

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 22nd 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

There is a fair bit of extra information coming home with In Touch this week, amongst which are two fliers, one on Measles and the other the MMR vaccine which we have been asked to circulate by the local authority along with the following:

We are urging all parents to check that their children are fully vaccinated with 2 MMR doses, which gives 99% life-long protection, by checking their red book or with their GP practice. Anyone not up-to-date should make an appointment with their GP to receive vaccination as soon as possible. This is especially important if travelling overseas over the summer holidays.

Measles is highly contagious and can lead to complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation and on rare occasions can lead to long term disability or death. Anyone with symptoms that could be measles is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E, to prevent the illness spreading further.

To find out more about childhood vaccinations, please visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Please continue to be vigilant around family health as we approach winter. Parents in Year Two have had a letter today about a case of Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infection (IGAS) in the class and we ask all parents to be vigilant for the symptoms of IGAS and related conditions. An additional fact sheet on IGAS is attached for information. If you have any queries or concerns relating to any health issue then please contact 111 or your local GP.

When dropping off children at school in the morning we remind all families that children should be dropped at the gate directly on Felsham Road. We ask that you keep the walkway between the main gate and the playground gate clear in the morning.

Congratulations to Year Six children who have completed the Cycling Proficiency course over the last two weeks. Feedback from the instructors was very positive. I look forward to awarding children with their certificates in the next Celebration Worship.

Thank you to all of the committee members, class representatives and parent/carers who attended the FoSMS AGM on Tuesday evening. I am very grateful to Ruth and Rochelle for taking on the Co-Chair role and looking forward to working with them. The committee have some exciting events planned for the year ahead. If you are a new—or existing—parent/carer I encourage you to get involved with and/or attend FoSMS events in order to get the full St. Mary's experience. Thanks to Reverend John who led our K52 Eucharist Service in school this week. It was lovely to have some parent/carers share with us in the Hall as John went over why we have a communion service in his address. Our next Eucharist will take place at St. Mary's Church on the 15th November from 9.45am. Parent/carers are welcome to join us in the gallery.

A quick reminder about some events coming up next week in case you have missed communications... On Monday evening there is a Phonics Parent Workshop from 5pm, On Tuesday, there is a Volunteer Induction Session on Tuesday at 2pm, followed by a Secondhand Uniform Sale after school from 3.15pm. Finally, don't forget it is our annual Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church next Friday from 9.45am. Parent/carers are again, welcome to join us for this service. Please don't forget to fill a shoebox with any donations you may have for Wandsworth Foodbank by next Thursday lunchtime.

That's it for this week! From all of us here at St. Mary's have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday!

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	96.3
25/09	
02/10	
09/10	
16/10	
Total:	96.8

Family Points

