

Welcome

from your Co Headteachers,

Dear St Mary's Families,

It has been a busy and productive week at St Mary's Hampton, with plenty of exciting activities and achievements to celebrate. As we look ahead, there's a real sense of anticipation in the air with our upcoming Arts Week, where creativity and talent will take centre stage. We are also preparing for our SIAMS inspection, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our school's values and ethos.

What is SIAMS?

SIAMS is a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). It focuses on how well we live out our Christian vision and values in everything we do - how we support children in their learning, personal development, and spiritual growth, and how we care for the wellbeing of everyone in our school community.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

On the day, the inspector will spend time talking to children, staff, governors, and parents, as well as observing lessons, collective worship, and other parts of school life. They'll be looking at how our vision and ethos shape our daily practices and make a difference to the experiences of our pupils.

We see this as a chance to celebrate all the things that make our school special, as well as to reflect on how we can continue to grow and improve. We're really proud of the way our values of faith, hope and love guide everything we do, and we look forward to sharing this with the inspector on Thursday 6th February.

Bishop Wand and St Mary's Hampton trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Yesterday, Mrs. Das-Mahon and Rev. Teri-Anne accompanied a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to St. Paul's Cathedral to observe a sacred service. They were joined by numerous Church of England schools from across London, coming together in unity and reverence. The children witnessed a beautiful banner parade, participated in the uplifting hymn singing, and were moved by the prayers and stories shared by Rev. Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, the Bishop of Willesden. The conduct of the children was exemplary, reflecting the values of the school and their respect for the occasion. It was a truly memorable and spiritually enriching experience for all involved



Year 4's Dirty Digestion Experience!

This week, our Year 4 children took part in an exciting and educational visit to Bishop Wand School as part of the Little People, Limited Dreams Programme. The focus of their trip? A hands-on (and sometimes stomach-churning!) journey through the digestive system, fittingly named Dirty Digestion.

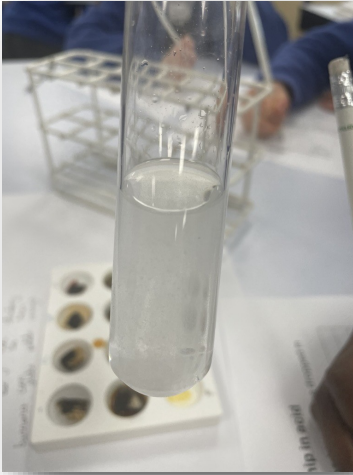


The children explored the entire digestion process, from start to finish. One of the highlights of the session was testing different foods for starch using dimple trays – a great opportunity for our young scientists to see food reactions in action! They were also warmly welcomed by our Sixth Form students, who were thrilled to see them, especially those who regularly visit St. Mary's to read and support our children.



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However, the most unforgettable (and slightly off putting) part of the experience was watching a Happy Meal get blended into a stomach-like mush – a moment that definitely raised a few eyebrows! The process of peristalsis (where the intestines squeeze and push food along) was demonstrated in a very visual way, showing how nutrients are absorbed and liquids are removed before waste is finally expelled. The grand finale? The ‘removal’ of the food from the digestive process - a moment that left quite a few faces looking rather disapproving!



In addition to exploring digestion, the students also investigated the effects of carbon dioxide, acid, and sugar on teeth. Using an experiment where a ‘tooth’ was placed in acid, they observed firsthand how different substances can cause decay and damage. This eye-opening activity reinforced the importance of good oral hygiene and healthy eating habits in a way that really stuck with them!



Overall, it was a fantastic and engaging learning experience, helping our students understand the wonders of the human body in a way they will never forget! A big thank you to Bishop Wand School and our amazing Sixth Formers for making this such a memorable day.



Reminder: Hampton Foodbank – Assembly and Donations

This coming **Monday**, we are welcoming Hampton Foodbank to our school. They will lead an assembly to teach the children about the important work foodbanks do to help families in need.

We are also asking for food donations to help the foodbank. If you can, please send in any of these items with your child on the morning of the assembly:

- Tinned meat
- Long-life fruit juice
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Tinned tomatoes

This is a great way for the children to learn about kindness and helping others. Thank you for supporting this important cause!



Collective Worship with Rev. Teri-Anne

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Teri-Anne to lead our collective worship. She continued our iShare theme of "Living as a New Creation", sharing a powerful message about God's design for our lives. She spoke about how, along the way, we may make mistakes, but God can take all those moments and create something beautiful out of them.

To bring this idea to life, the children took part in a unique and interactive activity. Rev. Teri-Anne had created a special piece of artwork, which the children were encouraged to graffiti over - a visual representation of life's challenges and imperfections. Then, together, we transformed the artwork into something truly beautiful, reflecting how God continues to shape and renew us.



Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless

Mrs. Wayland and Mrs Woodier

Celebrating our pupils:

Jess as a Chelsea Ladies Mascot!

Last Sunday, Jess from Year 4 had an incredible opportunity to be a mascot leading out the Chelsea ladies football team. She said she had the best day, what a wow moment for her!



Learning @ St Mary's

Year 1

A Week of Learning and Creativity!

