



Summer 2025 Newsletter

Nursery

Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful and fun-filled Easter holiday and are looking forward to the summer term. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to St Mary's – we look forward to getting to know you all.

Our Curriculum

This term, we will be thinking about life cycles, this will include life cycle of a bee, butterfly, frog and duck. During the first half term, we will be learning about change and grow, and how some animals come from eggs, passing from different stages and becoming wonderful creatures. We will discuss about the importance of bees in our environment. The books we will be looking at include *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *Frog and Toad are friends* by Arnold Lobel and *Tad* by Benji Davies. We are very excited to check our garden and observe how the seeds we planted have been growing. We will continue practicing our counting skills too, recognising numbers and encouraging the children to write some numbers up to 5, developing their writing skills. We will also look into simple patterns with two and three elements, and talk about patterns we can see in our environment, such as zebra crossings and butterflies' wings.

We will focus on the traditional story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which will help us to learn about how a story is structured and what makes a good storyteller. We will be developing our reading skills, understanding that when we talk, we use sentences, differentiate between words and sentences, and sequencing and re-telling stories.

After half term, we will be learning about dinosaurs and their habitat. We will introduce the world extinction, and learn some new vocabulary related to dinosaurs. We will explore dinosaurs' characteristics, comparing them and discussing about their sizes and the way they look. We will focus in noticing things and explaining similarities and differences using our own words. As a key text we will use *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* by Clare Freedman, solving the mystery of dinosaurs' extinction and coming with our own theories!

Phonics

We are currently working on level one phonics with the children. Please support us by talking to your children which supports their communication and language skills. Please also listen and talk about the sounds they can hear around them.

Religious Education

Alongside our work on our school values, we will be learning some Bible stories this term, starting with Noah's Ark and then the story of Joseph and his brothers. In summer 2, we will be learning more about Jewish culture and practices.

In PSHE, we will begin the summer term thinking about relationships before moving on to work on the transition to next year.

Key Dates

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

- Tuesday 13th May: Christian Aid – wear something red and bring in £1
- Tuesday 13th May: Coffee Morning – find out about foster caring - 2.15pm @ RG
- Monday 19th May: International Evening 5.30pm @ RG see poster for more information
- Wednesday 21st May: When I Grow Up Day 2025
- Wednesday 21st May: PSA Cake Sale @ RG 3.15pm
- Thursday 22nd May: PSA Cake Sale @ CL 3.30pm
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th May: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 2nd June: children return to school
- Friday 6th June: Nursery trip to Railway Fields
- Tuesday 17th June: Coffee Morning with the school nurse @ RG from 9am
- Wednesday 25th June: Non-uniform Day for Tombola – please bring in something lovely
- Saturday 28th June: PSA Summer Fair @ CL 12.30-3.30pm
- Friday 4th July: Sports Day @ RG
- Friday 11th July: End of year BBQ @ RG 6.30-8.30pm
- Friday 18th July: Last day of term – full day usual pick-up time

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

Home Learning

Please support your child's learning at home by reading with them daily and discussing stories, and/or TV shows with them. If possible, give them jobs to do around the house such as sorting socks, tidying toys and laying the table. **A bi-weekly ideas sheet of possible activities will be published to Tapestry or available at the door.**

Library books will be changed once a week on a Tuesday or Wednesday – please remember to send books back. If you would like any further guidance on how to support your child at home, or would like to borrow games/resources, please do not hesitate to contact us.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all clothes and provide a change of clothes for your child.
- Please provide a box of tissues, if you can – we really go through them in Nursery!
- 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.
- 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.
- ***We would be extremely grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards our Nursery fund, this helps to pay for our cooking and gardening activities, as well as other key resources.***
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#).

Please remember that more information of what we are getting up to on Nursery is available on Tapestry and we will be posting a quick summary of our key planning on a Sunday evening for the week ahead. Please also bring in a family picture for our family wall. The children find this a great comfort and enjoy showing the class who is in their family. If unable to print, this can be emailed to the school office Office@stmarysn8.co.uk as we can print it from there.

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.

The Nursery Team