

Welcome

from your Co Headteachers,

Dear St Mary's Families,

What an amazing week it has been at St Mary's! Our theme of creation has filled the classrooms and hallways with excitement. The children have loved exploring art, using their imagination, and creating wonderful things.

A huge thank you to all our fantastic teachers for their hard work in making this week so special. A special thank you to Mrs. Hornblow and Mrs. Firmin for bringing everything together so beautifully.

It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine. Walking through the school, we have seen Reception children making globes, poetry filling the halls, and so many different materials and art techniques being used. The children have been so engaged, and we are very proud of their work.

We have also been overwhelmed by the positive emails and comments from parents about the impact this week has had on their children. Many have shared how much their children have enjoyed expressing themselves creatively. Your kind words mean so much to us, and we are delighted that this experience has been so meaningful for our children.



We are also very excited to share that we had a very successful SIAMS inspection! The inspectors praised our positive attitude and the way we care for and support every child. We expect to get the full report next month and can't wait to share it with you.

This week has reminded us how important creativity is, especially in our fast-changing world. Being creative helps children learn new skills, solve problems, and feel more confident about the future.



Thank you for Supporting Hampton Foodbank!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously donated to Hampton Foodbank. Your kindness and contributions will make a real difference to those in need within our community.

We were also privileged to welcome Amy, a dedicated volunteer, who shared valuable insights about the vital work of the Trussell Trust and how we can continue to support this incredible organisation. Her message reminded us of the power of community and the impact we can have when we come together to help others.



Your generosity is truly appreciated - thank you for making a difference!

Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless

Mrs. Wayland and Mrs Woodier

Year 5 & 6 Football and Tag Rugby Tournament

Our Year 5 and 6 children recently participated in a Tag Rugby Tournament against a strong local school, demonstrating both skill and resilience throughout the matches.

Despite our usual competitiveness in Tag Rugby, we faced an exceptionally talented opposition and were challenged in ways we hadn't anticipated. The team played with great determination but ultimately lost their game. It was a valuable learning experience, and we are proud of their efforts.



The boys' team put in a fantastic performance, leading 2-0 at halftime before securing an impressive 5-2 victory. The Year 5 players played a crucial role in the success of the team, showing excellent teamwork and resilience. Lastly, the girls faced an incredibly tough opponent in Hampton Hill, the reigning borough champions. Despite losing, they showed great determination and effort against the best team in the area. Two Year 5 players stepped up and performed exceptionally well, highlighting the depth of talent within our school.

Staff news: Exciting Staff Update – Mrs. Madden Covering Maternity Leave

As many of you will be aware Mrs. Rowlandson will soon be starting her maternity leave, and we wish her all the best during this special time. While she is away, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Madden, who will be covering her maternity leave.



Arts Week

A Celebration of Creation

What a truly incredible week we have had this week! It has been an absolute joy to walk round the school and witness the creativity and passion in our children.

It is impossible to capture everything that has happened across the school but some stand-out highlights include:

Local Hampton artist Jennifer Brown leading a workshop in Year 2 and Year 4, sharing her own art and painting techniques with the children and teaching them how to combine different forms of media to produce a piece of art linked to their unique themes. Jennifer has kindly donated one of her own paintings to us to display in the art and music room.



Actor Rufus Hound, who spent the entire week with us, working with each year group to learn and perform a poem, which we then performed to each other on Friday afternoon! The children were so enthused and engaged, it was a truly remarkable experience. Rufus also turned his hand to other projects too: sewing animals, moulding animals out of clay, and guiding the children through the creation of their own artwork inspired by LS Lowry. Our younger children were also treated to storytime with Rufus, where we even got to hear the voice of Waffle the Wonder Dog first hand!



Tammi Bullimore delivered drama sessions with every year group, linked to the theme of creation. It was lovely to see the children growing in confidence and pushing their own boundaries whilst having fun and stretching their imaginations.

Maria Kora and her friend Amy, who came to share their musical talents with the children in Years 3, 4 and 5. They took small groups of children to compose music linked to the theme of creation. The results were stunning and it was inspiring to see how much could be achieved in a small amount of time!

Worthing-based artist Alison Lapper led a live Zoom Q&A with our Year 6 children, answering questions about how she has overcome her disability in order to reach her potential as an artist. She challenged the Year 6 children to try painting with the paintbrush in their mouths instead of their hands. An unforgettable experience! Alison is hoping to come and visit us in person later on in the year.



For me personally, it has been wonderful to see our St. Mary's school community coming together to create these lasting memories for our children. To every person who has donated something, whether it be their time or physical items, every person who has shared the positive impact that this week has on their child or has given words of thanks or encouragement for facilitating this special week – THANK YOU!