It has been a busy and exciting week for our Year 1 children as they prepare for their upcoming class assembly next week. Their assembly is inspired by the beautiful story *Guess How Much I Love You*, which they have been exploring in English.

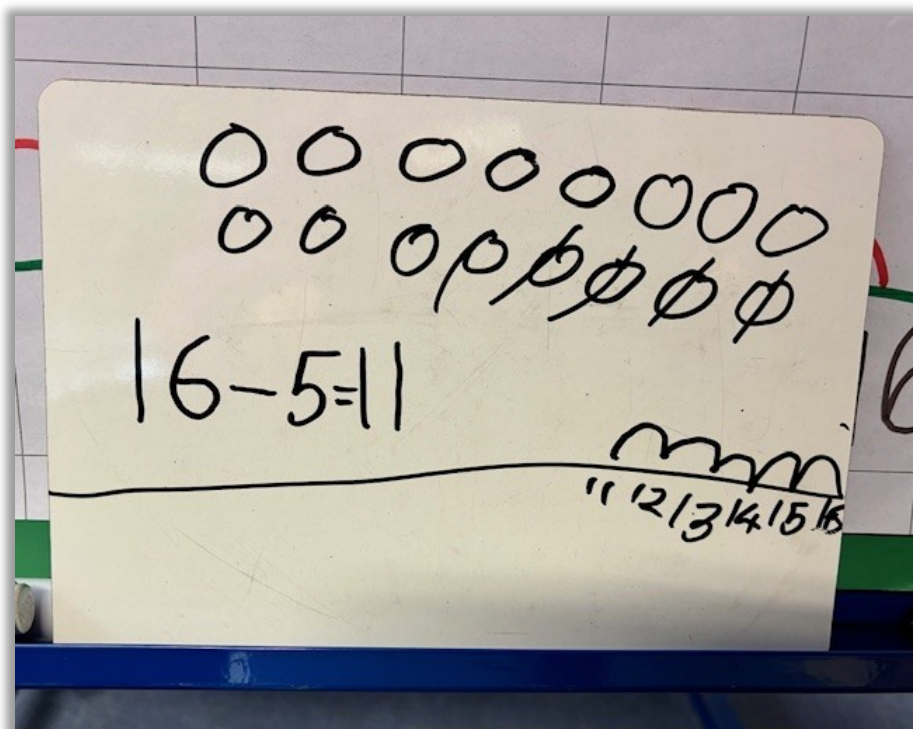
In addition to their preparations, they have started a new book, *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. Inspired by the story, the children have created informative leaflets about life on Earth, showcasing their understanding of our world. They have also tapped into their musical creativity, composing and writing their own songs using noun phrases—a fantastic way to blend language and music!

In RE, the children have continued their study of Judaism, focusing this week on synagogues—what they look like, their importance, and what happens inside them.

Maths has been all about problem-solving, as the children tackled word and picture problems, using tens to help with addition and subtraction and learning different ways to do this.

Meanwhile, in art, they are continuing their printmaking journey. This week, they experimented with plasticine, pressing different materials into it to create unique and textured prints.

It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine in so many areas of learning.



Learning @ St Mary's

Year 2

A Week of Discovery, Creativity, and Movement!

Year 2 has had an exciting and engaging week, full of **new learning experiences** across subjects.

In maths, the children have been exploring division, learning how to use the division sign and deepening their understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. Through hands-on activities with concrete and pictorial resources, they have been practicing sharing and creating equal groups, helping to build a solid foundation for future times tables mastery.

In English, we have continued working with our key text for this half term, *Winter Sleep* by Sean Taylor, Alex Morss, and Cinyee Chiu. The children have been developing their comprehension skills, using inference and deduction to gain deeper insight into the main characters, Granny Sylvie and the boy. As part of their learning, they have been planning and writing a letter home from the boy's perspective, and they will bring home their final versions on Friday—a wonderful keepsake for you to read and enjoy!



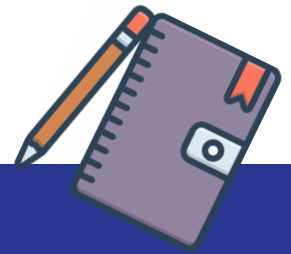
In RE, our focus has been on Judaism and celebrations, with this week's learning centered around Sukkot. The children explored the meaning and traditions of this special festival, helping them to gain a broader understanding of different cultures and beliefs.

Art and history intertwined this week as we looked at architecture and how London's buildings changed after the Great Fire. The children examined the transformation of St Paul's Cathedral, comparing the original structure with the redesigned version by Sir Christopher Wren. Using their art sketchbooks, they explored different architectural styles and created their own sketches inspired by the iconic landmark.

PE on Tuesday was all about HIIT dance! The children worked in groups to choreograph their own high-energy routines, focusing on aerobic exercise, teamwork, and creativity. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and cooperation shine through in their performances!



Reminders...



