

Welcome to Year 5
Miss Dewit and Ms. McLaughlin



"Living and learning, inspired by our faith"

September 2026



Attendance and punctuality



- School begins each day at **8.55am**. The school gates open at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after this time is late and is missing out on essential learning and routines. It also causes disruption for the rest of the class.
- The register is taken twice a day, once for the morning session and then again in the afternoon.
- School attendance should be at **95% or above**. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is deemed to be persistently absent.
- Please ensure that you email or phone the school as soon as possible if your child is absent, so that we know the reason for their absence.
- Permission for term-time leave can only be given in **exceptional** circumstances. You will need to complete a request form which can be found on the school app for the attention of the headteacher.



Behaviour

We are consistently kind and respectful to everyone. We look after younger children

We solve problems that arise with our friends calmly and are kind and inclusive to everyone

We can work independently and co-operatively in groups



St Mary's Exemplary Behaviour — at St Mary's we are safe, kind and ready to learn! ★

We always make sure that **all** teachers and adults feel valued and respected

We make our best effort with our learning and do additional research on topics which interest us

We take a lead in learning, inspiring and acting as role models for others



We stop when the end of play whistle is blown



We tidy up equipment, even if it's not ours

We line up quietly in line order



St Mary's Playground Behaviour — at St Mary's we are safe, kind and ready to learn!

We look after equipment and share with each other

We show respect to others and treat each other with kindness

We ask an adult for help when things aren't going well



We line up quietly in line order at all times



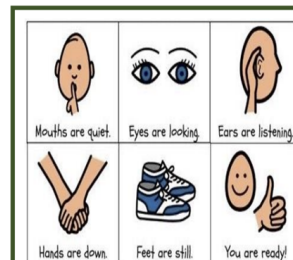
We greet **all** staff and visitors politely with excellent manners and act respectfully

We walk quietly in the corridors and around the school



St Mary's Behaviour Charter — at St Mary's we are safe, kind and ready to learn!

We work hard and take pride in our work and presentation. We take care of our school



We respect each other by using good manners, kind words and actions





Timetable



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chiswick

Year 5 Timetable 2026-2027 Autumn Term



	8.45-9	9-9.30	9.30-9.45	9.45-10.30		10.45-11.15	11.15-12.00		1-2	2-3	3-3:15
M	EMW	Assembly	Maths Fluency	Maths	B r e a k	Reading	English (PoR)	L u n c h B r e a k	RE	Science	Class book
T	EMW	Child-led Worship	Arithmetic	Maths		Reading	English (PoR)		RE	History/ Geography	Class book
W	EMW	Assembly	Maths Fluency	Maths		Grammar	English (PoR)		RE PSHE/RSE	English Comprehension	Class book
T	EMW	Hymn Practice	Maths Fluency	Maths		Spelling	English (PoR)		PE	Music	Class book
F	EMW	Assembly	Maths Fluency	P.E. (10-11am)		P.E. (10-11am)	Grammar / English (Comprehension)		Art/DT	Computing	Class book

EMW: Monday – handwriting, Tuesday – maths problem, Wednesday – reading, Thursday – handwriting, Friday – consolidation



ClassDojo

The children are awarded Dojo points throughout the school day. These will be added and collated at the end of the week. Dojo points can be awarded for a number of different reasons including reading, helping others and hard work. Please note that we do not respond to messages through Class Dojo.

Uniform



- At St Mary's we take pride in our school uniform and encourage our children to look smart and wear their uniform proudly. Please ensure that all uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name.
- A full uniform list is available on our school website, together with details of suppliers. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.
- In line with recent legislation, we only require 3 items of branded uniform with our logo on — school jumper or cardigan, PE sweatshirt and school bookbag or rucksack. If you already have other items with the school logo, or would prefer to wear items which are still available with the school logo, you can still choose to do so.
- School uniform **MUST** be adhered to. School coats must be dark green, hair accessories must be green or black. Please note that smart watches are not permitted in school.
- Footwear — children can wear black school shoes or trainers that are completely black, including soles.
- There will be a preloved uniform sale on **Friday 18th September** at the end of the school day. Further dates will follow





PE Days / Uniform



P.E. will be on **Thursday and Friday**.

