

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 11th 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

It's been wonderful to see all of the children (and staff) so excited to welcome our special visitor, Paul Sturgess, to St. Mary's today. I don't think I have seen the children so excited in a long time. Paul shared a very powerful message with the children when he talked about how he had harnessed his uniqueness to open up opportunities for himself, firstly in basketball and more recently in the film world. In 2011, Paul was the tallest basketball player in the world and at one time the tallest man in the UK. He started the day by talking to the children in assembly, before leading basketball workshops with all of the children. He visited our Nursery and Reception children in class and finished the day by having his photo taken with the whole school—please see below...

Excellent news for Reception class parents. Our new teaching assistant, Lauren Monaco-Cook, starts work in the reception class on Monday—we look forward to welcoming Lauren to the team!

Our Progress in Learning meetings are coming up this month. Most of you have seen the information that has come home and have already signed up for a slot to talk about your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher. We are hoping to retain these meetings in their online format, but are planning opportunities for parents to come into school. We are very conscious that some of our parents have not yet seen inside St. Mary's. More information will be coming out soon on how you can join your child's class for a work share session or worship on a Friday. All parents are invited to attend our Mothering Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church on Friday from 9.45am. Nursery children will not be at the service but further information will be coming out soon to let Nursery parents know how they can join their children in school.

We are currently gauging interest for our volunteers in school training sessions. We advise all parents who would like to support the work of the school e.g. by becoming a volunteer reader or by supporting classes on school trips going forwards, to attend a training session. If you would like to sign up for the next session then please let the office know by emailing info@ or popping in and asking to be added to the list.

Next Friday, 18th March, is Red Nose Day. Please don't forget to send your best jokes to Miss Dunford. We will all be wearing red and crazy hair in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. Activities will be taking place in class throughout the day on a Comic Relief theme. Red noses are on sale on both gates everyday after school.

Green family have celebrated their triumph in last term's family cup competition. Children in this family have come to school wearing green and have had additional playtime with hot chocolate and biscuits! Thank you to Mrs Rinaldi for organising this treat!

...Finally this week, we will be joining forces with St. Mary's Church to raise funds for Christian Aid's Ukraine appeal. If you would like to make a donation to the fund you can do so here: <https://theparishofputney.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/8nwnl5du>. We will be holding a number of events throughout the year to support this fund. If you are looking for information on how to talk to your children about the conflict then there are some useful tips on the Young Minds website. Visit: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/> for further information.

Let's hope this rain clears up before the weekend and we get some more of the lovely sunshine we have been seeing glimpses of lately. Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,  
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

## 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	95.6%
14/03	
21/03	
28/03	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>94.7%</b>

## Family Points

297

356

283

298

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The FoSMS Family Disco  
will be held on 23rd April  
at St. Mary's Church,  
Putney.

