



Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

Ducklings and Goslings Classes

Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We would like to thank you for all for your support during your child's first term at St Mary's in Reception, it is very much appreciated. We hope you all had a restful break and are looking forward to the new term.

Curriculum

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

At Home

To further support your child's learning at home we encourage you to share books with your child. Children have a new library book and reading book sent home each week.

Specialist Teachers

Your child will be taught by specialist PE, art, music and French teachers. PE will be every Thursday. Please send your child dressed in their PE kit (plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers) on this day. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

Music and French will be on Wednesdays, and art with Ms Lincoln will be on Thursdays every other half 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.

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 looking forward to more amazing trips and experiences this year. This term we will be visiting a local library and sharing stories as part of our work on Traditional Tales. We also have an Animal Encounters workshop where children will get to meet a variety of different animals!

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls 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.
- Parents and children are encouraged to check bookbags for letters each day.
- It would be really helpful if you could provide a box of tissues for the class, please.
- We ask parents for voluntary contributions of **£5** per term for consumables (to make play dough and so on).
- Please check your child's Tapestry account to see what they have been up to.
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- 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 (rubber) 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.

- Thursday 6th February: PSA Cake Sale @ CL 3.30pm
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 24th February: children return to school
- Friday 7th March: World Book Day
- Friday 7th March: reading stay and share from drop-off both sites
- Friday 7th March: PSA Bingo Night for adults @ CL 7pm
- Saturday 5th April: PSA Easter Hunt & Craft Fair @ CL – details to follow
- Monday 7th-Monday 21st April: Easter holidays – school closed
- Tuesday 22nd 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 after school, or make an appointment via the School Office. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, or email the Admin Team on Office@stmarysn8.co.uk

Miss Abernethy & Mrs Warburton
Reception Team