The children are required to wear their P.E. kits for the whole day when taking part in P.E.

All clothing and bags should be labelled with your child's name.

Please remember to dress your child in the correct uniform on the days they do not have P.E. On the rare occasions that there is a valid occasion why they cannot do so, please inform me in writing in their reading record.



Swimming

- ➡ Swimming will take place in the Spring Term.
- ➡ Each week, we ask for 2 parent volunteers who will walk to the pool and back with the class. Please let us know in advance if you are able to do this and if you are able to make a regular commitment.
- ➡ Children will change in the changing rooms at the pool. They must have a swimming cap.
- ➡ The instructors will assess the children and a lifeguard will be there at all times.
- ➡ This is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and cannot be opted out of.



Snacks / Drinks

- ➡ In Key Stage 2, students need to bring healthy snacks from home.

Only water is allowed during class time.

Please note we are a nut free school.

Please label water bottles.



Homework

➡ Homework will be handed out on Thursday and placed on the google classroom page. Please complete the maths homework online. English homework is completed in homework books. There is no need to print anything for English or Arithmetic. If you require a printed copy because you have no access to a device, please let me know via your child's reading record. Thank you.

- ➡ The homework due dates are as follows:
- ➡ English (comprehension and grammar) - Monday
- ➡ Spellings - Tuesday
- ➡ Maths - Wednesday
- ➡ Arithmetic - Thursday
- ➡ To support your child, please ensure that they understand the activity and then encourage them to complete the activity as independently as possible.

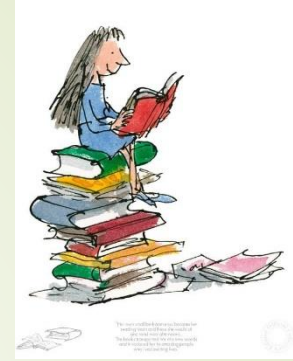


Arithmetic Tests and Spelling

- ➡ Arithmetic will take place weekly and will consist of arithmetic style questions and multiplication tables. These will be handed back Tuesday or Wednesday and the scores will be recorded in the diaries.
- ➡ Please use these to practice with your child.
- ➡ Spelling will be on a Tuesday. These will have their score recorded in the diary on Friday.



Reading at home

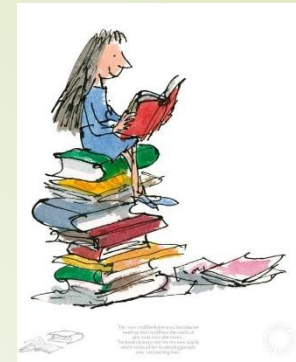


Every child should be reading at home each night for 20 minutes. Books will be changed on your child's reading day. One book will be chosen at a time. The current book must be returned before a new book is given out.

- Parents need to hear children reading aloud, even when they are more fluent. This is to ensure they understand what they're reading.
- Please use the bookband guides for parents, which can be found in their reading record, so that you know which skills your child should be working on and how you can support them with reading at home.
- Please sign the reading diary every day and write a comment where you can, so that we know how your child is progressing with reading at home. You can also communicate messages here.



Reading at home



➡ It all adds up –

If you read for 20 minutes a day, you will have read 1,800,000 words in a year.



Reading

- Your child has now received their reading books.
- Children should have their reading books and reading records in school every day.
- We will also complete reading comprehensions weekly.
- Take a look at our class page on the website for suggestions for reading at home – Top 100 recommended reads for Year 5.
- We finish the day with a class story-time so that children are experiencing a wide reading diet exposing them to rich vocabulary and a range of genres.



Developing Reading Comprehension

We will be working on this in school and focusing on the following skills and domains:

- Vocabulary
- Retrieve
- Summarise
- Infer
- Predict
- Link ideas
- Effect of Language
- Compare



You can find useful prompts to help you work on these skills at home with your child on our class page on the website.



