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## TERM DATES School Year 2023-24

<u>Autumn Term</u> INSET Day: 4th and 5th Sept First day of Term: 6th Sept Half Term: 23rd Oct to 27th Oct Last day of Term: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec INSET Day: 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

<u>Spring Term</u> INSET Day: 8<sup>th</sup> Jan First day of Term: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Half Term: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Last day of Term: 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

<u>Summer Term</u> INSET Day: 15<sup>th</sup> Apr First day of Term: 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Bank Holiday: 6th May Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May Last Day of Term: 24<sup>th</sup> Jul

School Attendance 23-24	
TARGET	97.0%
Week Beginning	%
04/09	96.5
11/09	97.5
18/09	96.3
25/09	97.1
02/10	
09/10	
16/10	
Total:	96.9

## IN TOUCH

Friday 29th 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

Thank you to Mr Lett and the staff team for organising a joy filled celebration of Harvest at St. Mary's Church this morning! It was great to have Alex Grimaldi from Wandsworth Foodbank with us. For those of you who were not there, Alex thanked all of the St. Mary's families for the shoeboxes packed full of goods and all of the items you kindly donated. It is always special to be at our mother Church for events and this morning was no exception. Thank you to parent/carers for joining us and to John and the team for hosting us. I would like to say a very special thank you to Heidi Wales and the team of parents who transported all of our shoeboxes and donations to the Church.

I hope many of you have next Thursday evening in your diaries. We are holding an event for parent/carers to come and see the first phase of the playground development project and to share draft plans for the remaining areas. The children are really enjoying their new space. Thank you to all parent/carers past and present and to our governing board for all of the generous donations that made this work possible. Please do come along and see what has been achieved if you can!

Next week marks the start of Black History Month. There will be a themed assembly and workshops next Friday and children will be taking part in various activities in classes across the school to mark the month.

Our governing board met for its first full meeting of the year last night. Governors began in the playground looking at the development that has been achieved in the first phase of works, before discussing a range of different topics: pupil attainment, safeguarding, premises and health and safety to name but a few. Thank you to all of our governors for their ongoing support and challenge.

Finally this week, a reminder that crisps and biscuits are not suitable play time snacks. Please send fresh or dried fruit/ vegetables **only** for break time snacks.

Some nice sunny weather is supposed to return over the weekend. Whatever you are doing, we hope that you are able to spend time relaxing with family and friends before another busy week begins. From everyone here at St. Mary's we wish you a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday at the usual time.

Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

