



St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Penninsula Primary Campus

Autumn Term 1 - 2025

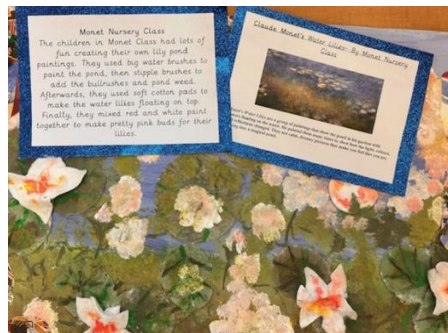


Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a peaceful break and had the opportunity to make some special family memories together over the summer. A very warm welcome back to academic year 2025-26. We have a very enriched term ahead and look forward to the children having many exciting opportunities. Please spare a few moments to read the newsletter each half term, and regularly check your emails as they contain lots of important information. Over the next few weeks, you will get to meet the teachers, some that you already know and some who are new to the federation. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other more, and begin working together to support your child to be a flourishing, successful learner.

Over the first couple of weeks, the children have been getting to know their adults, and new friends who have joined our federation family. It's heartwarming to see how the everyone has been welcoming to the new members of our family. Last week, all classes took part in an exciting art project and spent time getting to know each other better, and created some fantastic pieces of art. They learnt about an artist, explored the artist's art and responded to the art by creating art of their own. I have enjoyed seeing the classes working and seeing a real buzz of learning from the children and staff. Please join me in thanking Ms Gibbs for creating this exciting start to the year!



Well done to all the new children in the Reception classes for transitioning so smoothly into the Reception class. They have all settled in well and are adapting excellently to the new routines and expectations of Reception. This week the children will be coming into the reception playground areas on their own, and you will be saying good bye to them from the wooden gate. Thank you for working with us on building this routine with the children, and supporting their independence.

Our first collective worship of the year focused on our federation values, the termly theme, our value and how we can support others to build **resilience** and **flourish**. We were proud to start off the year reminding the children about our dedicated group of Mental Health Champions who help our school community to be happy and feel supported. If you would like more information on what the team does, please speak with Ms Amao.

Punctuality: Please may we remind you of the importance of children being on time and settled in their classrooms before the start of the school day. 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 10–15 minutes of the morning are used for revisiting key skills such as handwriting, spelling, reading, times tables and arithmetic, which children start before the registers are taken.

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 school family, please be reminded of the importance of fellowship and being part of our school family each day. We will continue to have high expectations as we go through the year, and again thank you for working with us to support your children in looking smart, and being prepared for the school day. Please continue to ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform – there is more information on what this looks like in the pages below.

Class Newsletter: Teachers are busy completing these and aim to have them to you by the Friday of the second week back each term. These will include information about the topic and subject areas your child will be learning about each half term. It will also have important, class specific dates and helpful reminders such as PE dates and upcoming trips. These will also be emailed to you.

Communication: Staff are always on hand at the playground gates, should you need to speak to them. This can be tricky on a morning as things are very busy but you are very welcome to speak to staff after school. If your enquiry is urgent you can speak to a member of the office team to make an appointment for a meeting or phone call with your child's class teacher or another member of staff.

For any new parents or a reminder to existing parents:

- We ask that you drop your children off at the gates on a morning to support us in developing the children's independence and confidence.
- Before and after school care must be booked the week prior. This ensures we have the right number of staff, food, and equipment in place.
- All dietary requirements, allergies and religious sensitives will be respectfully observed and catered for by our kitchen staff. Please tell a member of the office team if your child has any dietary requirements, and we ask that you keep us updated of any changes.
- Medical Appointment Reminder: To ensure the safety of all children, evidence of medical appointments must be shown to the office team prior to the appointment. Without this, we will not be able to authorise your child's absence.
- Please continue to notify the school **each** consecutive day your child is absent due to illness. Your cooperation helps us keep accurate attendance registers and support your child's health wellbeing.
- Please do not park on the double lines near the school. We don't want you getting a parking ticket and want to keep the road clear to ensure that the zebra crossings can be used safely.

This academic year we are going to be focusing on strengthening the following:

- Attendance
- Oracy
- EYFS outspaces
- Improving children's outcomes
- Embedding our new primary RE curriculum

As we move forward into the term, please keep an eye on your emails for upcoming events and information. We encourage you to stay involved, as your participation makes a real difference to our children's education and their overall school experience.

I hope you will find the information above useful. Should you have any questions, comments or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you once again for your support and dedication. Together, let's continue to make our school a nurturing and inspiring place for our children to flourish!

