

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES

**School Year  
2016- 2017**

### Autumn Term

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 4th September 2017  
(no children in school)

#### **First day of Term**

Tuesday 5th September 2017

#### **Half Term**

Monday 23rd October - Friday  
27th October 2017

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 30th October  
(no children in school)

#### **End of Term**

**Wednesday 20th December**

### Spring Term

#### **INSET DAY**

Tuesday 2nd January 2018  
(no children in school)

#### **First day of Term**

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

#### **Half Term**

Monday 12th February - 16th  
February 2018

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 19th February 2018  
(no children in school)

#### **End of Term**

Thursday 29th March

### Summer Term

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 16th April 2018  
(no children in school)

#### **First day of Term**

Tuesday 17th April 2018

#### **Bank Holiday**

Monday 7th May 2018  
(no children in school)

#### **Half Term**

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st  
June 2018

#### **End of Term**

Friday 20th July 2018

# IN TOUCH

Friday 8th September 2017



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Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely holiday—it has been so great to come back to school and see you all again. I trust the children are all happy in their new classes, they have certainly made an excellent start to the new school year.

Many of you will have noticed that the building work continues. Having completed the new classroom—Year Six are already in—our builders are now working on Phase Three. Over the summer they have been enlarging and redecorating the old Year One Classroom, which is now our new Nursery (Phase Two). Those of you who have attended induction meetings this week in the Nursery will have noted that the children have a brand new bathroom, just off the classroom. In order to create these toilets, we have moved Mrs Abraham, our School Business Manager, to a new space. She will still be working in the main office from time to time as she did before, but if she is not around and you would like to see her—please ask the office staff who will help you to locate her or make an appointment for you at a convenient time. In order to make better use of my old office space, I have also moved into a smaller room, the old study; where all Head Teachers at St. Mary's have previously been based. When building work is complete, we will invite you in to look around!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families: Sofia (Y1), Ben (Y3), Gonzalo (Y4), Mariam (Y5) and Muzammil (Y6). We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception Children when they officially start school next week.

I would also like to welcome new members of staff: Mrs Susan Forsyth is our new specialist Art Teacher, who will work on Mondays and Tuesdays to deliver specialist provision in art across the school. We are also welcoming Ms Gifty Pometsey to our Teaching Assistant team. Ms Pometsey will be based in Year Three this year. This week we have been undertaking recruitment exercises in school and I am delighted to announce that we will shortly be able to welcome Ms Ford, teaching assistant, to join our team. We are continuing to advertise for an Inclusion Manager to replace Mrs Barron who will now be leaving us at half term, having agreed to stay on a little longer.

Next week we will be sending out a list of key dates. Some of the later dates may be subject to change but will hopefully stay where they are and will give parent/carers a good idea of what is going on when!

KS2 Choir starts this evening. Our rehearsal for the Thames Festival is this coming Wednesday (I will send home a reminder letter this evening) and then the Kids Choir event is Sunday 17th September in the Scoop on the South Bank. All are welcome to hear the massed children's choir from 1pm.

It's been a busy first week! I hope you all have a restful weekend,  
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

## GOSH RUNNING EVENT

"Hi, I'm Mrs Coyle and I'd like to let you know that I am running my first ever 10km on the 16th September to raise money for GOSH. If you would like to give money to support the fantastic work done by GOSH please go to the Just Giving web site and search for Katherine Evans running for GOSH at Kew Gardens.  
Thank you x"

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Nursery and Reception are looking for donations of high quality toys that you might be giving away. We are particularly in need of hot-wheels cars (or other small cars), Brio trains (or track), and dolls/doll clothes and accessories (pushchairs etc.). Any home accessories for children's play is particularly welcome!



**PUTNEY  
RIVER LIFE  
FUNDAY**

Please see attached information on our website.

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