St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Peninsula Primary Campus
Autumn Term 2 - 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and that the children are returning refreshed, happy and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. Autumn 2 is always a busy and important term in school. As we approach Advent and prepare for the celebrations of Christmas, we continue to place a strong emphasis on achieving the highest standards in all aspects of school life. We want every child to develop a love of learning, take pride in their achievements and strive to be the very best version of themselves.

Across the school, we will continue to maintain high expectations for learning. This means children arriving on time each day, being ready to learn, completing their work to the best of their ability and demonstrating perseverance when faced with challenges. We believe every child can succeed and, through high-quality teaching, encouragement and support, we will help them to fulfil their potential that will help them flourish throughout their lives.

Alongside excellent learning, good behaviour remains at the heart of our school community. We expect all children to show kindness, respect and consideration for others, both in the classroom and around the school.

As a Christian school, we are called to live in the faith and example of Jesus. Throughout this term, we will encourage our children to demonstrate compassion, forgiveness, service and love for others. We will continue to reflect on how we can follow Jesus in our words and actions, building a community where everyone feels valued, supported and welcomed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every child thrives academically, socially and spiritually. We look forward to sharing many successes and special moments with you over the coming weeks.
May God bless you and your families throughout this term.

Please keep an eye on your emails about upcoming events, important dates and school news. We greatly value our partnership with parents and carers and encourage you to remain actively involved in school life. Your support and engagement make a significant difference to your child's education, wellbeing and overall experience at school. By working together, we can ensure every child is supported to thrive academically, personally and spiritually.

Should you have any questions, comments or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Savva-Brown
St Mary Magdalene C of E Headteacher

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A message from the School Chaplain, Rev Dom

I wonder how many of us have travelled places during the half term.
Places we may have taken a car, a bus or a train.
Some of us may even have travelled by plane.

Journeys involve a starting place, a direction and a destination.
Even a personal journey has a starting place, a direction and a destination.
It may be that we want to feel happier, have a tidier home, be healthier, or change habits that don't feel healthy or joyful.
We start from a place of wanting to change, try things, make progress, slip a little, try again, and in the end we work out how far we have come.

As we journey through November, we start by remembering those we have loved and lost (All Souls), we consider those who have helped us grow in faith (All Saints), we mark Remembrance when we consider the impact of conflict and the price of peace, and we land at the end of November at the start of Advent (Advent Sunday - 29 Nov).

Why not take a moment to reflect on the journeys you have taken, and the ones you are on just now. Give thanks for the parts that have been straightforward, and reflect on the times that were hard.

Lord God,
As we travel through life, bless us with your presence.
May we walk in-step with you as we hope to grow in hope and faith and joy.
We pray for those on difficult journeys, and those who look for better days ahead.
Guide us as we go and grant us your wisdom and the knowledge of your love.
Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
Federation Chaplain
Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

AUTUMN **Theme: Aspiration** **Value: Growth and Wisdom**	**Colossians 1:9-10** We pray that you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things so that you will live the kind of life that honours and pleases the Lord in every way.

Punctuality and Attendance

Jesus Taught ***"Let your light shine before others."*** Matthew 5:16

By attending school every day, working hard and showing kindness to others, we grow in faith, learning and love.



Attendance: We believe every school day is a chance for children to grow their skills, build connections and pave the way for a flourishing future. Regular attendance is very important to our federation family. We will continue to have high expectations as we go through the year.

There are 365 days in a calendar year.

175 of those days are **NOT** spent in school!

Punctuality: Your child may go straight to class once their playground gates are opened at **8:40 am**; class **registers are taken at 8:55 am** when the playground gates are locked. Children arriving after the gates are locked should go directly to school office to be signed in. Arrivals after 8:55 am are marked as late. The first 15 minutes of the morning are used for revisiting foundational skills skills such as handwriting, spelling, reading, times tables and arithmetic, which children work on before the registers are taken.