And for every parent who is now facing the problem of removing paint or PVA from school uniform – I am sorry. I hope the pros have outweighed the cons.

We are all looking forward to showing off our efforts at the Art Exhibition after half term – watch this space!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hornblow

Year 5 Learning...

Year Five Art Week focused on the second day of the Christian creation myth, when God creates the sky. For inspiration, we looked to artists such as J.M.W. Turner (with his dramatic seascapes) and Van Gogh's "Starry Night" and "Wheatfield with Crows." The children began by tracing and sketching clouds, inking

these with fine liner pen and then shading with lightly coloured pastel. We created clouds using plastic bottles and cotton wool, into which we inserted fairy lights to give the impression of lightning within before hanging from the ceiling. The class created their own village of structures using foam board over which the clouds would hang. We used watercolours to paint cosmic nebulas and the northern lights in the sky. The children created projecting stars using cardboard and their torches. We learned the song 'Here Comes the Sun' by the Beatles in different parts. We also really

enjoyed sessions with several visiting artists: Mrs Gupta from Creation Station; actor Rufus Hound; drama with Tammy and music sessions with Maria Kora. Special thanks to Rosanna and Clara's mums who came in to help.



Year 3 Learning...

Year 3 have been wonderful in arts week. They got fully involved in everything and it has been so a pleasure to see them to engaged, excited and independent.

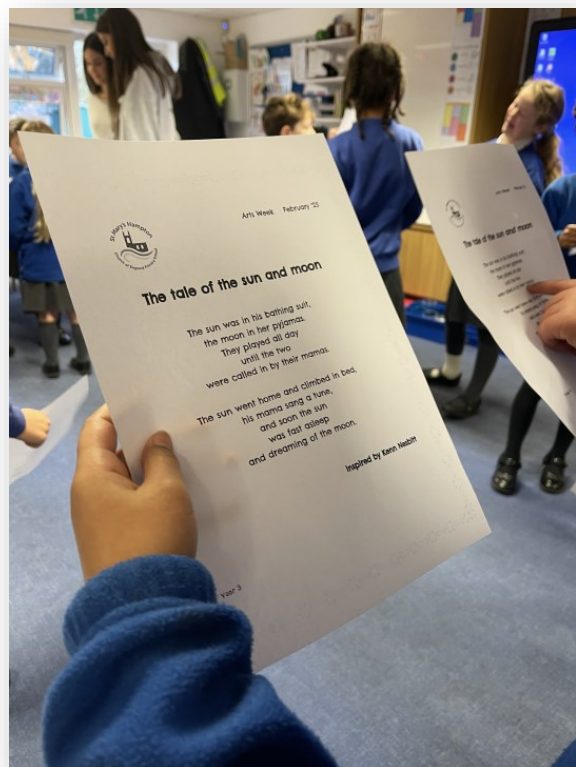
Our part of the creation story was the sun, moon and the stars and so we have spent this week creating papier mache planets which took longer than expected but the children never waived in their effort in every step of the process. We then painted their creations, and the children were allowed fully creative freedom to create their own planets. We also spent time creating some light cinema stories from tubes of pringles, hot chocolate etc which were covered in paper with a tea light (battery powered of course) to provide a real ambience for their own stories.



We also had the pleasure of working with Rufus Hound who spent time with the children learning poetry. The children felt incredibly proud at being able to recite a poem.

Thank you so much to all the families for your contributions and coming into help - we couldn't have done it without you all.

Have a great weekend - hopefully the art with continue!



Year 2 Learning...

During Arts Week, Year 2, among other things, have been learning about the artists Matisse and Picasso. They have been inspired by a huge range of sea creatures, ravens, doves and other birds. They have really enjoyed workshops with Rufus Hound, drama with Tammy and a visit from the local artist, Jennifer Brown. They have also been learning about Bob Marley and singing the song, Three Little Birds. They have been drawing, painting, printing and moulding, working with



pencil, water colour, ready mix paint, felt tips, biros, carbon paper, clay, fabric, tape and card. The children have worked really hard, developing skills and reflecting on all that they have learned. Huge thanks to the parents who have given their time to help us as well. It has been an amazing week!



