

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

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**TERM DATES**  
**School Year 2021-22**

**Autumn Term**

**Half Term:**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Last day of Term:**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Spring Term**

**INSET Day:**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
**First day of Term:**  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Last day of Term:**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Summer Term**

**INSET Day:**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
**First day of Term:**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

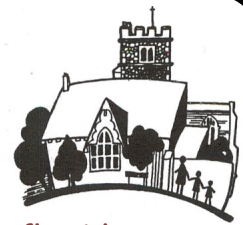
**Half Term:**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Last Day of Term:**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# IN TOUCH

Friday 19th November 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**

Christmas is fast approaching and here at St. Mary's we are beginning to prepare for our usual traditions... the children will be busy over the next couple of weeks making their Christmas tree decorations and producing their class Advent pictures. These will all need to be in place for our eagerly anticipated event—the switching on of our Christmas tree lights in the hall on Friday 3rd December! Meanwhile, we would love for all of you to support our forthcoming FoSMS Christmas Fair with the usual donations—see page 2—your contributions can be dropped off at the school gates from Monday 22nd November! Just simply pop your items into the large buckets. Children's jam jars can also be deposited at the school gates from Monday and these should be carefully placed into the crates. We are very much looking forward to the Christmas Fair, which takes place on Saturday 4th December from 12noon. It will be a fantastic festive event to bring the school community together—see you there!

Talking of Christmas traditions, please note that on the last day of term, Friday 17th December, we will end the school day at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

The next issue of our magazine School News is due to be published in December and we would like to remind members of our school community that if they have a small local business they wish to advertise we have some ideal publicity space in the magazine—any local business wishing to advertise and make a contribution would be welcomed, so if you know of any businesses who would be interested please get them to contact us. If you are a parent/carer of a child in our school we are also happy to give you an advertising space for free. Again, please just let us know if you would like to take up this opportunity.

Miss Payne and Mrs Bishop attended the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education's Head Teachers' Conference yesterday and today—we hope it was a useful and informative event for them both.

I had the pleasure of conducting the Year 6 School Leaders' learning walk yesterday with Jasper and Darcy, who kindly stood in for Tilda. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the learning taking place across the school. Jasper did a great job of asking both the children and staff questions, supported by some great note taking from Darcy. Next week Bert will join Tilda as our Year 6 School Leaders.

Today, I led collective worship for Phase 2 and shared another tale exploring Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God'. In Phase 1 Miss de Souza shared the story of Jonah and the Whale!

We had our third cake sale at pick-up today with the turn of our Year 4 parent(s) and carer(s) - a huge thanks to the Year 4 team who raised £128.50 - and of course thank you to everyone who bought some treats today to support this cause. Next week will be the turn of Year 3!

As the school's Online Safety Coordinator I would like to highlight this fantastic website resource that helps families live a happy and safe digital life! It includes a wealth of information relating to online safety, including the Digital Parenting magazine that is full of expert advice — go to: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>—I hope you find it useful!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes, Mark Lett — Assistant Head Teacher

**Whole School Attendance 2021 -22**

Week beginning	Percentage
Autumn 1	95.7%
01/11	95.3%
08/11	96.3%
15/11	95.2%
22/11	
29/11	
06/12	
13/12	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>95.7%</b>

**Family Points**

240

245

234

206

**LEARNING WARRIORS**

Nursery: **Ollie and Charlotte**  
Reception: **Aria and Harry**  
Year One: **Charlie and Thomas**  
Year Two: **Harvey and Adriana**  
Year Three: **Andrea and Sasha**  
Year Four: **Anna and Martina**  
Year Five: **Bella and Theodore**  
Year Six: **Kian and Milla**



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!