

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

School Year 2022-23

Autumn Term

Half Term:

Monday 24th October to

Friday 28th October 2022

Last day of Term:

Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

First day of Term:

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half Term:

Monday 13th February to

Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term

INSET Day:

Monday 17th April 2023

First day of Term:

Tuesday 18th April 2023

Bank Holiday:

Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term:

Monday 29th May to

Friday 2nd June 2023

Last Day of Term:

Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET Day:

Friday 21st July 2023

IN TOUCH

Friday 23rd September 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 a shorter week than normal with the Queen's funeral on Monday. However, we have packed a lot into four days!

Year Six have continued with their cycle training, which will continue next week. Children have brought their bicycles to school and are in training to achieve their cycling proficiency award. Training is led by qualified cycling teachers from the local authority.

As the head teacher, I am constantly monitoring the work of the school. Formal monitoring took place this week during which I saw excellent teaching and learning across the school. Children are well settled and engaged in their learning. Teachers continue to focus on routines and establishing expectations in the classroom at the start of the year as they work through the curriculum.

Meet the Teacher meetings are now complete. We hope you have found these a useful opportunity to visualise the classroom that your child will be learning in and to meet the teacher in person. An opportunity to discuss your child's individual progress will come later in the term. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's time at school please raise them with your child's class teacher.

Our full governing body met for their first full meeting of the year last night. Amongst the many topics discussed were the school's finances. Many schools are currently concerned about fuel prices and unfunded wage increases. The price cap will certainly help, but it is a time of uncertainty. This is an anxiety which many families will share as we head into winter and the cost of living crisis becomes a reality. I am very grateful to parents who have made additional donations to the school already this term—your thought and generosity are greatly appreciated. We have also had offers from parents who would like to anonymously sponsor other families who may be finding it difficult to meet costs at this time. Please do approach myself or Mrs Abraham if you would like to make a donation to the school or a family. I am very grateful to all of the parents past and present who have generously given in many different ways. We stand upon the donations of the past and continue to benefit from our distinctive community spirit. Our contributions today—material or otherwise are all valued and will shore up the St. Mary's of the future.

Finally this week, a reminder that next Friday is our Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church. Many thanks to Mr Lett who is leading and organising this in school. Please join us from 9.45am for the service—all welcome. If you would like to contribute to the Harvest offerings—please see the information that was sent home last week. We will be transporting all of the shoeboxes to the Church next Thursday afternoon. We will not be taking in any further donations after Thursday lunchtime.

Until next week, best wishes from everyone here at St. Mary's,
 Cheryl Payne
 Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
05/09	92.0%
12/09	96.3%
19/09	95.2%
26/09	
03/10	
10/10	
17/10	
24/10	
31/10	
Total:	94.9%

Family Points

153

228

210

229

