



# St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

## Woolwich Primary Campus

### Spring Term 1 - 2025



#### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the new year, and the spring term. We all wish you and your loved ones a blessed 2025. Thank you to everyone for making the start of the school year such a successful! When walking around the campuses it was delightful to see that our children are happy and keen to learn. We hope that this enthusiasm will continue over the spring terms with the children knowing more and remembering more. It has been lovely to see our children wearing the correct uniform, and we will continue to maintain this high standard as we go through the year. Please look lower down on the newsletter for the uniform expectations.

There is an exciting plan of trips and workshops in place this term, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you. Our trips create a huge amount of joy and excitement with the children, and we appreciate your time in joining us. Please look at the termly dates, and emails from teachers which will tell you when your child's trip is taking place. Having more parents on the trips is really beneficial and we warmly welcome you to attend and support the children.

Please take time to read the Curriculum Letters from your children's teachers, which will be published early next week, as they provide valuable information about what each class will be learning

Our focus on further developing enrichment for children has meant that there is an even better club offer. Over the course of the day, children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of clubs such as Bible club, choir club, art club, chess club and others. Please join me in thanking our hard-working dedicated staff who have offered to give up their time to lead a club in their free time.

#### **New year is an exciting time of year. This month, ask your child:**

- What is your new spring topic in science, history or geography? What do you already know and what do you want to find out?
- What are the themes and memory verse that is shared in collective worship? How will you live out the themes and missions this term?
- What can we spot in nature this January? Some starting points are deciduous trees, fallen leaves that shelter animals, and the first signs of spring including snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses.

#### **Communication and Relationships**

We are continuing to work on effective communication and further develop the fruitful relationships that are already in place in the schools. At times, we do not always get things right and we acknowledge how this can have a negative impact, but please be assured that this it is never our intention to cause upset and we will always work with you to address issues that pop up.

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.

#### **Safety**

Safety will always be a priority for everyone in the school community and we thank you for working with us, helping to keep everyone safe. We are asking all parents not to come into the building unless you are with a member of school staff. If you would like to discuss an important, sensitive or confidential matter with a member of staff, please walk around to the office where a member of the admin team will arrange a meeting as soon as possible. This will allow staff to give you their full attention in an arranged meeting.

Please do not have such conversations with staff on the playground or at the school gates as this takes the staff's attention away from the children. The children's safety must always be a priority, and focus of all staff, especially when the gates are open at the start and end of the day as these are very busy times. We also ask that you do not hold the green entrance gate or foyer doors open for others and allow a member of the admin team to buzz them open, so that we can ensure that the building entrance is secure at all times.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Best wishes and blessings for the term ahead,

Mrs Savva-Brown

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17



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**A message from the Federation Chaplain, Rev Dom**

I wonder why we get excited about new things.

New things we've been given, new things we've bought, new gadgets, new toys, new phones.

At the start of September I like new stationery - new pens, a new notepad and sometimes a new bag. It helps me to get ready for something new.

And the New Year - well, I find the new year has a similar excitement. Watching the fireworks on the tv, celebrating something new on its way, considering what might happen in the coming year.

Maybe you've made plans, maybe you've got something booked in. Or maybe you've got a big change coming this year.

In the Bible, John gets a vision from God of what the kingdom of God will be like. God says 'Behold I am making all things new' and the scene is set for things to be better for everyone. Maybe we can start working on that now - making our world a little bit better for everyone.

In this new year, what will you be prepared to do, to try, to work towards? How can our school fellowship pray for you? How can God help you through the Holy Spirit?

Lord God, creator of the heavens and Earth.

We give thanks for the year gone by and look ahead to 2025.

May we work towards a better world:

A world full of peace, love, hope and joy.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us whatever we try and wherever we go.

In God's holy name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

<p><b>SPRING 1 –</b>  <b>Federation Value –</b>  <b>Respect</b>  <b>Theme: <u>Patience</u></b>  <b>SMSC: Generosity</b></p>	<p><b>Philippians 4:6</b> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.</p>
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### Useful Information and Expectations

#### **Dates – please also see the termly dates poster.**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - **School closes early** for federation staff training.
- If you or anyone you know have a child due to start primary school in September 2025, please be aware that the **deadline** for admissions is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. We welcome applications from all families in the community and look forward to receiving applications.
- Please use the following link to complete the form required for Reception Class admissions:  
[https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place/458/apply\\_for\\_a\\_primary\\_school\\_place](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place) If you need support completing the application form please contact our Home School Link Worker. Anyone interested in applying for other year groups will need to contact our school office directly.

#### **Staffing**

We are very excited to be welcoming a new teacher into the Federation. Miss Reid will be the new Year One teacher in January. She brings with her a wealth of experience from teaching in faith schools in Greenwich, a secure understanding of KS1 and phonics and in addition, has valuable experience which she has gained by working in SEN schools. We are looking forward to having her join the Year One team. Miss Reid will be visiting the Woolwich campus on Friday to spend time getting to know the children. Please say hello and welcome her into the Koinonia family.

#### **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 jumper, 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 school uniform;**

- 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.





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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, 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://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**