

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

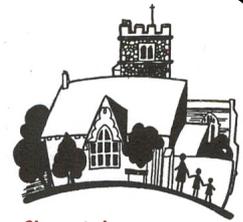
Last Day of Term:

Friday 22nd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 26th 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

A few parents have been asking about our plans for the end of term Christmas Service this week. In terms of our Nativity Service at the Church we are planning to put into action some plans we made before the pandemic began. Therefore, children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two will perform our Christmas Service and children in Years Three to Six will present our end of year Summer performance.

So, for the first time, our younger children will lead our Christmas service, preparations for which have already begun.

We have not yet made a decision as to whether we will be able to open the performance to parents. However, if we do decide to go ahead—parents/carers with children in Nursery to Year Two will be issued two tickets for a performance at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 16th December from 9.45am. If we decide not to go ahead with the live performance then we have a contingency in place and have made provision for the performance to be recorded in school and for DVDs to be produced. These will be sold to parent/carers in a way which covers the costs of recording and producing. Either way the performance will be recorded and DVDs will be available. The decision whether to have a live audience is a topical one for all schools at the moment and we ask for your patience and support when the decision is made.

Continuing with the Christmas theme... FoSMS are excited to take delivery of Christmas trees from next Monday. Further information about how families can purchase trees can be found on page two of In Touch.

It's been an exciting week in and out of school, with some of our classes extending their learning outside of the classroom. Year Two went to All Saints CE Primary in Tilford—which gave our Year Two class a chance to experience forest school and explore a contrasting geographical location. Year Three went to Butser Ancient Farm where they made their own jewellery and extended their learning of the history of the Stone and Iron Ages. It is good to see our classes exploring new places to visit. Finally Year Six went off to Thames Explorer and played creature bingo whilst pond dipping and classified the animals they found in the Thames. Earlier in the week they received a visit from a magistrate who talked to the class about democracy in action and their role in the process of ensuring justice is done in our area.

Huge thanks to the governors who sit on the Leadership and Management Committee of the Governing Body who attended a virtual meeting last night. The L&M Committee discussed many matters related to the staffing and management of the school and we are very grateful for their time.

Equally so, it was wonderful to have my first meeting with the FoSMS Committee this afternoon. The committee have lots of great ideas to bring us together and to fundraise in support of all of our children here at St. Marys! The playground development was on the agenda and further information on how the monies we have already raised will be used is coming very soon. Work is currently underway to advance this project. Watch this space...

Before I sign off this week—a quick reminder that we have closed down our admin@ and office@ emails. Please can parents use admissions@ (for all admissions related queries and matters), attendance@ (for absence related issues) or info@ (general enquiries). Many thanks indeed!

I hope the poor weather holds off this evening and continues to do so. I asked some of the children in worship what they were most looking forward to over the weekend and it sounds like there are some lovely plans in place—whatever you have planned—we wish you all a very restful weekend, with very best wishes,
Cheryl Payne
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	94.5%
29/11	
06/12	
13/12	
Total:	95.6%

Family Points

253

247

192

276

LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: Dante and Maya

Reception: Alex and Sophia

Year One: Yaryna and Nell

Year Two: Kayson and the Whole Class

Year Three: Emily, Arthur and the Whole Class

Year Four: Leo and Robina

Year Five: George and Karmen

Year Six: Jasper and Gethiara



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!