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## TERM DATES
## School Year 2018-19

Autumn Term
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

| Whole School Attendance 18-19 | |
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| Week beginning | Percentage |
| 07/01 | 98.1% |
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# IN TOUCH

Friday 11th January Issue 502

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and that you have been able to take some time to rest and recharge. Myself and the staff team would like to say a very big thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received before Christmas. We are truly very grateful to you—thank you!

We raised an impressive £406.21 for Glass Door with our Christmas Jumper Day on the final day of term, thank you for your generous donations.

I hope many of you enjoyed reading St. Mary's News over the break—many thanks to Lindsey, Nicola and Amber for another great round up of the term that was.

Looking ahead to this term—St. Mary's officially turns 200 on the 20th February, which falls in the half term break. It's going to be a very exciting term and many of our celebrations will be focussed in the week after half term, culminating in the service of thanksgiving at the Church and the Bicentennial Ball on the Saturday evening. Many thanks to Mr Lett and the Bicentennial team, to Jane and her Ball team and also to Ted and the FoSMS team who are leading our celebration and fundraising efforts to ensure our 200th Birthday is a time to remember for another 200 years to come!

This week it has been lovely to see all of the children back in school after the break. Most have settled back into the school routine well, although some of those who have returned later than the start of term have had some difficulties settling back in. Any absence disrupts the learning and social development of **all** of our children. We can understand when children are not well enough to attend school, but ask that parents avoid taking holidays during term time. Unauthorised holidays/absence appear as a 'G' on your child's attendance record. Attendance this week is at 98.1% and across the academic year it stands at **97.6%.**

We enjoyed a lovely KS2 Communion Service led by Reverend Whittaker on Wednesday morning in which some of the children took the Pepsi challenge to stimulate our thinking about Epiphany! Reverend Whittaker drew parallels between the drink that had its origins in a small town in the USA and Jesus Christ. Both were born in small towns no-one had ever heard of and grew to be worshipped globally!

In our worship so far this term, we have been thinking about the New Year and the resolutions we have made. Later next week we will begin to unwrap our school value of 'endurance'. Many of you will have read the information I sent home before the Christmas break about our renewed Mission, Vision and Values. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond. It is greatly appreciated.

Clubs are starting next week. Also next week, it is Celebration Worship on Friday, which is also our first Anti-Bullying Day of the year—more information to follow. All are welcome for worship on Friday, please enter via Charlwood Road for a 9.15am start.

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again next week!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher