

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

School Year
2016- 2017

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)

Autumn Term

INSET DAY

Monday 4th September 2017
(no children in school)

First day of Term

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday
27th October 2017

INSET DAY

Monday 30th October
(no children in school)

End of Term

Wednesday 20th December

IN TOUCH

Friday 3rd March 2017



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Today was our second Anti-Bullying Day of the year. Key Stage Two welcomed 'Take Away Theatre Company' in to school to perform 'Hope'. Following the show, children in Years Three to Six took part in workshops and explored some issues through the characters in the piece. Feedback was really positive and we are very grateful to Take Away for such thought-provoking performances.

Siobhan Davies Dance Company continued their residency with Years Four to Six on Monday and Tuesday. Year Three and Four were in action again at a Sportshall Athletics Friendly with Holy Ghost on Monday evening. Thanks to Mr Ellis for both.

We had a lovely Communion Service on Tuesday—my thanks to Ailsa for leading and Sophy for her support. We contemplated the story of the Temptation in the Desert and thought about what we might give up for Lent.

Year Six visited the Buddhist Temple on Wednesday and returned very relaxed—thanks to Mrs Bishop and Mr Lett. Following closely on the heels of Year Three's first swimming lesson this year, Mr Ellis was at the pool with a group preparing for our upcoming swimming events!

The Pupil Committee of the Governors and our Link Inspector were also in school this week—holding us to account and providing challenge.

That brings me back to today, where we started with an assembly about rubber ducks and took part in Anti-Bullying themed work in class throughout the day. Our next Anti-bullying day is: Friday 16th June 2017.

Before I sign off, can I remind you all to complete the online NFER Survey—hopefully you have all received details of this. Also can I remind all of the children to try and take an 'Extreme Reading' photograph this weekend.

I hope the Family Disco is enjoyed by all and look forward to hearing about it on Monday. Until then, have a great weekend, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

Using Photograph and Images

Have you returned your consent form for use of Pupil Images in school?

Please return by **Friday 10th March** at the very latest please. If you have mislaid your information, copies of the form are available from the school office.

How to support your child with Reading at home

After the success of the previous workshop, we have taken on feedback that suggested we run the event again, but in the evening, so that working parents are able to attend.

Date: **Tuesday 2nd May**

Time: **6.00pm-7.30pm**

Location: **School Hall**

Who is the event for: Parents/carers of **YN, YR, Y1 and Y2 children**

The event is being run by the charity 'Learn, 2 Love, 2 Read'.

Please inform the office if you would like to attend before **Monday 3rd April**.



SCHOOL SURVEY REMINDER!

Many thanks to all YR - Y6 parents who have already completed the NFER St. Mary's CE Primary School Parent Online Survey 2017.

Deadline for completion - 7th April 2017

Mrs Bishop

SPRING TERM - CAKE SALES

YEAR 6 - £116.65 YEAR 5 - £109.60

YEAR 4 - £120.40 YEAR 3 - £147.43

Monies raised this term have enabled class groups to purchase Easter resources.

A big thank you to all!



Mathletics Gold! Great news – we have a whole group of masterminds with 8 children gaining *Gold* certificates of achievement in **Mathletics**. Huge congratulations to the following children: Faris in Y4, Ptolemy in Y4, Avni in Y5, Daniel in Y5, Victoria in Y5, Tom in Y6, Hope in Y6 and Alice in Y6. All have worked extra hard to build up their **Mathletics** points and have clearly shown they have got what it takes to be budding mathematicians. Keep up the fantastic work and best of luck for the rest of the year!

Mathletics

