



Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter

Saffron and Tangerine Classes

Welcome to Year 1

The children have settled into their new Year 1 classes beautifully and have engaged in a range of exciting activities related to this term's topics.

Curriculum

We have got a busy term ahead! Please see the Topic Map for information detailing this term's curriculum and if you have any questions, please ask any member of staff in the Year 1 Team.

Home Learning

The children will have a phonics decodable book and library book sent home on a **Friday**. Please read the phonics decodable book with your child every day and enjoy reading the library book together. Please return these on a **Wednesday** with their reading record. Also, the children will have a login for Numbots so they can enjoy playing maths games, online, whenever they have access to a device. If any of the children require further phonics help or high Frequency word help, then these will be sent home as additional work.

Specialist Teachers

Your child's specialist PE sessions are every Thursday. Please make sure children come into school wearing their PE kit. This consists of a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. In the Winter, please ensure they have a fleece or sweatshirt. Class Teacher PE will be every Tuesday for which they only need to wear trainers. Children will also have a specialist music, art and French sessions timetabled throughout the year.

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: 8.50am

START OF THE DAY: 9am

END OF THE DAY: 3.30pm

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

Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year.

This term we will be visiting the Brands Museum.

Please look out for a letter with further information.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls, ties, water bottles etc.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Thursdays**. 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. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.
- Children are given a healthy snack at morning play time, however, if you want to send in your own, please do.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do 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.
- 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/trip lunches.
- 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](#)

Key Dates

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

- Tuesday 17th September: Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Curriculum Evening 5.45pm
- Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day wear something denim and bring in £1
- Friday 18th October: Y1 to the Brands Musuem
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 4th November: INSET Day - school closed to children
- Tuesday 5th November: children return to school
- Friday 8th November: individual photo day

*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 after school, or make an appointment via the School Office.

Ms Harris and Miss Kimber
Year 1 Team