyful, and the residents were truly delighted by their performance. After the singing, the children took time to chat and interact with the residents, which they were delighted about.

It was a heartwarming experience for everyone involved, and we are so proud of the children for their kindness, enthusiasm, and lovely singing. A big thank you to Mr. Burkey for leading the choir and to Linden Hall for welcoming us so warmly!



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Fantastic Christmas Lunch

Wednesday's Christmas lunch was a feast to remember! The festive atmosphere, delicious food, and joyful conversations made it a highlight of the week. It was fantastic to see everyone coming together to celebrate the season. A big shoutout to the staff and volunteers who made it such a memorable occasion! A big thank you to our brilliant catering team and lunchtime supervisors for making it all so magical.



Rocksteady Concert

Today, we rocked and rolled at the Rocksteady concert! The energy and enthusiasm were contagious as our young musicians showcased their hard work and talents. It was a fantastic performance that left us all inspired and impressed. Well done to all involved—you truly brought the house down!



Collective Worship with Rev. Teri Anne

On Thursday, we were blessed to have Rev. Teri Anne join us for collective worship. She led us in a thoughtful session on the Beatitudes, focusing on the message of "peace be with you." Her words reminded us of the importance of kindness, understanding, and spreading peace in our lives and communities, especially during this busy and sometimes stressful time of year.



Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our school community. We look forward to finishing the term on a positive and caring note.

Warm regards,

Mrs Wayland and Mrs Woodier



News from year 6

Mrs Rowlandson writes..

Wow what a week Year 6 have had!

In maths, we finished our unit on fractions and in English, we have started writing our Anne Frank biographies using the features learnt such as cohesion and formality. In science, we took part in 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire!' to test our knowledge on 'Light'. Unfortunately, due to a tricky question, we lost £250,000 and did not make it to the million pound question! On Thursday, VE day came to the classroom! We learnt what this day meant and how people celebrated when they heard Churchill's announcement that the war had ended. The day was spent singing, dancing, waving flags, playing wartime games, eating wartime recipes and giving speeches, before writing a recount of their character's VE day experience in the afternoon.

On Friday, Year 6 wowed us with their swing dance routines for our '1940s Strictly Come Dancing' competition. The judges had a difficult time choosing the overall winners but in the end, 3rd place was awarded to Betty and Nathan, 2nd place to Fleur and Tobias and 1st place to Zara and Xavier! A huge well done to all the Year 6 dancers and thank you to Mrs Wayland, Mrs Das-Mahon, Rayan and our surprise guest, Mr Scott, for being our judges this year.

Do take a look at Year 6's X page to watch the videos of their fabulous performances, and keep an eye out for a souvenir photo montage in your child's bag next week.



News from year 6



News from year 5

Mr Burkey Writes..

Following on from our parachute experiments earlier in the half-term, Year 5 have been continuing to learn about forces. We learned all about the great scientist Isaac Newton, his discovery of gravity, his work with the refraction of light and the three laws of motion.

The children then looked at motion in action, examining how gears can transmit motion and force between different parts of a machine, helping to change the speed, torque, and direction of movement of a force. We used Newton meters to measure the force needed to lift objects and then examined how a pulley system can be used to lighten the load. We then looked at real life examples of these machines being used.

The children also explored friction, learning how it can help keep cars on the

road or be reduced when ice skating. We conducted an experiment with toy cars on different surfaces to see which surface provided the greatest friction against the car.



News from year 2

Mrs Purnell writes..

In Year 2 this week, in maths, we have completed our unit on multiplication. Some activities have been allocated to your School Jam accounts so that you can consolidate this learning at home. We have covered the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, introducing the multiplication sign and supporting learning with repeated addition, skip counting, arrays, and other visual representations of equal groups of objects.

In English, we have been reading *The Blue Penguin* by Petr Horáček and developing the children's understanding of recount writing by rewriting the story in the first person and using the past tense.

In science, we have been learning about the human life cycle, and in geography, the children planned a journey across the Southern Hemisphere in search of penguin colonies, noting the continents and oceans visited along the way.

Calling all Musicians...



Do you play a musical instrument? We're looking to find out how many of our talented children might be interested in forming a school orchestra! If your child plays an instrument, whether it's the violin, flute, trumpet, piano, or any other, we'd love to hear from you.

Please let us know the instrument they play and their current level of experience. If we have enough interest, we hope to create a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to come together, learn, and perform as an orchestra.

Feel free to email the school office at admin@stmaryshampton.org.uk or speak to your child's teacher to share this information. We look forward to discovering the musical talents in our school community!



