



St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Peninsula Primary Campus

Summer Term 1 - 2025



Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome back to school, and the start of the Summer Term 1 where our termly theme is Peace. **'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God'. Matthew 5:1-10.** During collective worships over the term, we will be thinking about peace, resilience, rights and responsibilities and ask that you speak with your children at home about their thoughts, and learning on these topics.

It is inspiring to see how much progress the children have made over the year, and we will continue to focus on the children making great strides in their learning over the Summer Term. There are various tests taking place over the Summer Term (Year 6 SATs, Year 4 multiplication testing, phonics checks and in-school assessments) and I know that the children are already in a great place. They have been working very hard over the year, and we ask that you join us to encourage our children to do the very best that they can, and join us in continuing to share how proud we all are of everyone.

As always, we thank you for your continued support that you are all so willing to give in all aspects of school life.

It is wonderful to see how many amazing experiences the children have been part of over the spring term. You will have seen in the Faith, Family and Fellowship newsletter the high quality of work produced by the children and the exciting opportunities our school community have engaged with in the wider world. <https://www.koinoniafederation.com/news/?pid=1&nid=18&storyid=166> . Parents' support on educational visits is a great help to us, and having you join us in school for celebrations and other events is appreciated. Please do get in touch if you are able to support on trips and events taking place over the summer term. A gentle reminder that the deadline for giving permission for trips is 48 hours before the trip; this allows school to ensure enough adults are attending, children have enough packed lunches, and all risk assessments are up to date. Please so give permission for trips via Arbor 48 hours in advance of the class trip. If you have any issues accessing Arbor, please speak with the admin teams who can support you with this.

Our children are true advocates of change, and are active in working on how we can take care of God's world. Experiences such as the author, Mark Ballabon, who is an environmentalist, philosopher, and author of 'Home', visiting school allowed our Key Stage 2 children to think about climate change, which is an underlying theme in his most recent book. He linked his assemblies to our Invention fair, in which children were tasked to create an invention within the theme of 'adapt and change.' We found his visit to be incredibly inspiring, especially our Eco-Warrior and Science Ambassador groups who had a specialist workshop with him. Our children gave thoughtful

Royal Festival Hall

Children in Year 2 (Christ Church) had a great time in central London at the Royal Festival Hall, where they watched the London Philharmonic Orchestra perform *The Snail and the Whale* live, accompanied by the Magic Light Pictures film on the big screen. The enchanting story, based on the beloved book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, was brought to life with music, narration, and visuals.

The trip was fantastic. I liked how the orchestra played *The Snail and the Whale*. My favourite part was when all the schools sang under the sea together and performed all the different parts. Theo – Year 2

Ms Akin



reflections on his visit - Zoe-Grace, Year 5: **"I like that his book was about global warming and climate change and it made me think about my invention and what I can do to make the world healthier."** Ainsley, Year 6: **"If we don't do things and find ways to change how we use resources, we won't be more efficient and non-renewable resources will be gone."** Jeremy, Year 6: **"We need to find more creative ways of using our resources because we are running out of plastic and oil and stuff. We are hurting the environment because we are wasting so much resources."**

Being part of a through school provides our primary students with opportunities to use secondary facilities such as the science labs where our Year 6 children dissected eyes. Mr Smith led the children through the process whilst also teaching them the science behind the working eye giving them an interactive, interesting, exceptional scientific experience.



Tramshed Theatre did a production called 'Sorry NOT SORRY' at the Woolwich and Peninsula campuses. They worked with the year 6 pupils giving them a safe space to think about the challenges that they face in today's society. Samuel Year 6E: I really enjoyed the "Sorry, Not Sorry" play and I encourage others to watch it because I really liked how the actors showed us that it can be difficult to make the right choices all the time. But if we do make the right choices, we will always have a better outcome instead of it leading to violence.'



We have a very busy term ahead, and I encourage you to add our termly dates to your diaries, to your phone calendars, or stick them up in the kitchen so you know what is coming up over the weeks. In addition, please see next year's term dates. Let's continue to work together over the Summer Term to support our children to flourish and thrive.

I leave you with the following Bible verse and wish you peace and blessings from God over the term. *'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'* – John 14:27

Mrs Savva-Brown



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A message from the Federation Chaplain, Rev Dom

The Chocolate Eggs have almost all been eaten – at least in my house. The Easter nests have gone and the homemade hot cross buns will be quite stale by the time I get round to finishing them off.

But Easter is for LIFE not just for April.

The Joy of remembering the tomb that was open and the risen Jesus meeting with His friends should carry us through and remind us of the NEW LIFE we have in Christ and the confidence we should feel from death being defeated and sin being overcome by God's love and power.

As we go into the Summer terms, we are greeted with warm weather, the greenness of the grass, the colour of the flowers and the fruit that will grow from trees - once looking like they were dead.

May we, as the weeks extend, grow in faith and confidence – in God, in ourselves, and in the skills and subjects we are seeking to learn.

May we remind each other through encouragement and smiles the hope we have in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, who rose from the dead to show us the immense love of God;

Remind us of the NEW LIFE you have given freely.

Restore in us the strong HOPE that we are loved utterly and cared for gently.

As eggs pass away, inspire us to see your Spirit at work in our lives, our homes and our communities.
Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

**SUMMER 1 –
Federation Value –
Resilience
Theme: Peace
SMSC: Rights and
Responsibilities**

John 14:27 Peace I
leave with you; my
peace I give to you. Not
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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 have airborn allergies and are 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.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

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

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

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 days to be added



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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 Lead – Mrs Ajayi ASAP**. If she is not available, please see Miss Williams or 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 or out of 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.

SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a student or staff member?

If so, make sure you speak with a member of our safeguarding team.... Hoon



Mrs Ajayi Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Williams Designated
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Savva-Brown
Safeguarding Team



Miss Hoon Inclusion and
Safeguarding Team



Mrs Sheath
Safeguarding Governor

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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