



St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Penninsula Primary Campus

Spring Term 1 - 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2026! We had a glorious start to the term with children across the school being incredibly positive and engaged with their new learning, and the rare chance to play in a beautiful snow flurry.

Building on the exciting topics being explored across the school this term, our curriculum continues to reflect the Koinonia Federation's commitment to enriched, deep learning: knowledge-rich, carefully sequenced and designed to spark curiosity, creativity and critical, deeper thinking.

Securing the foundations of learning is always a priority for us. We strive to ensure that all children have neat handwriting, secure understanding of phonics, secure timetables knowledge, quick recall to maths facts. We build on these foundations by sharping learning around meaningful connections and memorable experiences. Our dedicated teachers have planned ways to deepen and enrich this learning further, with thoughtfully chosen trips, visitors and hands-on opportunities that bring classroom learning vividly to life. For example our primary children are visiting the Peninsula Secondary campus to dissect eye balls!

Our FFF termly newsletters celebrate the achievements of the term and share the rich experiences our children have took part in. If you have specialist knowledge (or know someone who does) that would also support these topics, please do let us know. We love having special visitors in our Koinonia Family! <https://www.koinoniafederation.com/news/?pid=175&nid=17&storyid=245>

As always, please keep an eye on your emails and the campus webpage for upcoming events and information, for example, **the deadline for Reception Class 2026 Applications is January 15th.** <https://www.koinoniafederation.com/page/?title=St+Mary+Magdalene+C+of+E+School+%28Primary+&Woolwich%29&pid=3>

Online safety continues to be an issue with some of our children. Their experiences and interactions with others online can spill into school and cause issues between the children. We ask that you monitor your child's phone and useage to support us in teaching our children how to be responsiblile online. You will find information about ages restrictions and other important information on the internet matters website. The parent and careers leaflets are particularly informative and cover a wide range of issues. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources>

We look forward to working with you over the term as we move towards spring with lighter mornings and the changing of nature around us. **Song of Solomon 2:11-12:** "For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land".

Mrs Savva-Brown



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A message from the School Chaplain, Rev Dom

Happy New Year everyone.

It always takes me a little while to get used to a new year. Writing the date differently, getting my head around a new diary.

And that is before we even get to when do you stop saying Happy New Year to people.

But maybe it's okay to go slowly.

Maybe it's okay to go slowly into the New Year.

It is a kindness to go as quick as people want to go or as slow as they need to go. And as the blessings of the New Year start arriving, so we can get into our stride and begin to bless others.

Whether you've had a really busy Christmas, and now you need to change gear and get into a routine again. Or even if you have had a slow relaxing time, and now you need to get up to speed and back into the rhythm of term-time life:

Let's be kind with one another and seek to treat everybody well.

This term our collective worship resources will centre on our school motto and its impact on how we treat each other and how we show respect for one another. May you feel God close to you as you get to grips with January and may you find ways of sharing God's love as the year unfolds.

Spirit of God walk with into this New Year.

Guide our thoughts to things that will grow in love.

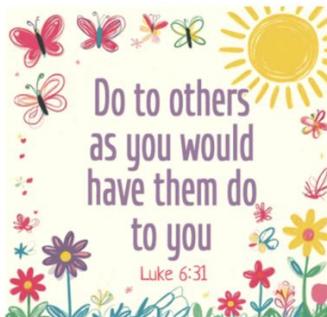
Make us into faithful folk, ready to treat others as you would treat us. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

SPRING Theme: Treated Well Value: Respect	<p>Luke 6:31</p>  <p>Do to others as you would have them do to you</p> <p>Luke 6:31</p>
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Reminders of Information and Expectations

I ask that when we are communicating, especially at times when we are unhappy, we all remember our mission and consider '**DO UNTO OTHERS, AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU**' Luke 6:13, and treat everyone with the respect, politeness, compassion and understanding.

Parking

Our school community's safety is everyone's responsibility. We ask that you consider the safety of others when you drive and/ or park around the campus. Please do not double park, park on the raised footpaths or on any of the road markings near school. If we have cars parked along the raised foot paths, visibility for the community is significantly reduced and is dangerous to those using the footpaths. This also causes traffic to build-up along the main road when these cars are being moved which increases the chance of someone getting hurt. We ask that if you need to drive to the campus, you find a safe space to park your car that is not on the pavements or double parked on the main roads around the school entrances.

Uniform

We are continuing to look smart around the school.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term!

Children will continue to come to school on their PE lesson day in their PE kit;

- Plain items – no logos, sports shirts etc
- white t- shirt
- dark-coloured shorts / bottoms
- dark-coloured jumper or cardigan
- black trainers/plimsolls for PE.



Allergies

We have multiple children and staff members with nut allergies, of which some have airborne allergies and are extremely dangerous.

Please do not send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

Pencil Cases and Other Items From Home

Children should not bring in pencil cases, pencils, pens or other items from home; only school equipment can be used. This is to ensure fairness to all children.

Party Bags

We will not be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate birthdays. If your child has a birthday and you are looking to provide the class with a treat, why not buy a book for the class - inscribed with their name!



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Mrs Savva-Brown.

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see **the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads** – Mrs Amao or Mrs Ajayi **ASAP**. If they are not available, please see Miss Williams or Mrs Savva Brown.

There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to.

For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://greenwicksafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

Please talk to your children about how they can keep safe using their mobile phones and other electronic devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>

Please do not approach other children in school if there are issues between children, speak with a member of staff who will be able to deal with this. Please do not enter the building unless you are with a member of school staff.



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SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a student?
If so, make sure you speak with a member of the safeguarding team...



Mrs Amao
Federation
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ajayi
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Williams
Designated Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Savva-Brown



Mrs Sheath
Safeguarding Governor

Keeping Children Safe

Greenwich MASH Line – 0208 921 3172



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