

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

**School Year
2017- 2018**

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 12th January 2018



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We are now back in the swing of the daily routine and we are all very focussed on our learning. I had the pleasure of visiting Year One this week where I watched a wonderful Maths lesson in which the children were applying the Learning Goals in order to acquire and consolidate their number bonds!

Speaking of Learning Goals, our Learning Goal of the month is Co-operation. We have been thinking very hard in our classes and in our weekly staff meeting about what co-operation means, in order to work towards a shared descriptor and understanding of this goal across our school.

On Monday, we had a First Aid trainer in school to ensure that all of our staff Paediatric First Aid Qualifications are all up to date. It was lovely to be able to invite colleagues from Our Lady of Victories to share in this training with us.

Also on Monday, Year One went off to Fulham Palace to further the learning that they have been exploring in their Time Travellers Topic. They took part in a workshop and learnt about what life was like in Victorian Britain.

We shared a lovely Key Stage Two Communion on Wednesday. Reverend Fawcett and Steve Emerson were in school to lead this act of worship and Steve prompted us to think about what we want, not just for lunch, but from our time here on Earth! A big question!

Our Wider Ops lessons started this week, with children in Year Three continuing to learn the flute and children in Years One and Two the recorder. We look forward to hearing the fruits of their learning in our end of term concert!

It was lovely to see some of you in Worship this morning. We continue to think about how we can have a happy new year. This morning's thought promoted us to think about struggle as a good thing!

I hope to see some of you this afternoon in the FoSMs Meeting. If I shoot off early—it's so that I can catch Andy Johnstone and his bagpipes. Year One are lucky that Andy is the grandparent of one of the children in their class and will benefit from his knowledge of Scotland, past and present! Thank you Andy!

A huge thank you to Nigel Underwood-Hall for erecting the new shed in the playground. Jackie Underwood-Hall, who runs our second hand uniform sales, has had a wonderful idea in asking the Year Six Pupils to run future sales as an Enterprise Project. Therefore, our new shed will now be our second hand uniform shop and Year Sixes present and future will benefit from the learning that they gain from this experience. Thank you Jackie and Nigel and thank you FoSMs for our new shop!

Before I sign off, some good news—next week, our new Inclusion Manager, Ms Kerry Dunford will be starting at St. Mary's. Kerry will work Wednesdays to Fridays and I hope many of you will get to meet and greet her in the week to come!

That's it from me—have a restful weekend! Over and out!
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

Diary dates for next week:

Thursday	Year Three Exit Point
Friday	1.30pm Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Meeting
	After School—Year Five Cake Sale

