

**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 5th April 2019

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What a wonderful time we have had in school today! We are very fortunate in that we were able to invite Andy Instone, founder of Urban Strides street dance company into St. Mary's. This morning, Andy led a session on resilience with all of the children in Key Stage Two, the content of which, he shared with parents at the end of the day. I hope those of you who were able to join us, enjoyed hearing Andy speak and seeing your children perform.

We have been thinking about our key value of Endurance in Worship this term. Listening to Andy this morning—I was not only inspired, but also in awe of how he managed to put across quite complex messages in such an accessible way and how insightfully he spoke and rallied us all in continuing to think about Endurance. Thank you Andy and we look forward to your next visit—which hopefully won't be another three years away!

It's been a very Artsy week here at St. Mary's, we have all begun work on our canvases for the Art Exhibition with Mrs Forsyth, huge thanks to the FoSMS Art Team for all the work they have already put in to ensure that we are well prepared for this wonderful event.

I would also like to say a very big thank you to those parents who are FoSMS Class Reps this year. I would like to remind all parents and carers that the Reps are there to communicate key information about FoSMS events only. They are not there to remind other parents/carers in the class about school related information, be it homework or what your child should wear when. If you have a query about anything that is happening in school, please read your communications from school and contact the school directly with any queries/concerns.

Also this week, we have had our Spring Concert. This concert is an opportunity for children in Key Stage Two, who play an instrument, to do so in front of a live audience. Huge thanks to Mrs Le Prevost who has been preparing children for the concert for some time now and for her accompaniment and encouragement for all of our musicians. The concert was another fantastic example of the talent we have here at St. Mary's. From our Year Threes, some of whom are just starting out on their instruments, to our Year Fives and Sixes who are extremely well accomplished, all of the children did themselves proud and it was a pleasure to hear them all play and sing.

Later in the week, we had our Wider Ops Concert, where our younger children showed off all that they have been learning in their recorder lessons and our Year Three flautists showed us what they have learned so far. I hope for many of these children that their flute lessons will be the Springboard to further lessons or an interest in other instruments—hopefully we will see many of you delighting us at future Spring Concerts as the years progress.

Also this week, Year Six went to the Church War Rooms. Rain spoiled play and their al fresco lunch had to be held back in school unfortunately! Mr Lett, said they had a very interesting and useful morning, so all was not lost. Last night, the governors' Resources Committee met to discuss school premises, finance; and health and safety amongst other things.

Looking ahead to next week—don't forget your smart winter uniform for our Bicentenary photo on Tuesday 9th or our Easter Egg hunt school dinner on Friday. Who will the lucky winner be? Look out for that Easter Egg under your plate!

Finally, don't forget that we finish at the earlier time of 2.30pm next Friday as we break up for the Easter holidays. This is the final edition of In Touch this term, as a bumper Bicentenary edition of St. Mary's News will be coming out next week! I've had a sneak preview and it's a cracker!

Until then, I hope you have a very restful weekend and that we see some more of this glorious sunshine we have been enjoying!

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% |
| 11/03 | 97.4% |
| 18/03 | 97% |
| 25/03 | 97.8% |
| 01/04 | 98.1% |
| Overall | 97.7% |
| 08/04 | |
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