



Spring 2024 Newsletter

Amethyst & Indigo Classes

Welcome back to Year 6!

A Happy New Year to parents and carers for the year 2024! Thank you for all your cards and lovely gifts that we received before Christmas. The children have returned to school eager to start the new term and enthusiastic about the many exciting learning opportunities this term.

Curriculum

We have got a short but busy spring term ahead! Please see the Topic Map for information on this term's curriculum and please come and ask if you have any questions.

This term we will continue to prepare the children their SATs in early May, which focus on a range of Maths and English writing skills. More information on this will be shared as we get closer to the SATs.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Friday in the children's homework books. The expectation is to complete the work and hand it back in on the following Wednesday. This will always contain a list of spellings to be learned as well as times tables to be practised along with an accompanying task relevant to our class learning.

Please remember to use your **Times Table Rock Stars** account or other websites such as Hit the Button to focus on fluency skills (please email the office if you cannot find your login).

Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.

Please talk to your child about our **Reading Challenge** and which books they have read so far.

Specialist Teachers

Your child's specialist music and French sessions will happen every Tuesday with PE on Fridays. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers.

Year 6 will have their second block of specialist art sessions every Wednesday afternoon in the first half of the spring term.

Punctuality & Attendance

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines. It is also important to be collected promptly.

GATE OPENS: 8.35am

START OF THE DAY: 8.45am

END OF THE DAY: 3.15pm

Attendance is compulsory for all children. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions:

Office: 020 8340 4898

Email: office@stmarysn8.co.uk

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e. no latex materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Mobile Phones

- If your child truly needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), it must be clearly labelled, **switched off** before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin Team.

- Wednesday 7th February: Reading & Phonics Stay & Play first 20 minutes after drop-off
- Monday 12th to Friday 16th February: Half term – school closed
- Monday 19th February: Children return to school
- Thursday 22nd February: Y6 SATs meeting for parents and carers @ 6pm
- Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th February: Parent Consultations times TBC
- Friday 1st March: Secondary School Offer Day
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Friday 15th March: Deadline for accepting Secondary School places
- Wednesday 27th March: Easter Procession
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April: Easter holiday – school closed
- Monday 15th April: Children return to school

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us before or after school, or make an appointment via the School Office. We look forward to a busy spring term!

Mr Gould & Mr Cummins – The Year 6 Team