

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

**School Year
2018- 2019**

Autumn Term

INSET DAY

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

(no children in school)

First day of Term

Wednesday 5th September

2018

Half Term

Monday 22nd October - Friday

26th October 2018

INSET DAY

Monday 29th October 2018

(no children in school)

End of Term

Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term

INSET DAY

Monday 7th January 2019

(no children in school)

First day of Term

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Half Term

Monday 18th February - Friday

22nd February 2019

End of Term

Friday 12th April 2019

Summer Term

First day of Term

Monday 29th April 2019

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2019

Half term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st

May 2019

Last Day of Term

19th July 2019

INSET DAY

Monday 22nd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 30th June



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Thank you all for your patience and support with school lunches at the start of this week, I am sure you will all be delighted to see the fruits of the engineer's efforts at the end of year performances. We now have a fantastic set of stage lights and professional backdrops. Huge thanks to FoSMs for the hard work that went into fundraising for these - the children are going to be bowled over! Thank you all very much!

Early this week, Key Stage Two walked across to All Saints' Church to share in a joint communion with our neighbours and friends at All Saints' Primary. Children from both schools did us proud leading worship with prayers, readings, song and supporting the serving of communion. Huge thanks to Laura, Steve and James for leading a wonderful service which prompted us to think about how we can be strong in spirit. Both schools came up with a long list of values they are acquiring during their time at primary school, skills which will hopefully enable our children to thrive and lead happy lives in the big wide world. My thanks also to Miss Wood for her openness and willingness to work closely with us here at St. Mary's - it has been wonderful to see our Parish schools working more closely in partnership with one another.

Over the last few weeks we have begun to receive visits from many of the Heads of Year Seven from the schools who will be receiving our wonderful Year Sixes in September - this is an important part of the transition to secondary school and so far we have had some very positive comments about the children.

Year Five welcomed their parents into class on Wednesday morning so they could hear all about the learning they have been undertaking in their topic on weather and climate, whilst Nursery headed to Bockett's Farm to extend their learning in Understanding of the World - part of the Early Years curriculum. Year Four shared what they are most proud of this year in their exit point with parents this afternoon.

Thursday was a busy day. Year Two enjoyed the wonderful weather on their trip to the Wetlands Centre and Reverend Fawcett was in school to conduct an RE learning walk with Mrs Thomas and look at some of the children's work. I was particularly fortunate to accompany Year Six to Southwark Cathedral for the Year Six leaver's Service where the Bishop of Woolwich led us in thinking about the gift of God's peace. Children from other schools in the diocese presented some wonderful exhibitions of modern dance and song and we all enjoyed a jolly good sing in the cathedral. I was very proud of Year Six who attracted many positive comments from members of the public and staff from other schools. I hope the children enjoyed the service as much as I did.

Today we have welcomed a former student back for some work experience and the children have met in their family groups to discuss amongst many things the upcoming Bicentennial celebrations.

Many of the children are looking forward to this evening's Key Stage Two disco. My thanks to the staff team who have planned and will lead the disco this evening. Let's hope this lovely weather continues over the weekend.
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

