



St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Woolwich Primary Campus
Autumn Term 2 - 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the weather not being so great, I hope that you found the time over the break to spend time with your loved ones. Thank you all for working with us at the start of the year to settle the children and support them in getting into good routines.

I have been blown away by your generosity and support to make money for the school and charitable causes. Our children have taken fund raising very seriously and a group of children worked with leaders on a project to raise money for a family who do not have toilet facilities. Esther, Olivia, Lateefat, Aaliyah S, Aaliyah, Mercy, Songen, Desayo, Angel, Zemirah and Niela worked with Ms Gibbs and decided to raise money for Twinning Toilets. *Toilet Twinning used your donation to provide clean water and basic sanitation services, and promote healthy hygiene behaviour.*

Their programmes ensure that people have access to clean water, learn about the importance of building a latrine and maintaining it, and also learn about healthy hygiene behaviours such as hand-washing. Healthy water, sanitation and hygiene behaviours work together to prevent the spread of disease. Children are healthier, and able to go to school; parents are well enough to work their land and grow enough food to feed their family. With better health, and more ability to earn a living, men and women discover the potential that lies within them to bring transformation.

The children spent a lot of their lunch times creating crafts to sell at the International Evening event and took great pride in selling them. They made a remarkable amount of money, and with the generosity of parents and encouragement of Ms Thomas, exceeded their goal of £60 to provide toilet facilities to a family who needs it. You and your children are changing the lives of others and you should feel very proud of yourselves and them.

In addition to this, you have also helped us to raise **£92.78** from selling popcorn, drinks, chocolates and sweets at the International Evening and previously raised **£154.50** from selling ice pops in the summer term. Leaders will work with the children in leadership positions in school to decide on how to spend this money and help others to flourish in school. Please login to your Arbor app to further support the school by paying your capitation which is due each year. Thank you.

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>

You are able to access previous newsletters on the campus website too if you need to check previous information.

<https://www.koinoniafederation.com/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=129>

We have a busy term ahead as we work towards the Christmas festivities and ask that you encourage your children to eat healthily, get fresh air and exercise, and go to bed at a reasonable time to keep them as healthy as possible and their energy levels high. We can feel a little grumpy with the wet weather and dark mornings and I ask that you continue to treat others with kindness, and give them a smile to brighten their day.

Thank you for all you do for our school community. 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

From time to time I am drawn back to consider the IMPORTANT things in life.

Watching the Remembrance parade on the TV at the weekend, taking part in the Remembrance service at Church on Sunday; these all motivate us to reflect.

A number of years ago I remember reading about a lecturer who held up a jar in their class. In it they placed large rocks that represented the important things in life. The rocks reached the top. They asked the students – is it full? Yes, they replied. The lecturer then got some small stones and scattered them in and they went in the gaps between the rocks. This represented things that were quite important but not priority. Is it full now? Yes, they replied. They then poured sand in and the sand filled the spaces – this represents the normal everyday things we do all the time. Is it full now? Yes, they replied. Finally the lecturer emptied a jug of water into the jar and put a lid on. The lecturer helped them reflect that the important things would never fit if we fill our days with the ordinary and everyday, the extras, and everyone's expectations first.

Take some time this week to consider what the important things are for you.

Reflect and give thanks for the people in your life that are the most important to you. Give them some of your time, your attention.

Consider the things in your life that take up your time – are they good for you, are they a distraction, could you look at it differently.

Pray for yourself. When we feel full and overwhelmed, ask for peace and perspective. When we need someone or something, pray for God's provision and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. And when we feel able to, maybe consider and pray for those around you that you might help in times of stress.

May God bless you and all those who are dear to you.

May his love fill your life and show you your worth is more than you might think or believe.

May his peace, that passes all our understanding, keep your heart and mind in his love. Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

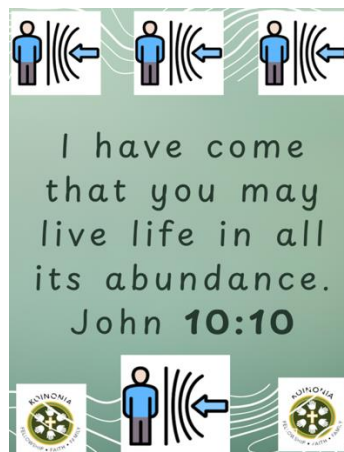
Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

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Theme: Flourishing
Value: Resilience





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The start and end of the school Day

Universal Breakfast Club

Universal Breakfast Club is available to all children from 8:10am without cost to families. If you would like your child to attend, please log in to your Arbor account and book them a place. Places are booked a day in advance.

Reception Class

Our reception children have settled beautifully in to school life thanks to the hard work of the staff, and your loving support. A gentle reminder that the expectation is to now drop your **children at the door and not enter the classroom**. This gives your children the independence to start their day off in school taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings, then get straight into their learning without delay.

End of 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 Year 1 - 4 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch. Year 5 and 6 are dismissed from the amphitheatre.

Wet Dismissal Arrangements

Wet dismissal can be a very hectic time. please be patient with the staff and do not enter the classrooms or walk around the school to collect other children.

- ▶ Nursey class – **Monet** will be dismissed from their class as normal.
- ▶ Reception class – **Hawkins and Makeba** class will be dismissed from their class as normal.
- ▶ Year 1 – **Equiano and Hargreaves** class will be dismissed from the classrooms doors up the ramp on the right.
- ▶ Year 2 – **Potter and Dahl** class will be dismissed from the classrooms doors up the ramp on the left.
- ▶ Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – **Perry, Moore, Cooper, Fonteyn, Faraday, Curie, Einstein and Walker** will be dismissed from the amphitheatre.



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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.

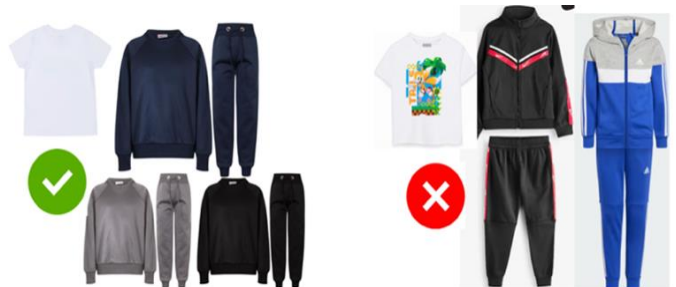
If your child feels cold, please do not send them to school wearing a skin (tight clothing under a shirt) but ensure they are wearing the school jumper or cardigan. Whilst we are wearing dark-coloured bottoms and **jumpers for PE**, they must be regular jumpers and bottoms, not sportswear. If children 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 airborne 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 our school family safe.



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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.

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

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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, cardigan or fleece. 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.

Breakfast Club

If your child requires a place at our breakfast club. Please telephone the office/Miss Thomas and speak to them about reserving a place. Places need to be paid for in advance. Price is £4.00 from 7.30am

After School Club

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – NOT the school office. Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces. Contact: Matthew Johnson Telephone: 020 3478 8567

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!



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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 Badesha **ASAP**. If they are not available, please see Miss Thomas 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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C OF E SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING



Mrs Amao
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Badesha
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Thomas
Designated Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Savva-Brown
Safeguarding team



Miss Hoon
Inclusion and
Safeguarding team

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

INSET DAY

Monday 1st September 2025

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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