

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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**TERM DATES**  
School Year 2021-22

**Spring Term**

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

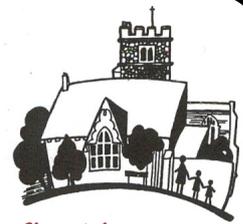
Last Day of Term:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# IN TOUCH

Friday 4th March 2022

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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

Many thanks to Reverends John and Jane for leading, what one child in KS2 referred to as, 'the best Eucharist service ever!' We have been preparing for Lent during the last week or so and it was lovely to have the Parish team with us for a very special Ash Wednesday service. Pupils were given the opportunity to take part in ashing as well as the communion meal or blessing.

I joined Early Years and Key Stage One for worship on Monday when the children were reflecting on the story of the proud man and the sorry man as found in Luke 18. Jack the orang-utan brought his favourite book—the Bible along to worship and read the story with us. He shared an example of a time when he had been very proud, asking the children to think about things they have done for which they could say sorry.

As some of you know we alternate our celebrations of World Book Day and Red Nose Day (to alleviate the demands of dress up days on parents). 2022 is a Red Nose Day year. However, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was World Book Day and all children have been sent home with a book token. Hopefully some of you managed to share a favourite book or two at home on Thursday evening. Further information will be sent home about Red Nose Day soon. Red noses will be on sale on both gates at the end of every school day from next Monday. Red Noses are £1.50 this year.

Year Three have resumed their swimming lessons and are visiting the Putney Leisure Centre on a Thursday morning. They had their second lesson this week and Mr Lett is already seeing some great progress from the children.

Next Friday is our second Anti-Bullying Day. We will be visited by a special guest who previously played for the Harlem Globetrotters. Our guest will talk about how he harnessed a unique attribute to his advantage and hopefully will inspire us all to think about difference as a super power! More news next week.

Tuesday was national secondary school offer day and some of our Year Six families received their offers for next year. As in previous years I would encourage anyone who is holding a state school offer but knows they are going to take up a secured independent school option to notify their home local authority as soon as possible. Please do contact myself or Mrs Bishop if you need any support with the secondary transfer process.

I wanted to let all parents know that we have been trialling a partnership with St. Mary's University Twickenham through the support of trainee teachers. This trial began during the pandemic and has now been formalised. We have been pleased to welcome Flora Appleyard to St. Mary's who will be joined by Taryn McGregor next week. We are very grateful for the extra support that the trainees can provide for our pupils and look forward to working with St. Mary's further in the future.

Finally this week, the governors of the Leadership and Management committee met last night. My thanks to all of the committee for their time and expertise.

That's it for this week! I wish you all a restful weekend. I look forward to seeing you all again next week!

Best wishes,  
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

## LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: **James** and **Josh**  
Reception: **Henry** and **Tess**  
Year One: **Eloise** and **Leo**  
Year Two: **Agastya** and **Ottillie**  
Year Three: **Corine** and **Iris**  
Year Four: **Storm** and **Olivia**  
Year Five: **Anton** and **Luciano**  
Year Six: **Xavier** and **Rudy**



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!

## Whole School Attendance 2021 - 22

Autumn	95.3%
Spring 1	95.4%
Week beginning	Percentage
21/02	94.9%
28/02	96.7%
07/03	
14/03	
21/03	
28/03	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>94.7%</b>

## Family Points

301

289

296

315