

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES School Year 2019-20

Autumn Term

Half term

Monday 21st October -
Friday 25th October

INSET DAY

Monday 28th October

Last Day of Term

20th December 2019

Spring Term

First day of Term

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Half Term

Monday 17th February to
Friday 21st February 2020

Last day of Term:

Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

First day of Term:

Monday 20th April 2020

Bank Holiday:

Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term:

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2020

Last Day of Term:

Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Day:

Monday 20th July 2020

IN TOUCH

Friday 13th September 2019



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I hope you share our sentiment that it is good to be back at St. Mary's! It was really lovely to see all of you on the first day and I trust that you have all managed to find some time over the summer for winding down and relaxing, certainly the children were full of wonderful tales about all of the adventures that they have had over the summer break!

This morning we had our first Celebration assembly. We continued to think about 'thankfulness' which is our theme this half term, sharing the book: *The Secret of Saying Thanks* by Douglas Wood. We introduced our Family Captains for this year:

Mimi and George - Blue Family

Harry and Coral - Green Family

Francesca and Sebastian - Red Family

Salik and Ines - Yellow Family

as well as our Playground Pals for the week ahead. This year we are introducing a weekly School Leader for our Year Six pupils, a pupil who will lead us in embodying our school values and who will fulfil various responsibilities around school each week. Each leader will wear a maroon badge with a yellow star along with our school values of Endurance, Compassion and Thankfulness on it and will help to greet and say goodbye to us all each day. Our very first school leader is—Ananya!

A quick reminder for old hands and some information for new parents—two bells are rung before school each morning. As you will appreciate there are a lot of bodies on the playground in the morning and a shared priority is the safety of the children. I ask all parents to ensure that they have said their goodbyes on the first bell and that on the second they move towards the perimeter of the playground to allow the staff to see their children and escort them safely into the building, many thanks.

This weekend is the Thames Festival and a groups of children will be singing in the Kids' Choir at The Scoop, City Hall on Sunday afternoon between 1-2pm. Please do come along and hear them if you can—they have been rehearsing since May and will sing with hundreds of children from other school's in the event sponsored by Thames Water. Huge thanks to Mrs Donlon for accompanying us to our rehearsal at St. George The Martyr Church earlier in the week and in advance for accompanying and looking after us on Sunday.

Last Spring/Summer our Year Five—now Year Six—children took part in The Ship of Tolerance Art Project. This is an international art project created by artists Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, who are widely known for large scale installations. The project is dedicated to educating and connecting children from different continents, cultures and identities through the universal language of art. The ship was first launched in Egypt in 2005 and has subsequently been created in Venice, San Moritz, Sharjah, Miami, Havana, Moscow, New York, Zug, Rome and Rostock. The Ship of Tolerance, has now been unveiled on the River Thames and displays some of our children's work so this would also be worth a look. The Ship is currently on The Thames outside the Tate Modern. <https://totallythames.org/event/the-ship-of-tolerance>

We've had a great first week back, but its been a bit of a shock after all our lovely holidays! Have a restful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Cheryl Payne - Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 19-20

Week beginning	Percentage
02/09	98.9%
09/09	96%
Overall	97.1%
16/09	
23/09	
30/09	
07/10	
14/10	
ANNUAL TARGET 97%	