



Writing Newsletter - Term 1 2025/26

Following the success of St Mary's Big Year of Reading 2024/25, this term we have launched **St Mary's Big Year of Writing 2025/26**.

It was wonderful to see our **Parent Writing Workshop** so well attended on 9th October. If you were unable to attend, please do have a look at the presentation on our school website by following this link

<https://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk/parent-workshop-oct-25/>

Across the Year of Writing, I will be popping lots of bits in this folder → so please do keep an eye on it.



As you will have seen, every child at St Mary's has received an **orange writing journal** which we will be using over the course of the year for exciting writing opportunities outside of the normal class English lessons. I have seen lots of lovely decorations of these and some enthusiastic, self-inspired writing taking place already. If your child has something they would like to write, please do encourage them to record it in their journal and share it with their teacher. Write, write, write – that is the theme of the year! A big thank you to FOSM for funding these journals for the whole school.

What a lovely day we enjoyed on **National Poetry Day**! The children were immersed in poetry through listening, reading, writing and performance. They enjoyed listening to staff perform their favourite poems, as well as reading and writing a range of poetry genres. The day culminated in our whole school poetry recital where each class has been practising their performance in the week leading up to it. A lovely celebration for the whole school.



This week, all our Infants and Juniors children have participated in the **BBC 500 Words** writing competition. Their teachers have facilitated the writing of their stories across some English lessons. We are asking for your support to get these typed up over the half term and emailed to me so I can submit them. Details of this have been sent out via an Arbor message. Many thanks for your support with this.

Upcoming events after half term:

Book Fair – 12th – 17th November

Lower Juniors Author Writing Workshop – 12th November