St Mary's Achievements

At St Mary's, we take immense pride in celebrating all of our children's achievements, both in and out of school. Whether it's mastering a new skill, excelling in sports, showcasing creativity in the arts, or contributing to their community, we love to recognise and share in their successes. Every accomplishment, big or small, is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and unique talents. By celebrating these moments together, we inspire each other to strive for our best and create a supportive and joyful school environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to shine.



Gymnastics achievement

A huge congratulations to Max in Year 3 for his incredible achievements at Spelthorne Gymnastics! Max recently moved up to the acrobatic squad and showcased his talent by completing seven displays over just six days. His hard work, dedication, and training truly paid off, as the displays went exceptionally well.



Football achievement:

A big congratulations to Aashtyne in Year 2 for his amazing football achievement! He played so well that he was awarded Man of the Match.

Creative Mind Award!

Well done Reggie for the wonderful Elf house, designed and made for your own St. Mary's Elf!

Well done!



Reminders...



Date	Event
Thursday 19th December	House Winners Pizza Party
Friday 13th December at 2.30pm	Rock steady concert (invited event only)
Friday 20th December	Christmas Church Service
Friday 31st January 2025	9am - MHST: Coffee morning for all parents across the school for managing anxiety for children
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th March and Thursday 13th March 2025	Parents Evening
Friday 14th March 2025	Inset day: School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 18th March 2025	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum
Friday 4th April 2025	9am - MHST: Coffee morning for all parents across the school for managing anxiety for children – SATs prep
Friday 4th April 2025	Easter Service
Monday 24th March 2025	Year 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens



Sports Update...

On Tuesday, our children took part in an exhilarating indoor athletics event at Twickenham University, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

The atmosphere was electric, with the buzz and energy of the competition creating an exciting environment. Our young St Mary's athletes rose to the challenge, showing remarkable composure and resilience throughout the day.

It's not just about the athletics -it's about the experience. The children faced a new, high-energy setting and handled it brilliantly. Events like these offer fantastic learning opportunities, building confidence and teaching valuable skills like focus and coping under pressure.



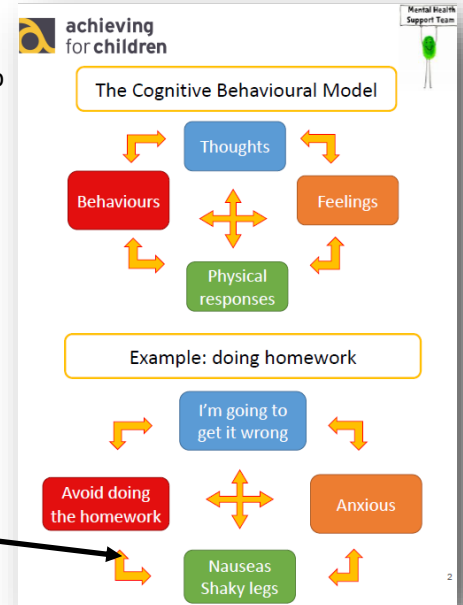
Mental Health Service Team

What is anxiety? Anxiety is a normal emotion and it is not always bad. It can help to keep us 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

Logos: NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group, Are you OK Richmond?, Are you OK Kingston?, achieving for children



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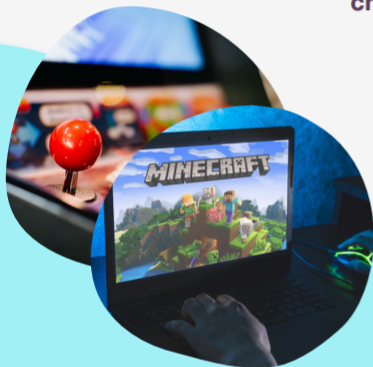
“ When children pretend, they're using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. A stick can be a magic wand. A sock can be a puppet. A child can be a superhero!

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AFTERSCHOOL Code Club_

Our First term will be **MINECRAFT EDUCATION!** Don't just play Minecraft... code it! Program your digital agent sidekick with visual code to conquer quests such as dancing, building, unleashing explosive TNT and even launching a volley of arrows.

Our second term kicks off with **RETRO GAMING!** Design and code your own classics such as Pong!, Asteroids, Space Shooter and Doodle Jump. Then it's competition time! Can you beat your friends at your own game? Working in a team, create your own maps, characters and game code!



DATES : Every Tuesday
14th Jan - 25th Mar

TIME : 3:20 - 4:20 PM

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5PM CONTEMPORARY CAROLS

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8PM CAROLS & READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT

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CHRISTMAS DAY
10AM CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLS & COMMUNION

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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.



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