Mrs Savva-Brown



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A message from the School Chaplain, Rev Dom

Welcome. Welcome one and all.

Whether you're the smallest, the tallest, the strongest or the one that feels afraid.

You are welcome.

Jesus welcomed the little children and welcomed the parents who were being told off by the disciples around them.

Jesus welcomed the poorest and those excluded because of their health, education, cultural heritage or gender.

And we welcome you too.

As the children settle, we pray for them as they are served by our staff who have planned for their days and weeks with us.

As the parents get into the school routine, we pray that those struggling, those over-thinking, those striving will feel God close to them as they seek to do their best.

As the staff learn every new face and try to deliver lessons that are chosen especially for each child, may they feel the Holy Spirit lifting any burden of stress or worry from their shoulders.

Gracious God send your spirit in through our gates. Fill the halls and corridors and classrooms with the joy and peace in knowing you as our God.

Guard and guide each parent and family as they navigate this new school year and bless each child as they seek to learn all that they can.

In the name of Jesus, bless us all. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

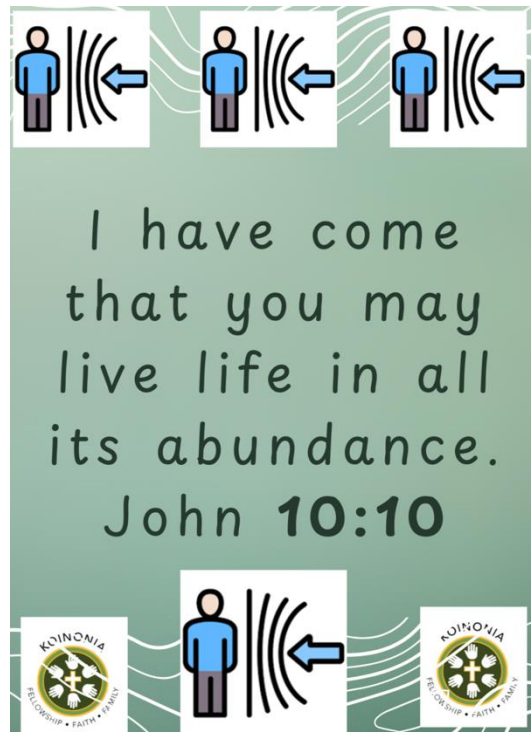
Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

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Theme: Flourishing
Value: Resilience





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You are invited to come into school to meet your child's teacher. A member of the senior leadership team will also be joining to answer any questions that you may have. There will be a presentation in the hall for years 1 – 6 and time to visit the classrooms where you can chat with the class teacher and see where the magic happens!

Reception classes

Thursday 11th September – 1:20 – 1:40pm

Reception children and parents to meet the teacher together in the reception classes.

Year 1 and 2 classes

Thursday 11th September 3:30 – 4 pm

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| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 1 in hall |
| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 2 classrooms tour |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 2 in hall |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 1 classroom tour |

Year 3 and 4 classes

Tuesday 16th September 3:30pm – 4:00pm

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| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 3 in hall |
| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 4 classrooms tour |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 4 in hall |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 3 classroom tour |

Year 5 and 6 classes

Thursday 18th September 3:30pm – 4:00pm

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| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 5 in hall |
| 3.30 – 3.45pm | Year 6 classrooms tour |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 6 in hall |
| 3.45 – 4pm | Year 5 classroom tour |

Wet Home time Dismissal Arrangements

Wet dismissal can be a very hectic time. please be patient with the staff, and do not come into the building and wait for your child to be called to you at the door.

- ▶ Reception class – **Orchard** and **Bellamy** classes will be dismissed as normal.
- ▶ Year 1 – **Stephens** Class will be dismissed from the double doors by the main staircase. This is further along from the Reception Classes, Studio and toilets.
- ▶ Year 2 – **Ipgrave** class will be dismissed from the outdoor Nursery area.
- ▶ Year 3 – **Sanders** and **Jerwood** classes, will be dismissed from the door (closest to the Nursery) leading to the staircase. *1st door along the side of the building.*
- ▶ Year 4 – **Elliott** and **Palmer** classes will be dismissed from the first door (closest to the nursery) in the main hall. *2nd door along the side of the building.*
- ▶ Year 5 – **Talbot** and **Powell** will be dismissed from the second door (furthest from the nursery) in the main hall. *3rd door along the side of the building.*
- ▶ Year 6 – **Eastaugh** and **Gregory** classes will be dismissed from the second door (furthest from the nursery) in the main hall. *3rd door along the side of the building.*



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Useful 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.

