



26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we saw our Year 6 children return from their school journey to the Isle of Wight. They came back exhausted after having had a fantastic time. Thank you to Ms Gordon, Ms Falconer, Ms Murphy, Mrs O'Malley, Ms Mullins and Jason for accompanying the children and ensuring that they had such an amazing experience.

Yesterday, St Mary Class celebrated their patron saint, Mary, the mother of God. They came to school dressed in blue and held a special liturgy in our peace garden. They read prayers they had written, thanking God for Mary and their own mothers. They ended the gathering by laying flowers by the statue of Mary and then they placed a crown of flowers on her head. The children then returned to class and had a little celebration.

My Only Screen is Sunscreen (MOSS) 2023

During the month of June, we'll be running our annual event of 'My only screen is sunscreen'. This is a personal challenge for every child in school to try to avoid their screens for as many days in the month of June as possible. It is to remind the children that there is a whole world of nature out there to be explored instead of gluing their eyes to brightly lit LCDs.

Lots of research is now devoted to children and screen time, especially for the long-term effect screens have on mental wellbeing. Screen addiction/dependence is rife amongst young people now, with many children left bereft and unable to cope without mobile devices. Social interaction and conversation have been heavily impacted by screens both at home and school, with some children feeling more comfortable conversing with a screen than with a human.

It's not all gloomy! Online learning, as well as game playing, entertainment and streaming media are undoubtedly fun and healthy in moderation. Social media can even be useful for arranging real life events and meet ups etc. However, a break from all those bright shiny pixels could be an opportunity to boost mental health and wellbeing by doing something else instead. So, we have provided a list of 100 ideas (non-sports-based to try to appeal to all) that should prove to be healthy alternatives. Every child will have been given this list, together with the challenge card, to bring home with them today.

Every class will be trying to clock up a high average score of days-off-screens. Each year group winning class will receive a fantastic reward (think picnic-in-the-park-level).

So, come on parents! Try to encourage your child to have a day (or 30) off the screens. Have them colour in the little squares on their dated challenge card, and initial it for them when they are successful. If you are really up for it, why not try the challenge yourself for a day or two in June? Who knows -it may even change your life for the better 😊

Mr Toynton – Computing Lead

May

29th – 2nd June: Half Term

June

5th : INSET day

7th: Year 4 trip, London Zoo

9th : Year 3 trip - Maritime Museum

10th -11th – Holy Communion - OLOL

13th : Hall Place Trip - Nursery

19th – 23rd: Sports Week (Sports Day TBC)

23rd: Year 2 London Aquarium Trip

28th: School Photographer

30th: Summer Concert

July

4th: Year 2 Trip to Leads Castle

8th: Summer Fair

10th -14th: London Rivers Week

12th: Leavers Production

19th: Leavers BBQ

20th: Leavers' Mass 9:30am

21st: End of Term





Golden Achievers

Today, we celebrated the Golden Achiever of this half term. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
St Peter	Atarah Eastman-Neequaye-Reid	For playing really nicely with all her friends and sharing and taking turns with resources.
St Mary	Kiyara Lynch	For gaining so much confidence throughout the year and for her attitude, kindness and eagerness to learn that shines through.
St Joseph	Blake Powell	For being a caring and hardworking member of the class.
St Elizabeth	Caynan Danvers	For his superb attitude to learning and for demonstrating great resilience.
St John B.	George Ndoka	For his amazing attitude towards learning and his consistent effort at school. George is always polite and kind to everyone.
St James	Mason Regan	For perseverance. Mason has worked so hard and tries his very best with his learning. He is a kind and generous child to everyone.
St Veronica	Noah Ndoka	For his positive attitude towards learning. For his progress made in Maths and English
St Francis	Ari Kean	For always listening to ways to improve on his work. He also loves a challenge!
St Bernadette	Paige Robe	For having an outstanding attitude to learning. She has not shied away from new challenges and consistently has lovely manners towards her peers and the adults working in the class.
St Kateri	Aaron McDonald	Superb attitude to learning
St Martin	Minika Duke	For working hard and making excellent progress in all areas.
St Paul M	Luke Brannan	For great progress in his writing and maths and for wonderful, thoughtful responses in RE.
St Josephine	Mercedez O'Hare-Durling	For Huge improvements in class, academically, with her focus and conduct
St Juan D	Malachi Robinson	For showing incredible resilience when faced with disappointment.
St Alphonsa	Theo Oyatolu	For showing tremendous resilience and for beginning to show the potential your true potential

