



Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

Crimson and Scarlet Classes

Welcome back to Year 4 and a Happy New Year to you all!

It is lovely to be starting back in the New Year with the children and we are very much looking forward to all of the fantastic learning we have planned for this term. The children have returned with renewed enthusiasm and a vigour for learning. Thank you all for your continued support.

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.

Home Learning

Homework is given out on **Fridays** and is to be returned the following Wednesday. A paper copy is sent home with the homework book and a copy is also put on J2E. Work should be recorded carefully in the books in pencil or black pen. The Spelling Shed website is used for spelling games and Times Tables Rock Stars is used to practise times tables. These will be tested on the following Friday. Please do let us know if your child does not have access to these websites at home. Reading each evening is a crucial part of the homework and we cannot underestimate the benefit of enjoying books together. We have a wide selection of books at school, please do encourage your child to bring a book home each evening. If there are any questions or difficulties, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Please remember to use your **Times Table Rock Stars** account to focus on fluency skills (please email the School Office if you cannot find your login office@stmarysn8.co.uk).

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.

Specialist Teachers

PE with Mr Oakley will be every Friday. 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. PE with class teachers is every Wednesday.

Art with Ms Lincoln, and French with Madame Williamson are time-tabled throughout the year.

Children will continue to learn their instrument through Haringey's WCIT (Whole Class Instrumental Teaching) program.

Scarlet Class – violins on Tuesdays.

Crimson Class – trumpets/trombones on Thursdays.

Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year. This term we will be visiting the Natural History Museum. Please look out for a letter with further information.

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. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **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. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- 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.
- Children in Year 4 are not to bring mobile phones to school.
- 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.

- Wednesday 5th February: PSA cake sale @ RG 3.15pm
- 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 21st March: PSA RG Disco 6pm
- 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 do contact the School Office and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you.

Miss Toms & Miss Probert

Year 4 Team