

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES School Year 2020-21

### Autumn Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Last day of Term:  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term

**INSET Day:**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
**First day of Term:**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**INSET Day:**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
**Last day of Term:**  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Summer Term

**INSET Day:**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
**First day of Term:**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
**Last Day of Term:**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Whole School Attendance 2020-21	
Autumn 1	97.3%
Week beginning	Percentage
02/11	98.6%
09/11	
16/11	
23/11	
30/11	
07/12	
14/12	
Total:	97.4%

# IN TOUCH

Friday 6th November 2020

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**VISION:** Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish  
**MISSION:** Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith  
**VALUES:** COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

We've had a really positive start to the second half of the Autumn Term. Teachers were in school on Monday carrying out further training on Microsoft Teams and the children came back beautifully on Tuesday—refreshed and enthusiastic about their learning. We are all pleased to be back after a short break.

Thank you all for responding so swiftly and positively to our communication around pick up and drop off earlier in the week—it is hugely appreciated. I sincerely hope we can keep all of our bubbles fully open again this half term. We were delighted to hear that schools were not to be included in the national lockdown and appreciate the privilege that being able to come to work each day and to teach and learn with your children presents for us.

I have included the pick up and drop off timings again on page two for your reference. Apologies for the late opening of the main gate this week. We will now open both gates five minutes earlier to ensure that children and parents are not forced to congregate outside of the gate from next week. I have also asked the early years teams to start to line up the children slightly earlier to avoid the congregation of parents outside of the school gate.

Please keep the entrances and exits to school as clear as possible in the morning and evening. Once you have dropped or picked up please move away from the school as quickly as you can. It might be an idea to lock any adult bicycles up away from the entrance so that parent/carers and children can exit school as quickly as possible. All of this—of course—goes against our usual ethos at St. Mary's and we very much look forward to the day when we can welcome you all back into the playground and those of you who are new to the community can see how we normally do things!

The above request will also help us keep the entrance to Felsham Mews clear so that our neighbours can move freely when they need to. Please avoid parking in front of the school, especially in unmarked spaces and if you do accidentally block access for the neighbours we would greatly appreciate you resolving any issues in a polite and positive way. I have written to the neighbours this week to request the same and have received a very positive and supportive response.

As many of you will know, we have closed down the admin@ and office@ email addresses. If these addresses are emailed then recipients receive a redirection notice. Please don't worry if you have given out this address or for instance filled in secondary school applications using the admin@ address. They will still come through to us. If you are filling out any further applications please use the Year Six class teacher's email address for any reference requests going forward. If you are emailing the school, please use **one email address only** to prevent several members of staff unwittingly managing your request simultaneously. This will help us to increase our efficiency in responding to all.

I hope you manage to enjoy some rest and some joy over the first lockdown weekend. Let's hope a bit of sunshine prevails!

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

## LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: **Wilma** and **Harrison** for **COMMUNICATION**

Reception: **Eloise** for **MORALITY** and **Nell** for **ADAPTABILITY**

Year One: **Issy** for **COOPERATION** and **Max** for **COMMUNICATION**

Year Two: **Alice** for **COMMUNICATION** and **Alexander** for **ENQUIRY**

Year Three: **Alice** and **David** for **COOPERATION**

Year Four: **Frederic** for **RESILIENCE** and

**Isabella L** for **THOUGHTFULNESS**

Year Five: **Sami** for **ADAPTABILITY** and **Bert** for **COMMUNICATION**

Year Six: **Mia** and **Joey** for **RESILIENCE**



*Well done to all of these children for developing key learning skills in their approach and attitude to school this week—keep up the excellent work!*