

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

**School Year
2016- 2017**

Autumn Term

INSET DAY

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th
September 2016
(no children in school)

First day of Term

Wednesday 7th September
2016

Half Term

Monday 24th October to
Friday 28th October 2016

End of Term

Friday 16th December 2016

Spring Term

INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd January 2017
(no children in school)

First day of Term

Wednesday 4th January
2017

Half Term

Monday 13th February -
Friday 17th February 2017

End of Term

Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term

Monday 24th April 2017

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2017
(School closed)

Half Term

Monday 29th May -
Friday 2nd June 2017

End of Term

Friday 21st July 2017

INSET DAYS

Monday 24th July and
Tuesday 25th July 2017
(no children in school)



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Friday 9th December 2016



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It's the last In Touch of the term, as next week we will all be putting our feet up with a copy of the first edition of St. Mary's News for this academic year. I would like to say a very big welcome and thank you to Lindsey Lillywhite and Nicola Longfield for taking on St. Mary's News. We eagerly await their first magazine...

Nursery have taken their first trip out of school this week, visiting the post box in small groups. They also had their exit point on Wednesday. Year One, likewise, had their exit point in the Hall this afternoon. The exit points are really popular with parents and are always really well supported! Thank you all.

Mrs Livingstone, our school travel plan co-ordinator has asked every class to nominate two travel champions, who were out in force on Wednesday morning. We are aiming to achieve a gold travel plan award this year and as part of that the champions were trying to encourage drivers to park around the corner from the school to ease congestion and improve safety outside the school gate. Thank you to Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Coyle for carrying out this important work.

Year Four gave a bravura performance at Putney Arts Centre on Wednesday. They have been working very hard for the last ten weeks to write and rehearse their own stage play. The performance was a great success and new stars were born. I know Miss Shand was very proud of all of Year Four and hope parents enjoyed the show! Thank you to Mrs Bishop for organising this opportunity every year and to Miss Shand and Mrs Overton for all of their hard work in supporting the children.

On Thursday, pupils in Reception to Year Two were whizzing around the playground on their scooters. Again in her role as school travel plan co-ordinator, Mrs Livingstone organised some training for the younger children to ensure they are safe when using their scooters. Thank you Mrs Livingstone.

Parents have been in school this week meeting with their child's teacher for the first time this year. Again, the meetings were well attended and I hope parents found them helpful.

Well, that's it for this term. I hope to see many of you at the school nativity next week—all welcome—and if I don't see you, may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy and peaceful Christmas! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

NEXT Friday 16th December is going to be a busy but fun day.

Following our festive Christmas lunch, a visit from Father Christmas is planned and class parties will take place. We will be finishing school early at **2.30pm** to start the Christmas holiday.

To support the work of 'Glass Door,' a homeless shelter in Wandsworth, we will also be holding a '**Christmas Jumper Day.**' Simply bring in a donation and wear your best Christmas jumper or hat. The money raised will support the Christmas Appeal to provide a homeless shelter every night of the week across Wandsworth, from November to March in seven local churches. Ho! Ho! Ho!

And here's to a relaxing and enjoyable countdown to Christmas!



READING WORKSHOP

We will be holding a workshop on '**How to support your child with reading at home**' This is aimed at YR and Y1 parents/ carers and will take place on

Monday 23rd January at school from **1.20pm to 2.50pm** and is led by the charity 'Learn to love to Read!'

If you would like to attend please sign up in the office.

Many thanks
Wendy Livingstone



**St. Mary's Church Crib Service,
24th December - 4pm**

Calling all Shepherds and Angels!!

If you wish your children to participate in the service, please arrive at 2.45pm on the day for the rehearsal dressed as appropriate.

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REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER