

**St. Mary's CE
Primary School**

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TERM DATES

**School Year
2018- 2019**

Autumn Term

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

First day of Term

Wednesday 5th September

Half Term

Monday 22nd October -

Friday 26th October

INSET DAY

Monday 29th October

End of Term

Friday 21st December

Spring Term

INSET DAY

Monday 7th January 2019

First day of Term

Tuesday 8th January

Half Term

Monday 18th February -

Friday 22nd February

End of Term

Friday 12th April

Summer Term

First day of Term

Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: 6th May

Half term

Monday 27th May -

Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term

19th July 2019

IN TOUCH

Friday 19th October



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Here we are at the end of another half term. Another seven weeks of fun and learning has flown by.

Just a few quick notices before I wish you a wonderful half term break. When we return from half term we ask all children in Years One to Six to ensure they are wearing their **winter uniform**.

Speaking of uniform, our second hand uniform shop, Hand to Hand, will be open every Friday after half term from 3.20pm onwards. Thank you to Mr Lett, Ms O'Connell and to all of the children in Year Six who have been preparing for the opening in school.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of you for your help and support in refining our morning routine. Feedback so far is that it has been much better. Thank you to all parents who have moved back from the children's lines on the second bell, making it easier for us to ensure all children get into school safely in the morning.

We held our annual Open Evening on Tuesday of this week, when we welcomed prospective parents into the school to meet our Year Six pupils and to have a good look around. We had many positive comments especially about how impressive our Year Sixes are. Huge thanks to the children for staying behind after school to be ambassadors for St. Mary's and for their wonderful singing!

Just a quick reminder that there is no school on Monday 29th October. Staff will be working in school on this INSET Day. We continue to work with Sycol, specialists in developing a high performance culture, and will be training St. Mary's Sycol leads on this day. At our September INSET we began work on refining our vision, mission and values and we will continue to work on this on the 29th. More information on this soon...

There are no clubs in the first week after half term and don't forget to brush your hair on Wednesday 31st for your individual school photographs. Thank you in advance to Mrs Abraham for organising and directing us all so well on this day.

The first Thursday and Friday of next half term are DT days—when we will be having a special focus on this area of the curriculum. We are delighted that Architecture Workshop will be with us in school and thank the trustees of the Miles Trust for funding this opportunity for us. Huge thanks to Miss De Souza for leading in this area.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Bicentenary launch event on Friday 2nd November. It promises to be a lot of fun!

Until then, I hope you all manage to enjoy some quiet family time over the half term and an opportunity to recharge and rest! Whatever you are doing—stay safe and have fun and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 30th October!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher