

**St. Mary's CE
Primary School**

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**TERM DATES
School Year 2018-19**

Spring Term

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

IN TOUCH

Friday 8th March 2019

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What a phenomenal week we had in and out of school last week! I would like to thank Mr Lett, as the Chair of our Bicentennial Planning Committee for all his hard work and effort in putting together an amazing week in school for the children and a wonderful commemoration and thanksgiving service at the Church on the Friday.

I would also like to thank Mrs Thomas and Mrs McCarthy and the team of parents: especially Bethan, Lucie and Viera who continue to be lead in the planning and delivery of our Bicentenary initiatives.

I would like to thank our fantastic staff team here at St. Mary's—some of whom timetabled all of the fun and all of whom planned extra activities and gathered together extra resources to make the week memorable for the children in school—all of them threw themselves into the dress up day with great enthusiasm and from the balloon launch in the hall on Monday morning through to the fencing, the history show, skipping, singing, dress up day, history activities and finally the Church Service and celebratory lunch in the hall—I thank them all for their enthusiasm and very hard work.

We were delighted that many special guests could join us for the service on Friday. I am very grateful to John and all of the team at St. Mary's Church for helping us to plan and deliver the service, one which we will not forget for a long time. I would also like to thank the team of parents who provided much needed refreshment afterwards and those who put together an amazing history of St. Mary's for us all to peruse at the Church and back in school in the afternoon.

We had a wonderful afternoon meeting up with alumni, neighbours, staff and parents past and present—with four generations of one family all coming to look around their old school which was really something! Thank you all for coming!

I would like to thank Jane and her Ball Committee again for what, I am sure, was the Ball to end all Balls! Former Head Teacher, Reverend Canon Marwood; who has been to many a FoSMS event over the years, commented that although *all* FoSMS events are special this one would live in the memory for a life time and I have to agree. The team raised just over a staggering £20,000 in one evening for our Playground 200 Project—I can't thank the team enough! We are hoping that the wonderful film that Loma and Jim put together will be available to view on the school website soon...

I don't know about anyone else but I felt very privileged to be a member of the St. Mary's team last week. It has been a real honour to be here at the school during this special time and to witness the amazing team of alumni, parents, staff; and our wonderful children, surrounded and supported by our amazing community, coming together to celebrate our amazing school! It has been a wonderful reminder of all the hard work that has gone in over the years to make our school what it is today! Long may it continue!

I apologise if I have missed anyone out in my thanks—it is not intentional and testament to the fact that our celebrations have been a real Team St. Mary's effort! I hope you are all able to enjoy a rest this weekend and recover from all of the fun!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 18-19

Week beginning	Percentage
07/01	98.1%
14/01	98.5%
21/01	97.8%
28/01	97.7%
04/02	95.9%
11/02	93.7%
HALF TERM	
25/02	98%
04/03	98.4%
Overall	97.5%
11/03	
18/03	
25/03	
01/04	
08/04	