

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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Autumn Term

Half Term:
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
INSET Day:
Monday 4th November 2024
Last day of Term:
Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

INSET Day:
Monday 6th January 2025
First day of Term:
Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half Term:
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
Last day of Term:
Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term

First day of Term:
Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Bank Holiday:
Monday 5th May 2025
Half Term:
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Last Day of Term:
Friday 18th July 2025

School Attendance 24-25

TARGET	97.0%
2023-24	94.8%
Autumn Term 1	
Week Beginning	
02/09	95.4% (61)
09/09	96.9% (48)
16/09	
23/09	
30/09	
07/10	
14/10	
21/10	
Total:	96% (109)

Attendance!

Please see the attendance for each week above. The number in brackets is the total number of missed sessions each week. The percentage total at the bottom is the total for the term so far and in brackets the total number of sessions missed so far this year!
Please note... There are two sessions in every school day.

IN TOUCH



Friday 13th September 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

Well, we are all truly back in the swing of things this week. The holidays are a distant memory and it's business as usual here at St. Mary's with staff and pupils already working hard to achieve our termly goals!

This week we started the year with our Meet the Teacher sessions. These have been well attended and we hope you find them useful. There are three more meetings coming next week for parent/carers in Years One (Wed), Two (Tues) and Four (Mon). All meetings are at 6pm via the main playground gate.

Our new Nursery and Reception children have continued their 'stagger' into school this week. There have been relatively few tears and all are settling well. Huge thanks to our Early Years Team for settling new starters so well and to all the staff who have welcomed our new families to the school. We hope you all feel warmly welcome and part of the family!

Our second hand uniform sale was extremely well attended on Tuesday evening. We raised over £400 for the school. My thanks to Mrs Abraham and Miss Barham for all of their hard work before and after!

Key Stage Two had a lovely Eucharist Service on Wednesday morning. Reverend Whittaker shared the story of Jesus in the Temple and talked us through what happens when Christians are angry or need God's forgiveness and how we can use the Communion Service to start afresh and do better. It is always a privilege to be able to carry out services in our wonderful Church and this was no exception—thank you Rev. John!

Ms. Donlon and I escorted a small but merry band of children to St. George's Church in Borough yesterday for the final rehearsal of the Thames Festival Kids Choir. The final performance is on Sunday at 1pm at The Scoop, just outside City Hall (next to Tower Bridge). Thank you to Ms Fenner who has done all of the hard work and prepared the children for the performance. Please do come and support our singers if you are in the area.

Looking ahead to next week, Year Six will be undertaking cycling training sessions from Tuesday-Friday—don't forget your bikes, Mrs Bishop is leading a parent volunteer induction session on Tuesday at 2pm and FoSMS are holding their AGM virtually at 6pm on Thursday. See you there!

Finally, please look out for attendance letters coming home to all families with poor attendance in 2023-24. If you receive one of these, you are one of the families that needs to prioritise attendance this year.

I leave you with the fantastic artwork which adorns the fencing alongside The Platt Centre and my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Adams for the wonderful Art work she gets us all to produce!

The sun is coming through as I speak—I do hope it stays with us over the weekend, especially on Sunday and into next week. Everything is better when the sun is shining. From all of us here at St. Mary's, we wish you a restful and fun weekend. We look forward to seeing you all at the usual time on Monday!

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

