

## 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 14th September



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It feels like we are all back in the swing of the term this week, with new routines established and all of us getting really stuck in to the term's work! It was lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children in worship this morning. It was so nice to see so many children's names in the Learning Warrior Book after only the first week of term. Thank you to all of the children and families that shared their achievements outside school too. It is certain that everyone at St. Mary's has been really busy over the summer break.

Congratulations to Imogen and Arthur, Beatrice and Samuel, Amanda and William and Elena and Charlie who are our new Year Six Family Captains. The news was announced in worship this morning and the new Captains were greeted with great enthusiasm by the rest of the school.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, children and staff in Key Stage Two were able to enjoy their first Communion Service with Reverend John Whittaker. Reverend John shared the story of the friends who lowered their friend through the roof of a house—he demonstrated by climbing onto the gymnastics vault box - so that he could be healed by Jesus and encouraged us all to think about what it means to be true friends within a Christian community. It was a lovely service and we are looking forward to hearing more from Reverend John.

On Tuesday afternoon, I took some children from Key Stage Two to George the Martyr Church in Borough for a rehearsal for the Kids' Choir event that is happening in The Scoop this Sunday at 1pm. The concert will last an hour—if you are passing, do come and hear us sing! My thanks go to Mrs O'Connell who accompanied us to the rehearsal and also to the children who were a pleasure to take out of school. I'm looking forward to Sunday's event. Thank you in advance to Mrs Livingstone who will be accompanying me at the event.

Meet the Teacher meetings have begun this week and are an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to become acquainted with your child's classroom as well as the routines and expectations of a new class. Apologies about the late notice for these. I have made a note in the school diary to ensure the dates for next year's meetings come out before we break up for summer this year, so that parents have time to plan for these. Feedback has been very positive so far and most parents seem to find them very useful.

Just a quick reminder that if your child is wearing a cotton shirt (as opposed to a polo shirt) to school then they should also be wearing a St. Mary's school tie.

Many of you who have children in the Nursery and Reception class with siblings further up the school, have asked if you can start to purchase the maroon jumpers and cardigans for older children when they grow out of the grey. There has been some really positive feedback about the new uniform expectations in Nursery and Reception. My thanks to all parents for supporting these. Buying maroon items for older children when they grow out of them seems to be a very sensible way of ensuring reduced waste as we transition to the new uniform expectations. Please feel free to buy the maroon jumpers and cardigans for older children as and when you would like to. Remember that our second hand uniform shop, Hand to Hand is always grateful for donations and that our grey uniform will eventually be sent to a school in Zambia.

Finally, before I close, I want to let parents know that Diversity Role Models—a charity that actively seeks to prevent homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in schools - will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week. They will be leading an assembly with children in Years One to Six and leading sessions in all classes throughout the school during their visit. Further information can be found at: <https://www.diversityrolemodels.org/>

Until next week, have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again next week! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