World Book Week

Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March 2025

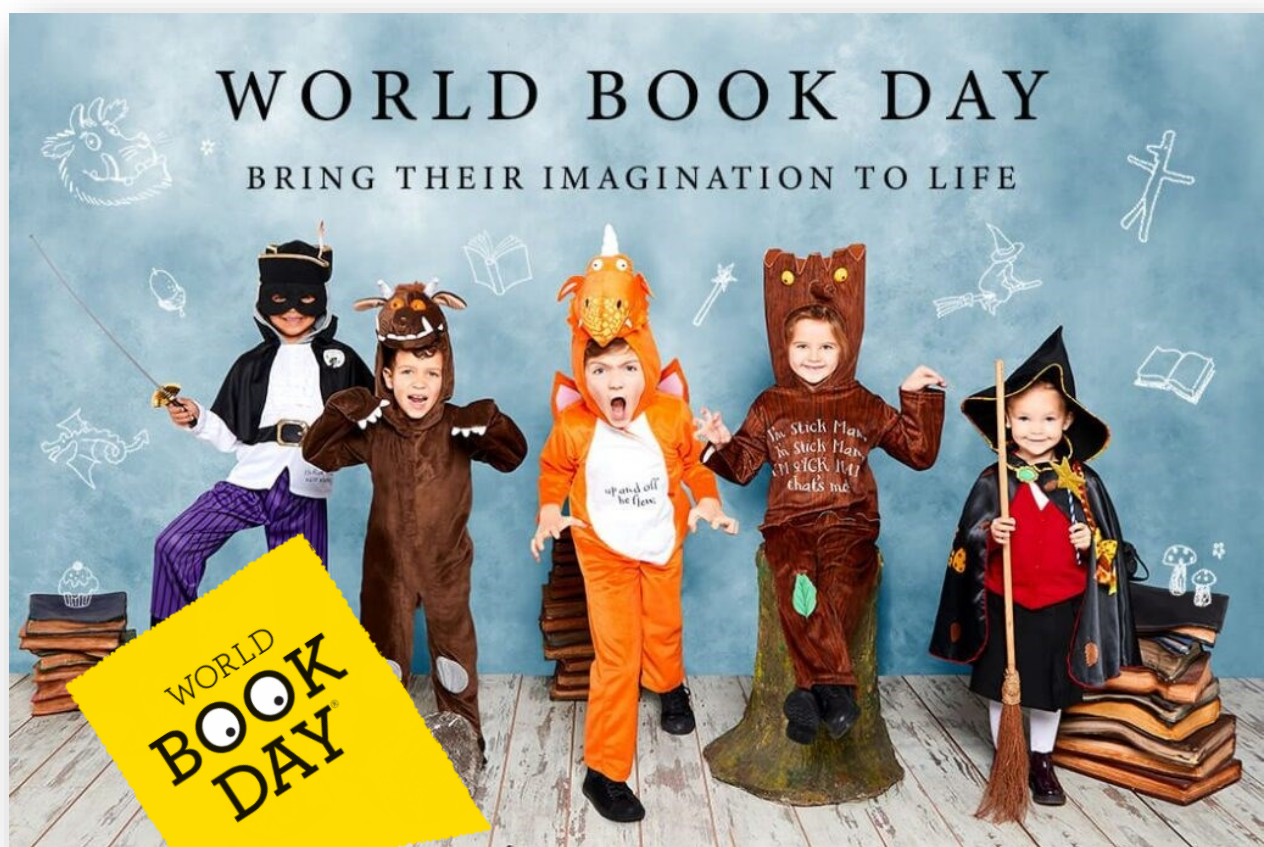
Get ready for a magical World Book Week 2025! Over the next few weeks, we'll be building up to some very special treats for the children during this exciting week. One of the highlights will be our National Dress-Up Day on Thursday, 7th March, where children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It's always a fun and vibrant tradition that gets everyone excited and helps spark a love for reading.

This year, we encourage children to choose a book character to dress up as, and maybe even bring along a book to share with their classmates. Whether it's a full costume, a prop, or a little hint in their outfit, we want each child to feel proud of their choice and be ready to recommend their book to others. It's a fantastic way to discover new stories and authors!

We also understand that times can be tough, so please feel free to get creative with costumes using things you already have at home. Homemade and imaginative outfits are always a hit!

Plus, every child will receive a World Book Day token to exchange for a free £1/€1.50 book or to get £1/€1.50 off any book or audiobook priced at £2.99/€3.99 or more. Check out participating booksellers at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.

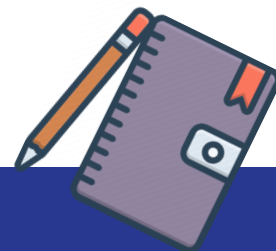
Stay tuned for more exciting updates and fun surprises as we approach World Book Week. It's going to be a celebration of reading you won't want to miss!



ST MARY'S HAMPTON
Church of England Primary School



Reminders...



Date	Event
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
Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March 2025	Book Week
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (Non— uniform day. Dress as your favorite book character)
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@stmaryshampton.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
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PTFA updates:

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

**St Mary's
PTFA
Mufti Day**

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.





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PTFA updates:



Safeguarding Team: DSL

Safeguarding@stmaryshampton.school.org.uk

			
Mrs Wayland DSL	Mrs Woodier DSL	Mrs Nesbit DDSL	Mrs Das - Mahon 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 wavy 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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