

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 20th October 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

Here we are at the end of another exciting half term at St. Mary's! This week we held our annual open evening which was well attended by prospective parents. If you are able to, please recommend us to families and friends who live in the area. We still have spaces in our current Nursery class. If you know anyone who would like to join Nursery now or Nursery/ Reception from September 2024 then please point them to the admissions section of our website or ask them to pop in for a set of admissions forms!

Also this week, we held Progress in Learning meetings for our children in Nursery and Reception. We always hold these early and quite close to the home visits so that we can address any issues that children may have settling at school as soon as possible. Mr Lett and I had the pleasure of observing a session in the Nursery this week where the children were well settled, playing and learning well together. We look forward to visiting Reception after the break.

Thanks to Reverend Jane for leading worship in Phase 1 this week, it is always wonderful to have our clergy team in school and this was no exception. This week staff and pupils at Lady Margaret School have been praying for us here at St. Mary's as part of their annual cycle of prayer. Thanks to Reverend Helena for strengthening the links between our schools. We have returned the favour by also holding them in our prayers this week.

As in every week, there have been lots of extended learning activities happening across the school. As part of Black History Month, children in Early Years and Key Stage One were visited by a storyteller, thanks to Miss Barrett, our History lead, for organising this. Children in Year Six visited the Churchill War rooms to extend their learning on their World War Two Topic. Thanks to Mrs Rinaldi for organising this opportunity. The week ended with the Governing Board's Pupil Committee meeting on Thursday evening and the School Council meeting on Friday afternoon.

Coming out with In Touch today is an updated copy of our Parent/ Carer Code of Conduct which has been approved by governors. Could I remind all parent/carers that they should speak to a member of staff about any concern for their own or another child and that they should not contact other parents in these matters—thank you.

Another quick reminder that if your child is not able to attend school for whatever reason, we ask that you make a prompt phone call to the school office or send an email to attendance@ to let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

From everyone here at St. Mary's we hope that you are able to take some time with family and friends over the next week and we look forward to seeing you all at the usual time on Monday 30th October! 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	97.1
02/10	95.8
09/10	96.5
16/10	96.7
Total:	96.7

Family Points

406

445

525

512



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

