

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

School Year 2023-24

Autumn Term

INSET Day: 4th and 5th Sept

First day of Term: 6th Sept

Half Term:

23rd Oct to 27th Oct

Last day of Term: 20th Dec

INSET Day: 21st Dec

Spring Term

INSET Day: 8th Jan

First day of Term: 9th Jan

Half Term:

12th Feb to 16th Feb

Last day of Term:

28th Mar

Summer Term

INSET Day: 15th Apr

First day of Term: 16th Apr

Bank Holiday: 6th May

Half Term:

27th May to 31st May

Last Day of Term:

24th Jul

IN TOUCH

Friday 15th September 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

We are very much in the swing of the Autumn Term here at St. Mary's with our first full week under our belts and the holiday a distant memory! Meet the Teacher meetings have been very well attended by parent/carers and all meetings are now complete. We thank you for making the time to come and meet your child's teacher and for the great questions asked and feedback given—some of which I am still following up on and will come back to you on in due course.

Our governing board swung into action this week, with the Co-Chairs of the Board and Chairs of the respective committees meeting to agree agendas for the term and ensure all the governors' statutory duties are in hand. As always, I thank all of our governors for volunteering to support the school again this year. We look forward to working with the board.

It was a pleasure to see Reverend John back from his sabbatical and straight into school to lead worship this morning. Thank you to all the parent/carers who managed to join us on short notice! John spoke to us about journeys and the what we need on our journey of life—reminding us that God is always with us to support our journey and prayer and worship are some of the ways we walk with God on our journey. We look forward to seeing John again very soon. He has committed the Parish Team to regularly lead some of our daily worship sessions across the school and we look forward to visiting him at Church for our Harvest Service on the 29th September and our Christmas Nativity on the 19th December. Both of which will start at 9.45am at St. Mary's Church—all welcome. You are also welcome to join us on the balcony for a KS2 Eucharist on the 20th September—also at St. Mary's Church from 9.45am. Huge thanks to Reverend John and all of the Parish Team for their very fine support.

Year Six have been on their bikes this week. There has been an opportunity for those who wish to, to work towards their Cycling Proficiency badge and I look forward to awarding our Year Six pupils with their badges and certificates in due course.

Speaking of our Year Sixes, whilst our youngest children in Nursery and Reception continue to settle well at St. Mary's, our oldest are starting to take on more responsibilities around the school. This morning we announced our family captains for the year. Congratulations to the Year Six children listed below! I also want to say a very big thank to our school librarians: Alex, Anna, Daisy, Dawid, Eilise, Isabella, Jasmine, Leo and Rubin for volunteering for this really important commitment in school. I look forward to visiting you in the library. Also this week, we picked our very first Year Six school leader. Aiza started her role by dismissing the children from this morning's worship session and will be greeting parent/carers on the gate next week, amongst other responsibilities.

I'm very excited to begin singing with the KS2 Choir this evening—we are going to start working towards our Young Voices concert in January. If your child loves to sing and has not yet joined up—we still have spaces and singing is such a great way to end a week! Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday at the usual time!
Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

School Attendance 23-24

TARGET	97.0%
Week Beginning	%
04/09	96.5
11/09	97.5
18/09	
25/09	
02/10	
09/10	
16/10	
Total:	97.1

Family Captains

Red Captains:
Euan and Jasmine
Green Captains:
Daisy and Luke
Blue Captains:
Leo and Alice
Yellow Captains:
Ralph and Martina

ST. MARY'S PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Parents' Phase 1 Tour & Celebratory Drinks!
Thursday 5th October - 6pm

All parents and alumni are invited to join Miss Payne on a tour of Phase 1 of the Playground Project.

Find out more about what's next, and share your fundraising ideas over complimentary drinks courtesy of FoSMS to celebrate this important milestone.

Please RSVP via your Class Rep's WhatsApp poll or by email to StMarysPlaygroundProject@gmail.com