Uniform

We are continuing to look smart around the school.

If your child feels cold, please do not send them to school wearing a skin (tight clothing under a shirt) but ensure they are wearing the school jumper or cardigan. Whilst we are wearing dark-coloured bottoms and jumpers for PE, they must be regular jumpers and bottoms, not sports wear. If children are not wearing the correct PE uniform, they may be asked to wear school PE uniforms. Parents will be called to discuss this.

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

- Plain white t- shirt
- dark-coloured shorts / bottoms
- dark-coloured jumper or cardigan
- black trainers/plimsolls for PE.

Children should NOT be wearing as PE uniform;

- a hoodie
- skins/base layers under the white T-shirt
- football shirts
- sporty track suit with labels



When the children are on the campus, hoods should be down unless it is raining. This looks smarter, and we thank you again for supporting us with this.

To keep the children safe, only small studs (**no hooped earrings**) and a wrist watch is permitted. Other jewellery will be removed.

Allergies

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

Please do not send your child into school with;

- Any nuts
- Nutella or other chocolate spread containing nuts
- Peanut butter
- Snacks/ cereal bars containing nuts

Always check the ingredients of any food you are sending into school – class party food, gifts for staff, packed lunches or anything else to be certain that they do NOT contain nuts. Sometimes they are not obvious! We thank you all for your cooperation and support with keeping out school family safe.



Useful Information and Expectations



Organised and Prepared

Please make sure that your child has everything that they need when they arrive at school. If you are dropping forgotten items off in the office, they will be delivered to your child's class at break or lunch time as we do not want to disturb the learning time.

The start and end of the school Day

Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school.

Reception pupils are dismissed from the classroom and all other years are dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

School Lunch

School dinners are FREE to all children in school. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and **does not include nuts**, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled. **If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal, and we reduce the amount of wasted food.**

Snacks

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no other food is allowed, **especially nuts**, we are a **NO NUT school**.

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Always check the ingredients of any food you are sending into school – , trips, international events, class party food, gifts for staff, packed lunches or anything else to be certain that they do NOT contain nuts. Sometimes it is not obvious!

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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 school uniform - white t-shirts, dark-coloured shorts / bottoms, black jumper or cardigan (**no hoodies, skins or football shirts**) and black trainers/plimsolls for PE. Hoods should be down when the children enter the campus, unless it is raining.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including their PE uniform. Children should not be wearing a skin under their polo shirts, if they get cold, they need to wear a uniform jumper or cardigan. If children are not wearing the correct uniform, they may be asked to remove it and may be provided with school uniform. Shoes and trainers should be black, with no colours or symbols on them.

Small studs (**no hooped earrings**) and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time. Other jewellery will be removed.

Golden Rules

They are as follows:

1. Do be gentle – don't hurt anybody
2. Do be kind – don't hurt people's feelings
3. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth
4. Do work hard – don't waste time
5. Do look after property – don't waste or damage things
6. Do listen to people – don't interrupt



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.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day – no glass. It needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Photos

Please do not take photos of other children in school. Photos of your child taking part in collective worships, singing etc, should not be put on social media.

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!

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 Thomas, Miss Hoon 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://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.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



Greenwich LADO – Sadie Bates
0208 921 3939

Childrens-LADO@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

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| INSET DAY | Monday 1st September 2025 |
| INSET DAY | Tuesday 2nd September 2025 |
| School opens | Wednesday 3rd September 2025 |
| School finishes | Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 3:10pm |
| INSET DAY | Friday 24th October 2025 |
| Half term | Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025 |
| School re-opens | Monday 3rd November 2025 |
| School finishes | Friday 19th December 2025 at 1:15pm |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026 |

Spring Term 2026

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| School re-opens | Monday 5th January 2026 |
| School finishes | Friday 13th February 2026 at 3:10pm |
| Half term | Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026 |
| School re-opens | Monday 23rd February 2026 |
| School finishes | Friday 27th March 2026 at 1:15pm |
| Easter Holidays | Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 |

Summer Term 2026

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| School re-opens | Monday 13th April 2026 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 4th May 2026 |
| School finishes | Friday 22nd May 2026 at 3:10pm |
| Half term | Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 |
| School re-opens | Monday 1st June 2026 |
| School finishes | Friday 17th July 2026 at 1:15pm |
| INSET DAY | Monday 20th July 2026 |
| Summer Holidays | Tuesday 21st July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September 2026 |

*1 INSET day to be added