

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 28th June 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 was a delight to see our Nursery and Reception classes set off in the sunshine for highly anticipated trips this week. Reception had a fantastic day at the Wetlands Centre. The children took part in a workshop where they built habitats for different wetland animals. They also got the chance to watch the otters being fed, do some bird spotting and explore and play in the adventure playground. The water area was great fun and really appreciated in the hot weather! Nursery enjoyed a very sunny trip to Fulham Palace Gardens to learn more about minibeasts, their topic for the Summer term. They became bug detectives and went on a minibeast hunt to try and find a range of insects in their natural habitat. They managed to find slugs, snails, spiders, woodlice and even a very hairy caterpillar! They then created bug hotels for their creatures using lots of natural materials. A fantastic time was had by all!

Thank you, as always, to staff and parent helpers who make such enriching experiences possible for our youngest children.



On Wednesday Key Stage Two walked down to the church for our final Eucharist of the year. Thank you to Reverend Jane for welcoming us so warmly. Year Two also visited the church for Godly Play this week. They had a wonderfully reflective time—thank you to Nikki and Tina for facilitating this throughout the year—the children (and staff) love it!

On Wednesday afternoon Year Three and Year Four wowed parents and carers with their musical prowess in the Summer Term WCET Concert. Feedback was excellent—what progress they have made since the start of the year!

Miss Payne is really disappointed to miss the Summer Party this afternoon. She travelled to Manchester yesterday to attend a two day event, which is part of a programme of study leading to a National Professional Qualification (NPQ). She would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have planned and led FoSMS events this year AND all of the parents and carers who have supported the school and donated generously to our general FoSMS and playground development fund. She looks forward to hearing all about it next week.

A reminder that we have Celebration Worship next Friday, please do come if you are free as it is such a lovely time to come together as a community to celebrate all the wonderful things we do at St. Mary's. Speaking of which - the Summer Party is just about to begin and the bouncy castle is calling ... have a great weekend!

Amanda Bishop - Acting Head Teacher

**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KS2 SPORTS DAY!\***



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**School Attendance 23-24**

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.5%
Spring	93.7%
Summer	
Week Beginning	
03.06	91.1%
10.06	93.2%
17.06	96.4%
24.06	95.9%
01.07	
08.07	
15.07	
22.07	
Total:	94.9%

**Family Points**

577

576

540

516