

St. Mary's CE Primary
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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

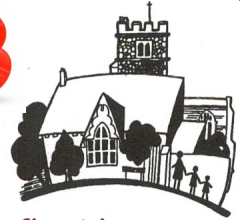
Last Day of Term:

Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET Day:

Friday 21st July 2023

IN TOUCH



Friday 11th November 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 was fantastic to be able to attend a FoSMS Quiz in the hall last night. Heartfelt thanks especially to Ruth and Rochelle for organising and to Chris and Nick, our quiz masters, for keeping us all in line; but also to everyone who had a hand in planning and delivering such an enjoyable evening. Unfortunately the staff team's success in the Jolly Gardeners quiz was not replicated, but it was very special to be in a room with governors, staff and parents after such a hiatus. Thank you to all of you who attended and gave so generously. We raised a whopping £2, 428! There is already much excitement about next year's quiz... Training starts now...

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for worship this morning. Today being remembrance day, we focused on the theme of remembering and in saying thank you to our service men and women past and present. Children then marked a two minute silence back in class. Our learning Warrior certificates focused on the work the children achieved during Black History Month. Yesterday, children in Early Years and Key Stage One took part in workshops with Big Foot Theatre company to round off our celebration of the month.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Reverend Marwood, Head Teacher of St. Mary's from 1988 to 2007. He has been back to visit us a few times since he retired from teaching and his visits are always fascinating as he retells stories of St. Mary's past. We are very grateful to him for gifting us a painting of the school as well as a complete back catalogue of past editions of St. Mary's News.

Our local authority school improvement advisor was in school this week and observed a KS2 Eucharist as well as teaching in Key Stage One. Future visits will focus on teaching in other phases/subjects. We received a very positive report which reflects the hard work that the whole community have put into making sure that this Autumn Term has been the most normal we have seen in a long time. There is a very purposeful and positive atmosphere in school and children are working really hard.

Many of you may have seen that, as with the Queen's funeral this year, an additional bank holiday has been added next year to mark King Charles's coronation. Therefore, school will be closed on Monday 8th May. This is the beginning of Key Stage Two SATs Week and we are awaiting further news from the Department for Education on how this will affect the testing week. It is thought that it may be delayed by a week. We will let you know when we have the correct information.

Before I sign off this week, can I remind all parents and carers that although children can bring snacks for morning break—they should not be bringing, sweets, chocolate, biscuits or cakes to school for this purpose. Snacks at break time should be healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetable sticks. Many thanks.

We hope you all have some lovely plans for the weekend and an opportunity to recharge before another busy week begins! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Best wishes,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

LEARNING WARRIORS

Year One: Ollie, Edwin, Emma, Henry, Tess, Erin
Year Two: Florence, Celine, Aloise, Leo, Yaryna, Alanna
Year Three: Eleanor, Fleur, Jack, Olivia, Otto, Shasmeen,
Toby
Year Four: Ollie, Andrea, William, Iris, Nicole, Corine
Year Five: Daisy, Dawid, Alex, Ralph, Isabella, Giulia
Year Six: Connie, Micky, Karmen, Ella, Emmeline, Issacdwel



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 2022-23

| TARGET | 97.0% |
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| Autumn 1 | 95.6% |
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| 31/10 | 96.1% |
| 07/11 | 93.6% |
| 14/11 | |
| 21/11 | |
| 28/11 | |
| 05/12 | |
| 12/12 | |
| Total: | 95.4% |



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's Not Forget