Young Explorers Holiday Club:

Please see the flyer attached from Young Explorers Club regarding their holiday club. The programme includes daily arts & crafts, cookery, sewing & sports activities plus more!

Ms Oakley

As many of you may remember, Ms Oakley went on maternity leave, this time last year. Ms Oakley has decided not to return to St Winifred's and enjoy some more time with her little boy. We wish her all the very best in the future.

Travel Survey

Thank you for all the responses so far, we will be keeping the survey open for another week. So, if you are a school run car driver and haven't done so already, please follow this [link](#) to complete the survey. If you have further comments to make, please email admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk.

Half Term Gymnastics Club

Please find attached information regarding the ASG gymnastics clubs running during the half term next week.

Class Assemblies:

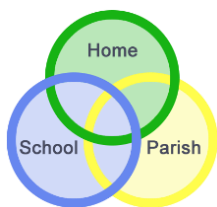
This term, we would like to invite you all to attend your child's class assembly. When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.



June	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
14 th Year 6 School Journey	15 th St Veronica (Yr 2)
	22 nd St Mary (Rec)
28 th St Bernadette (Yr 3)	

Thank you to all the parents, who attended St Josephine and St James the Great's class assemblies this week.

Attending Mass:



In order to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.

June	July
8 th : Year 6	6 th : Early Years
15 th : Year 3	20 th : Year 6 Leavers: Whole School
22 nd : Year 2	
29 th : Year 1	

Free School Meals:

All children at the moment from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'. Please check on the [link to see if you are entitled to 'Pupil Premium Free School Meals'](#), this gives you more benefits i.e. free trips etc.

Volunteers:

We are still looking for volunteers, the more the merrier! If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

Wednesday Word:

Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

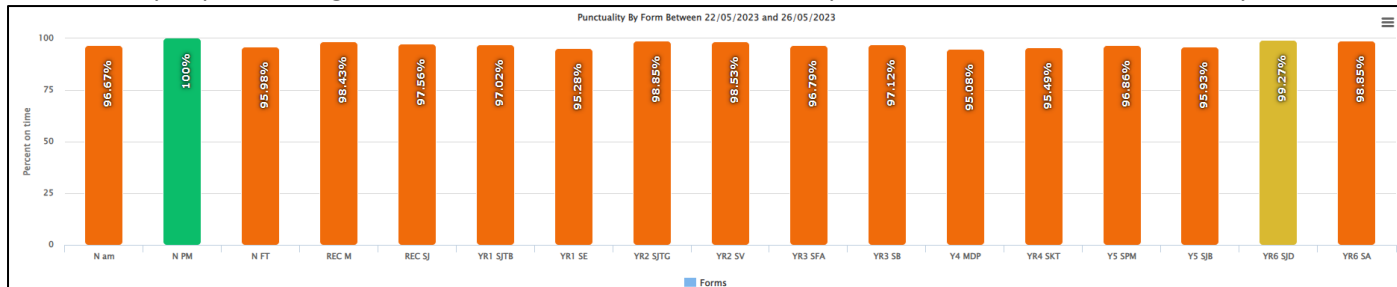
Parent App:

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.



Punctuality:

It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children. Thank you!



This week's winner is St Juan Diego with 99%, a consistently punctual class! Well done!

Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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@stwinifredslee

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, have an enjoyable half term.

Kind regards
Claire Gillespie