

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

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**TERM DATES**  
School Year 2020-21

**Summer Term**  
Last Day of Term:  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

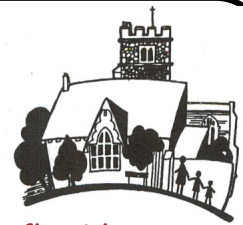
**TERM DATES**  
School Year 2021-22

**Autumn Term**  
**INSET Day/s:**  
1st September 2021  
2nd September 2021  
3rd September 2021  
**First day of Term:**  
Monday 6th September 2021  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October  
**Last Day of Term:**  
Friday 17th December

# IN TOUCH

Friday 2nd July 2021

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**VISION:** Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish  
**MISSION:** Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith  
**VALUES:** COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

Huge thanks to Bethan, and her lead team: Anne, Ed, Ian and Richard for organising and leading another amazing KS2 Sports Day today and to all of the parent/carer volunteers who have made it another memorable day for the children. Our Sports Days are the stuff of legend. Records are broken and set afresh and most importantly everyone has great fun trying to beat their personal bests and enjoying physical activity. It's been great to be able to go ahead with the event and to see the children enjoying a lovely sunny day in the great outdoors. We hope to be able to reschedule our EYFS/KS1 Sports Day very soon. Thank you to all staff who have liaised with the lead team and those who have supervised the children at the event. Here are some pictures from the action today:



## Whole School Attendance 2020-21

### Autumn Term

Total: 97.8%

### Spring Term\*

Total: 98.7%

### Summer Term

Week beginning	Percentage
1st Half Term	97.4%
07/06	98.5%
14/06	97.3%
21/06	97.7%
28/06	84.6%
05/07	93.36%
12/07	
19/07	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

\*From 8th March 2021

We are dreadfully sorry that children have again found themselves at home self-isolating this week. Where whole classes, including staff, have been at home, we have been trialling an enhanced offer of live remote education sessions and will survey parent/carers and staff at the end of the period to see what more can be done to improve the quality of remote education in this situation.

We have experienced some technical issues in Year Two and we apologise to parents for this. We are very grateful to Miss Dunford for stepping into the breach at very short notice and are aware that things have not run as smoothly as we would have hoped. We look forward to children and staff being back in school next week and will review the survey responses carefully. We would also like to thank all of those teachers who have juggled 'in' school and remote education whilst face to face teaching this week.

Bar one in the Spring Term, we have been very fortunate to have gone almost six months without a bubble closure. We have had a number of enquiries from parent/carers over the last week. Understandably anxiety around the current situation is high. Some of you are frustrated that some children are self-isolating at home and others are asking why we have not yet closed the school.

In terms of self-isolation we are following guidance from the Department for Education closely—as we have done throughout the pandemic. We have shared the information we were given by the DfE directly with all parent/carers.

It would be lovely if this sunshine continues over the weekend, where we hope everyone will be able to rest and we look forward to seeing everyone in school next week.

Best wishes,  
St. Mary's Senior Leadership Team