



Live life, Love Learning, Guided by God
St Mary's Primary School and Nursery
Head Teacher Newsletter
Friday 23rd June 2023



Dear families,

We are feeling very proud of our year 1 pupils who completed their phonics screening this half term; they have become such incredible readers who now have the confidence to read a wide range of words! Our year 4 pupils have also shown perseverance in completing the statutory times table checking test. A huge thank you to the staff who have supported the children and to parents and carers who we know have also been putting in a lot of work at home.

You will have heard on the news there are two more planned teacher strike days that will be taking place on the 5th and 7th of July. I will communicate with families as soon as I can to confirm if your child's class will be open or closed on these dates.

Now that the warmer weather is here, please apply sun cream to your child's skin every day and ensure they bring a hat and water bottle to school. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to welcoming you for our Sports Days next week and will send out further information regarding how these will run after the weekend.

The next class newsletters will be on Friday 30th June.
The next Headteacher Newsletter will be on the 7th July.

Have a sunny weekend!

Mrs Lawlor

Reminder - Sports Days next week!

Reception – **Wednesday 9:15-11am**

Years 1 and 2 – **Thursday 1:00-3:00pm**

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – **Friday 1:00-3:20pm**

Unplanned Pupil Absence

Please ensure that if your child has an unplanned absence that you notify the school by **9am or as soon as practically possible** by calling the school office staff.

Please do not email this information via the class email addresses or pass a message on to teachers in person - our Attendance Officer, Suzie Campos, requires to know directly so she can update our registers in a timely and procedural way.

Moving Up - Transition Morning

We are looking forward to our transition morning, which will be on Friday 14th July.



This is an opportunity for all children to meet their new teacher and get used to their new classroom environment. Children will start the day in their current classroom and will go to their new classroom after Collective Worship.

Sharing Assemblies for parents

Our last sharing assembly for parents will be on **Monday 26th June for Year 4 Otter Class!**

See you at 2:30pm!



Multi Sports & Basketball from September 2023

We are excited to be introducing a new after school club to our schedule from September 2023 - Ballin Out.

They will offer us exclusive **Multi Sport Sessions** on a Wednesday, and **Basketball Sessions** on a Thursday, both directly after school, until 16:30.

All sessions are run by former professional athletes and we are delighted to be offered a discounted rate of £8 per session. Places will be offered on a first come, first serve, basis as there are limited spaces available.

You can book your child on to the sessions now via this link - <https://ballin-out.class4kids.co.uk/term/9>
www.ballinout.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming Ballin Out to our autumn term club schedule in September!

Caterlink Survey

Dear parents and carers,

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

If you would like your Parents/Guardians to be part of this survey, please pass on the survey link below for them to complete. The survey will close on 21st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Penny Richards

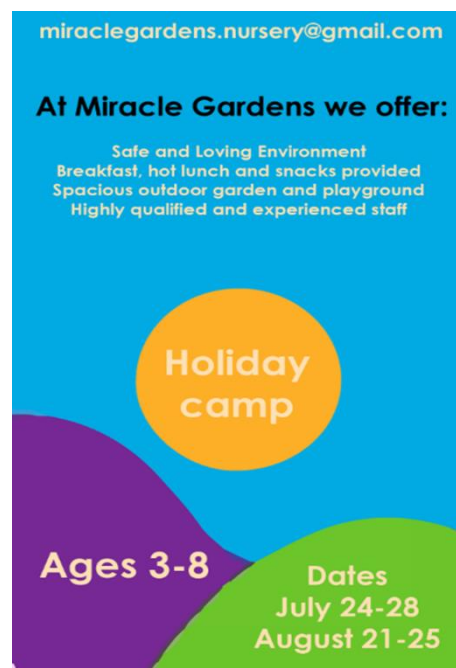
Director of Central Operations

Nursery Provision at St Mary's



Miracle Gardens Nursery
Opening soon!

Full day care
Enrolling ages 1-5
Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6pm
15 and 30 hours funded places
Holiday Camp programmes
Age 3 - 8



miraclegardens.nursery@gmail.com

At Miracle Gardens we offer:

- Safe and Loving Environment
- Breakfast, hot lunch and snacks provided
- Spacious outdoor garden and playground
- Highly qualified and experienced staff

Holiday camp

Ages 3-8

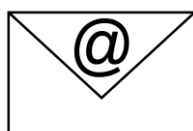
Dates
July 24-28
August 21-25

At the beginning of the week, I shared the exciting news with you that a nursery provision will be available within our setting in the near future! **Miracle Gardens Nursery** will be based within our nursery classroom and outdoor area and will provide full wrap around provision from 7:30-6pm every day.

Miracle Gardens is a privately run Nursery owned by Alla and her daughter Anna. Alla has extensive experience in nursery management and is very excited to be setting up full day provision here in our school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Alla and Anna to the St Mary's family soon and will contact families when we have further information regarding their opening date.

If you are looking for nursery provision and would like to find out more, please find their contact details below.



Email: miraclegardens.nursery@gmail.com

Attendance Matters

Week commencing: 12.6.23 to 16.6.23

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	99%	99%	91%	98%	100%	94%

Whole School Attendance: 96%

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96%	95%	92%	94%	92%	96%	97%

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Holidays in Term Time

I would like to remind all parents that holidays during term time will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

Persistent Absentees

Being in school every day is so important to your child's educational attainment and progress.

If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent.

Attendance below 90% = persistent absence

Being Safe in the Sun!



