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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: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec
INSET Day: 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Spring Term
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

Summer Term
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:

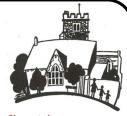
School Attendance 23-24	
TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.5%
Week Beginning	%
08/01	97.0%
15/01	94.4%
22/01	
29/01	
05/02	
12/02	
Total:	95.5%

Family Points	
306	419
364	546

## IN TOUCH

Friday 19th January 2024

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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

It has been another busy week at St. Mary's with lots going on in and out of the classroom. After our launch of the next FoSMS fundraiser—our sponsored bike ride from base camp to the summit of Everest and back again—sponsorship forms were sent home this week and posters displayed around the school. Please pop into the office if you need another one and remember you can donate via the QR code too. There is definitely a sense of excitement which is great to see! Thank you all for supporting this project in aid of Phase 2 of our playground development project.

Excitement is also building in Year Five and Six regarding their forthcoming school journey to Sayers Croft Environmental Field Centre in Surrey. Our Year Five class spend a night and two days at the centre and our Year Sixes are there for three nights and four days. Thank you to all parents who attended the briefing meeting on Wednesday evening. We ask everyone to say a little prayer for good weather that week!

Thank you to parents/carers who attended this term's Volunteer Induction on Tuesday afternoon—we are so grateful for all the support offered to the children—whether it be on a school trip, hearing children read or an adhoc visit to the school to help deliver a cooking lesson! The next Volunteer Induction will be on Tuesday 30th April—please sign up at the office if you would like to attend. A huge congratulations to our Y5/6 pupils who represented the school at SportsHall Athletics in Tooting this week. Mr Newman and Mrs Rinaldi took a determined squad to the event on Thursday where children took part in track and field events against ten other schools. They proudly came back with the news that they had come fourth overall which was fantastic. We congratulate every single one of them for their achievements and thank staff who supported them on the day. We look forward to future events as the weather improves and the days get longer!

And finally, I share some wonderful photo's of our KS2 Choir at the O2 Arena last night where they sang with over 8000 other children at Young Voices 2024. It was absolutely sensational and an experience I am sure won't be forgotton in a hurry! The children would love to thank Miss Payne for all her hard work preparing them for the event, Miss Donlan for supporting on the day and parents for attending. I would like to say a massive thank you to the choir who were a credit to St. Mary's in every way, it was such a treat to be involved!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Amanda Bishop (Acting Head)







