

St. Mary's CE Primary
School

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TERM DATES

School Year 2021-22

Autumn Term

Half Term:

Monday 25th October to

Friday 29th October

Last day of Term:

Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 4th January

First day of Term:

Wednesday 5th January

Half Term:

Monday 14th February to

Friday 18th February 2022

Last day of Term:

Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 19th April

First day of Term:

Wednesday 20th April

Bank Holiday:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term:

Monday 30th May to

Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term:

Friday 22nd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 8th October 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

Reverend Jono was in school this week leading worship in both phases. Jono took time to lead children in Key Stage Two through the theology behind the Eucharist service and revisited the story of Noah's Ark with children in Key Stage One. We are so lucky to have such a supportive Parish Team and it is always a joy when they are in school with us and especially when they are leading worship. Thank you Jono!

This morning we gathered in our phases for worship. Children in Key Stage Two continue to look at the theme of thankfulness through the Beatitudes and in Early Years and Key Stage One they continue to look at key bible stories with Jack, the orang-utan, whose favourite book is the Bible.

Also this morning, it was brilliant to be able to again give out our Learning Warrior certificates in person. Green Family's winning streak was brought to a stop as Blue Family topped the family competition board and we selected another pair of School Leaders. Senior Leaders would like to say a huge thank you to Xavier and Monkhorn—they have been a brilliant welcoming team this week and have noticed some insightful things during their learning walk with Mrs Bishop. In particular they have noted that we need to reflect the diversity of the world in all of our displays—especially those in regards to religion and beliefs. We look forward to seeing what Erina and Victoria will make of the role as they take over next week.

This week I have been talking to children about their experiences of reading. Many of the children mentioned how much support they gain from parents and carers when they are learning to read. There must be some very skilful teachers in our parent/carers body after the last year or so. The tremendous work that everyone has been doing at home during the pandemic has resulted in the large majority of children being in a very good place with their learning and I am confident that we will soon make up any lost learning by the end of this year. Our new Nursery and Reception parent/carers have also done an amazing job at preparing their children for school. I am delighted to see how independently and well children in these year groups are coming into school and how settled they are. Thank you parents for all of your support.

Congratulations to Helen Phipps who ran the London Marathon last weekend. Helen completed the course in five hours and twenty-seven minutes and is raising money for Epilepsy Action. Please support her by donating at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenDarling>

I hope you all have some lovely plans for the weekend ahead, not least that you and your family have some time to rest and recharge your batteries. Whatever you are doing, have a lovely time and we look forward to seeing you all again next week!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 2021 -22

Week beginning	Percentage
06/09	96.9%
13/09	96.6%
20/09	93.8%
27/09	93.8%
04/10	95.6%
Total:	95.3%

Family Points

186

161

213

177

LEARNING WARRIORS

Year One: Jasper and Bella
Year Two: George and Charlotte
Year Three: Gabriella and William
Year Four: Ralph and Olivia
Year Five: Micky and Euan
Year Six: Ruby and Shannon



Well done to all of these children for developing key learning skills in their approach and attitude to school this week—keep up the excellent work!