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school every day until the end of term.

Provide your child with a water bottle every day.

Apply sun cream before the beginning of the school day.

Our value for June is:

Kindness



St Mary's Term dates for September 2023-2024

[2023-2024 Term dates](#)



**Nonsuch
Park, London
Road,
Epsom, KT17
2DL**

www.surreyfest.co.uk

**Saturday
and Sunday**
29TH AND 30TH
JULY 11.30AM
TO 6.30PM

KIDS

Joe Peek Puppets
Rides
Magic
Kids Games Area

**LIVE MUSIC • FOOD
& DRINK • 3 STAGES
• ATTRACTIONS
• STANDS
• AND MORE**

ATTRACTIONS

Wrestling
AMA
Amazing Reptiles
Petting Farm
Dog and Duck
Cookery Demo Tent
Chain Saw Carving
Trade Stands
Archery
Comedy Tent

FOOD AND DRINK

Bars, Spirits, Cocktails
Food Traders
World Cuisines
Sweet Treats
Hot Drinks

TICKETS

£13 - online
£14.50 on the day
EARLY BIRD TICKETS ONLINE UNTIL DAY BEFORE THE
SHOW AND THEN ONLINE AT FULL PRICE
CASH AND CARD ON THE GATE

DOG FRIENDLY WITH FUN DOG SHOW FOR CHARITY

Dog Agility , Pedigree , Fun Dog show , Main Dog Show

MUSIC

Max White
The 286
Red, Green, Blue
Southern Bound
Amber T
yes2chance
Cat Elliott
Ill Billies
BUGS UKULELE and More!

The Princess Alice Hospice Summer Fete & Dog Show

Live
Music

Fun &
Games

Fine
Foods

Dog
Show

Artisan
Stalls

Sunday 25 June

10:30am - 3:00pm

Sandown Park Racecourse

Fete is £3 entry (Under 5s FREE)
Dog Show competitors – advance online registration
£5 per category (£7 on the day).



www.pah.org.uk/fete
or call 01372 461808

New
Venue



Princess Alice
Hospice



MET *Park*

Monday 21st August 2023
Old Deer Park, Richmond

12 Noon to 6:00 PM



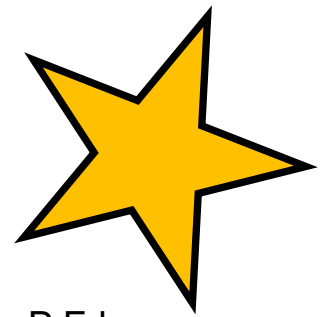
Police Vehicles

Come along to meet:
Firearms officers,
Territorial Support
Group,
Police Horses
& Dogs,
RNLI,
London Fire Brigade,
St Johns Ambulance,
Harlequins RFU
and
Face Painting!





St Mary's Stars of the week



Thursday 15th June 2023

Leela Reception for showing resilience and trying very hard in P.E lessons.

Logan Reception for a real effort to join in singing songs in Spanish lessons.

Y1 Squirrel Class for fantastic effort with phonics this week! Everyone worked hard to spot 'special friends' within words and we are very proud of you all!

Isaac Y2 for trying his best during maths and English and persevering to complete his work even when it is challenging.

James Y2 for sharing kindly and politely and always being friendly to everyone in class.

Darcie-Lee Y3 for being able to identify right-angles in shapes found in the playground.

Lily S Y3 for making big improvements with her reading and writing skills this term.

Scarlett Y4 for settling down to get on with her work without being distracted.

Oliver Y4 for being a kind and supportive friend to all his classmates.

Tommy Y5 for his excellent progress in the 99 Club. Keep it up!

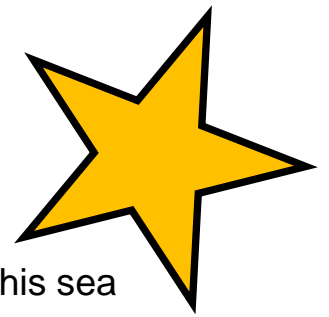
Isabella Y5 for her excellent ideas for her recent 'free write'!

Y6 Falcon Class for conducting yourselves so positively over the past two weeks on a number of occasions while on trips. Your behaviour on public transport and in public places has been excellent. You did yourselves and St Mary's proud. Well done!

Well done to all our stars of the week!



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Thursday 22nd June 2023

Tehmur Reception for showing such creativity when making his sea creature biscuits.

Tane Reception for making sensible choices and for helping to tidy the classroom.

Mark Y1 for always being friendly and helpful as well as working hard in his reading lessons.

Aronas Y1 for fantastic effort in his maths lessons when learning about numbers to 100.

Cody L Y2 for his resilience in completing his writing, using his phonic knowledge to spell tricky words and proofreading for errors.

Matthew Y2 for great effort joining his handwriting and remembering his finger spaces and full stops.

Lily F Y3 for being helpful and kind to others and working hard in all lessons.

Saoirse Y3 for always being ready to learn in every lesson.

Amy Y4 for her excellent sculpture of a rainforest frog.

Max Y4 for his kindness towards other Otters in class and willingness to help everyone with their work.

Belle Y5 for her hard work and focus in our recent assessments: it has paid off!

Grace Y5 for her hard work and focus in our recent assessments: it has paid off!

Millie P Y6 for her consistently positive behaviour and excellent manners. Well done!

Matthew Y6 for always displaying a positive attitude and behaviour for learning as well as excellent manners. Well done!

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