

St. Mary's CE Primary  
School

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**TERM DATES**  
School Year 2022-23

**Spring Term**

Last day of term:

Friday 31st March 2023

**Summer Term**

INSET Day:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

First day of Term:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Bank Holiday:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Half Term:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Last Day of Term:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

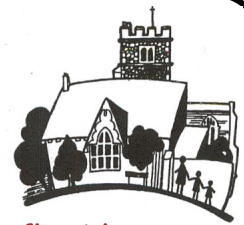
INSET Day:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

# IN TOUCH

Friday 24th February 2023

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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

Today is our second Anti-Bullying Day of the year. We started the day with children in Reception to Year Six gathering for an assembly in the Hall. We shared the story 'Shine' by Sarah Asuquo, which encourages everyone to shine their own and other's lights and we lit candles to remind us of this message. Children were largely be on timetable in class today, but all spent a lesson on Anti-Bullying related activities.

Earlier in the week we took up the invitation from Reverend John to hold our second half termly KS2 Eucharist service at St. Mary's Church. Reverend Jane planned a thought-provoking service around Ash Wednesday for us which complemented the work we have been doing in KS2 on the Eucharist in school. It was a real privilege to see staff and children having the opportunity to reflect and to receive ashes, communion or a blessing. Thanks to David, Felix and Ralph in Year Five who were our acolytes for the service and to Jane and John for welcoming us to such a special service—a very memorable start to Lent which will certainly stay with us during the Easter period and beyond...

Some of you have enquired about upcoming strike action on the 2nd of March. I reiterate what I have said in my previous letters about this action, in that parents should have alternative provision in place for their children on this day and for the 15th and 16th of March. As with the last strike day, a communication will be sent out as early as possible in the morning to let you know the status of the school on that day. We know as much as you do in relation to this action and we will not be aware of which members of staff are striking until the morning of planned strike action days. Further information for parents and carers can be found at: <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view>.

Finally this week, the local authority has sent through information about the warmer welcome offer, which is still open for families in Wandsworth. Please see further information below...

As always, I wish you a very restful and fun weekend from everyone here at St. Mary's and we look forward to seeing you all again at the usual time on Monday morning. Best wishes,  
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

## Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.2%
Spring 1	94.6%
Week Beginning	%
20/02	97.8%
27/02	
06/03	
13/03	
20/03	
27/03	
Total:	94.8%

## Family Points

221

178

228

196

## THE WARMER WELCOME OFFER

If you know of any children and families that may benefit from visiting one of our children's centres for a warm and friendly space, a hot drink or to grab something to eat, please pass on the information for their local children's centre. To see what the warmer welcome looks like, [watch the video on Youtube at this link](#). For the full list of warmer spaces in Wandsworth, [please visit the website](#).

**STOP**  
**BULLYING**  
SEE IT - SAY IT - STOP IT