



Spring Term Newsletter

Reception

Goslings & Ducklings

The Reception Week – things to remember

Wednesday: Music & French

Thursday: PE with Mr Oakley / Art every other half term

Curriculum

Please see the attached Topic Map for an overview of this term's curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions.



Trips

Reception will continue with their trips to Forest School across the Spring Term. We will also have an Animal Encounters workshop at school.

PE Kit

Please send your child dressed in their PE kit (plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers) on Thursdays. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

Reading at Home

Please aim to read daily with your child at home.

Your child will have a decodable phonics book which they should mostly be able to read independently by the end of the week. Please ensure that your child re-reads this book often to increase their fluency and confidence in reading.

Children will also bring home a free – choice library book each week for you to share with them. Please talk with your child about what you are reading together, asking questions to check their understanding, and encourage them to talk about why they enjoyed the books.

Attendance and Punctuality

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: 9:00am END OF THE DAY: 3:30pm

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 489

Email: office@stmarysn8.co.uk

Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for the upcoming term.

Please make sure you look out for regular newsletters and any communication from the admin team about future events as they are scheduled.

- Monday 5th January – children return to school
- Friday 13th February – children break up for half term. See below for times:

Rectory Gardens: 1:45pm Church Lane: 2:00pm

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February – Half Term.
- Monday 23rd February – children return to school
- Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March – Parent Consultations
- Friday 27th March – children break up for Easter Holidays

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

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all jumpers, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Children are given a healthy snack at morning play time, however, if you wish to send in fruit, you are welcome to
- 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 Seesaw account to see what they have been up to
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only
- 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](#).

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us at the door or make an appointment via the School Office.

The Reception Team

