

## 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 1st November 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

Christmas came to St. Mary's this morning! The advent wreath was lit and Reverend John led us in worship reminding us that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus bringing light to the world. As is our tradition we sang 'Silent Night' and officially switched on the Christmas tree lights! We celebrated our Christmas decoration makers—please see the decorations which were made by the recipients on page two of In Touch. It has been good to be able to celebrate pupil achievement outside of school again and we shared in the success of a flute exam, a piano recital and an amazing comeback for bronze place in the pool as well as two silver medals! Before returning to class, we opened the first door on our whole school advent calendar—a beautiful nativity scene from Year Six. As I type a group of fabulous parents and carers are setting up for our Christmas Film night tomorrow. There are twinkling lights and paperchains (all recycled) all around and St. Mary's is feeling really Christmassy! I look forward to seeing many of you at the event!

We've had lots of visitors this week—our Local Authority Advisor, Governors; and parent/carers, who joined us in great numbers for the Year One and Year Six Work Shares, have all been into school this week. Year Four boys—pictured below—went out of school and took part in a football festival at Southfields Academy—huge thanks to Mrs Bishop and Mrs Dias for enabling this opportunity for the children.

Finally, we bid farewell to Mrs Miles today. After twenty years of service she leaves us to relocate to the South West where new adventures as a Grandmother await! She leaves with our thanks for everything she has done here at St. Mary's and our very best wishes.

Finally this week, I leave you with two links. One to a booklist of the Book Trust's 100 best books for children which may come in handy in the run up to Christmas: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/> and the other for Wandsworth's the 'Library of Things': [https://participate.libraryofthings.co.uk/wandsworth?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://participate.libraryofthings.co.uk/wandsworth?utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery), a climate change initiative which encourages residents to borrow as opposed to own...

All that remains for me to say, from everyone here at St. Mary's, have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday—if not before! Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



### School Attendance 23-24

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn 1	96.7
Week Beginning	%
30/11	97.2
06/11	97.5
13/11	94.4
20/11	96.0
27/11	93.5
04/12	
11/12	
Total:	96.3



Huge thanks to FoSMS for their amazing fundraising efforts this term. We still have our Christmas Film Night and Raffle to go. Can we make it to £50,000 before Christmas? Pick up a copy of our termly magazine, St. Mary's News, to find out!

### Family Points