Pen Licences



- ➡ Children continue to work towards their pen licence in Year 5 if they have not already received it.
- ➡ Children can earn this throughout the year. They must have:
- ➡ Consistent joined handwriting.
- ➡ Consistently good presentation.
- ➡ Consistent pieces of work which reflect their learning.



White Rose Maths

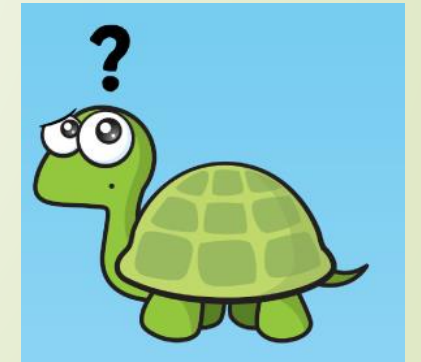
At St Mary's, we are committed to ensuring that children are able to recognise the importance of maths in the wider world and that they are also able to use their mathematical skills and knowledge confidently in their lives in a range of different contexts. We want all children to enjoy mathematics and to experience success in the subject, with the ability to reason mathematically.

We do this through the White Rose Mathematics Scheme. For each year group, the scheme of learning includes an overview of the maths that your child should be learning at any point in the year. Each year is split into three terms (Autumn, Spring and Summer), and each term comprises individual blocks of learning about a particular topic.



White Rose Maths continued...

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Number Place value VIEW		Free trial Number Addition and subtraction VIEW			Number Multiplication and division A VIEW			Number Fractions A VIEW			
Spring	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW		Number Fractions B VIEW			Number Decimals and percentages VIEW			Measurement Perimeter and area VIEW		Statistics VIEW	
Summer	Geometry Shape		Geometry Position and direction			Number Decimals			Measurement Converting units			





KIRFs

KIRFs or Key Instant Recall Facts support the mental skills and key knowledge that children need to secure for Maths. They include number bonds and times tables, and are particularly useful in developing confidence and understanding in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

These will be displayed on our class page on the website every half term so that you can support your child with building fluency with these concepts. This will enable them to apply this knowledge to other areas of Mathematics and to develop higher order thinking, problem solving and reasoning.

We recommend that you spend 5-10 minutes a day working on these at home.



White Rose Science

At St Mary's, we recognise how science impacts every aspect of daily life, and without science humankind would not have made progress throughout history. As one of the core subjects taught at primary level, we give the teaching and learning of science the prominence it deserves.

As we have done in Maths, we teach Science from White Rose Science planning. This scheme is very similar to how White Rose Maths is taught, where subjects are taught in blocks throughout the year.



White Rose Science continued...

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Physics Forces VIEW					Physics Space VIEW					Sustainability Global warming VIEW	Consolidation
Spring	Chemistry Properties of materials VIEW				Biology Animals including humans VIEW					Biology Life cycles VIEW		
Summer	Biology Reproduction A VIEW		Chemistry Reversible and irreversible changes VIEW			Sustainability Plastic pollution VIEW	Biology Reproduction B VIEW		Consolidation			



History and Geography

Autumn:

History: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?

Geography: What is life like in the Alp?

Spring:

History: What was life like in Tudor England?

Geography: Why do oceans matter?

Summer:

History: What is the legacy of the ancient Greek civilisation?

Geography: Would you like to live in the desert?



Music, P.E. and Italian

Music — Miss Russell



P.E. — Coach Kyle



Italian — Miss Lombardi





Dates for the Diary

Please always refer to the newsletter and school calendar on the website and school app.

Coming up this Autumn:

Parents Evening: Tuesday 20th October (online)

Y5 Class Mass: Monday 2nd November

KS2 Carol Service: Tuesday 15th December — 5.00pm at Church



Contact

If you need to contact me during the year, please
feel free to email me at:

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Questions

Thank you all for listening and I look forward to a wonderful year with the class.