Date	Event
Friday 31st January 2025	9am - MHST: Coffee morning for all parents across the school for managing anxiety for children
Tuesday 4th February	Year 1 assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 14 th February	Wear something red non -uniform day. £1 donation towards British Red Cross
17th February - 21st February 2025	Half Term
Wednesday 26th February	Orchestra starts (8am-8.45am)
Friday 28th February	Open Classroom from 2.30pm for all classes
Tuesday 4th March	Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (Non—uniform day. Dress as your favourite book
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
Tuesday 25th March	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2.30pm
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
Friday 4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
Thursday 24th April 2025	Year 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens Reception Trip to Bockett's Farm



It's official:

St Mary's Orchestra starts after **half term!** Time is every Wednesday 8am-8.45am.

We're very excited to announce a new initiative to start St Mary's very own music group for instrumentalists with the aim of

- developing their musical skills in a group setting
- experience the fun and discipline of making music together
- taking part in the Christmas, Easter and end of year assemblies at St Mary's church
- lead collective worship on a regular basis
- be forefront in promoting music to their peers

If your child is playing any instrument, come and try for orchestra! For more information and to sign up, email the school at admin@stmaryshamptonschool.org.uk



St Mary's Hampton
School Presents

ST MARY'S SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Play an instrument?
Come and play with us!

**WEDNESDAYS 8AM-
8.45AM**

Sign up here
admin@stmaryshamptonschool.org.uk



PTFA updates:

<h1>SAVE</h1>	<h1>ST MARYS PTFA</h1>
<p>SPRING FLING DISCO</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY</p>	<h1>THE</h1>
<h1>DATE</h1>	<p>Infants 4:00pm- 5:00pm</p> <p>Juniors-5:15pm- 6:15pm</p>



St Mary's
PTFA
Mufti Day





14 FEB

Come to school wearing something red or pink for a donation. To show how much love we have in our school a small % of the funds raised will go to the British Red Cross.

The poster features a red background with a white-bordered box containing text. It is decorated with pink hearts, a pink envelope with hearts, and balloons. A pink ribbon is at the top, and a heart-shaped date stamp '14 FEB' is on the right.

Safeguarding Team: DSL

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Mrs Wayland	Mrs Woodier	Mrs Nesbit	Mrs Das –Mahon
DSL	DSL	DDSL	DDSL

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Single Point of Access

If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger call 999.

You can contact us to request support, or to report a concern about a child or young person.

- If you are a parent, carer or professional, you can make a report online by selecting the relevant option below
- You can also phone 020 8547 5008 from 8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Friday
- Out of hours, phone 020 8770 5000



Adverts:



FAMILY WORKSHOP: THE SECRETS OF VICTORIAN RICHMOND - PUZZLE PURSE LETTERS

- Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 February 2025, 10am to 12noon
- Uncover the secrets of Victorian Richmond and step back in time with your whole family! Get hands-on with fascinating Victorian objects from our Museum's collection—each one a mystery waiting to be solved.
- Transform into a history detective as you explore the weird, wonderful, and wacky tools of the past.
- Then, unleash your creativity to craft your own stunning puzzle letter, just like the Victorians did, to surprise and delight your friends and family! Fun, discovery, and a touch of history await you—don't miss out!
- £6 per child - adults are FREE. To book scan the QR code or visit: <https://museum-of-richmond.arttickets.org.uk/the-museum-of-richmond/the-secrets-of-victorian-richmond-puzzle-purse-letters-677e74c282a29>

FREE CRAFTS: LOVE TOKENS

- Bring Your Family Fun to Life at the Museum!
- Looking for a great way to entertain the kids (and yourself!) for a few hours? Head over to the Museum for our FREE Craft Sessions—a perfect way to unleash your family's creativity! Join us from 1pm every weekday and 10am every Saturday whenever the Museum is open.
- No booking required—just show up and dive into the fun! We've got everything you need, from materials to easy-to-follow instruction sheets, all ready for you to jump in and start creating.
- Make memories, make art! Whether you're crafting masterpieces or just enjoying quality time, there's something for every family to love.
- Important: These activities are self-led, so bring your imagination (and an adult!) along for the ride. Children must be supervised at all times.
- In February, make little waven little love tokens to show the special people in in your life, to show them how much you care!

FREE TRAIL: LOVE IN RICHMOND

- Step into a world of discovery with Lizzie and Harry as your guides! They are here to lead your family on an epic journey through the Museum—full of fun, puzzles, and surprises.
- Embark on Magical Trails: Follow Queen Lizzie and King Harry on their specially designed museum trails, where every exhibit comes alive with fascinating stories, exciting facts, and intriguing mysteries to solve.
- Solve Royal Riddles & Puzzles: Put on your thinking crowns! Along the way, you'll tackle brain-teasing challenges and riddles that bring learning to life in the most fun and rewarding way.
- Claim Your Royal Rewards: Complete your adventure to earn special prizes! King Harry and Queen Lizzie can't wait to see your family crowned champions of the Museum.
- Create Quality Time, the Royal Way: Share laughter, curiosity, and a touch of royal magic as you bond with your family and make memories you'll treasure forever.
- In February, discover things, places and people that Richmonders have loved over the centuries.

Museum Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm and Saturdays 10am to 4pm
CLOSED Mondays and Sundays



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