



Autumn Term Newsletter 5

Friday 12th December 2025



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Growing our community together

'Welcome, Nurture, Grow, Flourish'

Dear families,

We can hardly believe that this is the last newsletter of 2025. With all the fun and festivities, the Autumn term really does fly by. From Nativity plays to Church services, Christmas jumpers to Christmas lunches, St Mary's is bursting with festive fun and excitement!

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the St Mary's community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The team at St Mary's

Key dates:

Monday 15th December - Year 1 & 2 Church Service at St Mary's Church - Parents welcome!

Monday 15th December - Choir singing at Star and Gatar

Monday 15th December - PTA Secret Santa room

Tuesday 16th December - Year 3 & 4 Church Service at St Mary's Church - Parents welcome!

Wednesday 17th December - Year 5 & 6 Church Service at St Mary's Church - Parents welcome!

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December - Whole school book look after school

Thursday 18th December - Choir singing at Chessington Community Centre

Thursday 18th December - Year 3 trip to Yorda Adventures

Friday 19th December - School finishes at 1:15pm

Monday 5th January - School closed for Inset

Tuesday 6th January - Pupils return to school



The choir in John Lewis

Our wonderful choir kick started the festive period by taking a special trip into Kingston. They were invited by John Lewis to sing in their department, providing musical entertainment for the shoppers. Many people stopped to listen as our children performed a range of different songs. There were some Christmas classics, some songs from the carol concert and some special numbers that they are learning for the upcoming performance at the O2. Their behaviour was wonderful - a real credit to the school. Well done to all the children involved, and thank you Mrs Rose, Mrs Hadley, Miss Eustace, Miss Lewis, Mrs Smith and Mrs Sage for accompanying them.



Nativities & Christmas Concerts

We are so proud of all of our children for the wonderful Nativity and Carol concert they performed this week. It takes a lot of courage to stand up on a stage in front of lots of people. We wanted to say an extra well done to those who learnt lines and performed solos. Thank you to everyone who came to watch - having you in the audience really makes their day.



Of course, none of these performances would happen without the hard work of our amazing staff team at St Mary's. Thank you for leading the rehearsals, calming the children's nerves, managing the tickets, organising the stage and the seating and so much more.

Sir Ed Davey (MP) Christmas Card Competition

Each year the Rt Hon Sir Edward Davey MP runs a Christmas Card competition where school children from across the constituency are invited to submit a design for Sir Ed's official Christmas Card.

We are delighted to announce that five St Mary's pupils have been Highly Commended for their entry this year. Congratulations to our talented young artists!



Christmas cards for the community

One of the things we love to do at St Mary's is send Christmas cards to people in our community who might not be expecting any. Year after year, our children work hard to make sure they create something special. We are so proud of the thought and kindness that goes into these cards. It is a wonderful example of our children displaying our school values of love, community and courage.

Chessington Community Fridge and Pantry

A message from Chessington Community Fridge and Pantry...



Each year in the UK we throw away almost 15 million tonnes of food and drink. Nearly half of this is perfectly good to eat! Our community fridge enables businesses and individuals to waste less through the sharing of good quality food that's within its use-by

date. You can drop off good but unwanted food, and see what's on the shelf that you may need. Please read the instructions and disclaimer prior to use.

Anyone can access the Community Fridge. You do not need proof of benefits or live in the area. You are simply invited to turn up with a bag and help reduce waste. St Mary's school has close links with this organisation and can't recommend them enough.

Support over Christmas



In the midst of all the hustle and bustle at Christmas, we are aware that for some people, it can be a difficult time. If you or anyone you know finds yourself struggling over the festive period, there are plenty of people you can reach out to. The link below will give you contact details for some of those organisations.

[Support over Christmas](#)

Christmas services at St Mary's Church



For anyone who is interested in attending a church service over the Christmas period, please find below the services that are being held at St Mary's Church. You do not have to be a regular member to attend these, all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Sunday 14th December at 4pm in St Mary's School Hall. ALL WELCOME! Refreshments follow.

CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT – Sunday 21st December at 4pm in Church, followed by festive refreshments in St Mary's Centre.

CRIB SERVICE – Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve!) at 4pm in church – children of all ages welcome. Come dressed as a nativity figure.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION – Wednesday 24th December at 11pm in church.

CHRISTMAS day HOLY COMMUNION – Thursday 25th December at 10am in church.

Please also see the attached letter from Rev. Nicholas with further information about Christmas services at St Mary's.