

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

IN TOUCH



Friday 27th 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

It was great to welcome a new group of volunteers from Lady Margaret School (LMS) and particularly lovely to see one of our past pupils in the group of six formers who have volunteered to support our work at St. Mary's this term. We are very grateful to Reverend Helena for initiating and maintaining this link between our schools. Volunteers will be in school on Wednesday afternoons. Staff and pupils at LMS prayed for us this week and Mrs Bishop repaid the kindness by holding all of the stakeholders at LMS in prayers at KS2 Worship this morning.

We are also grateful to Reverend Jane who led EY/KS1 Worship on Wednesday morning. We are fortunate to have such great support from the Parish Team. Next week we will be heading to Church to celebrate our Annual Harvest Festival. Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday from 9.45am at St. Mary's. If you are able to donate a shoebox full of items or more to Wandsworth Foodbank as part of our Harvest festival please send them into school by next Thursday. Many thanks for your support in advance.

On Thursday this week—the Board of Governors met for its first meeting of the year. Governors have a lot of administrative tasks to complete at this time of year. They dispensed with these quickly to receive a report on the school's activities in the summer term as well as an overview of the statutory assessment results from last year. They also approved several key policies as well as discussing a variety of other topics which are key to the efficient and effective running of the school. I would like to thank all of our governors for their time.

Pupils began the cycle of pupil voice meetings when the School Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors met on Friday for their first meeting of the year.

We are still waiting for official results to be published, but I am delighted to thank the staff team for another great set of results for St. Mary's last year. At the end of the Reception year, 83% of pupils achieved a good level of development which is back to pre-pandemic levels, 88% of Year One pupils achieved the standard in the Phonics Screening Check and our Year Four pupils scored an average of 23.2 in the Multiplication Check (which is out of 25). Our Year Six leavers achieved results which were well above national averages (in brackets where available) with 92% achieving the expected standard in Reading (74%), 85% in Writing (72%) and 85% in Mathematics (73%) and 35% achieving a higher standard in Reading, 23% in Writing and 42% in Mathematics. My thanks go to our fabulous staff team for not only a great set of results but another wonderful year of learning and fun!

Next week, we start to celebrate Black History Month. Our BHM flag will be flying and next Thursday pupils in KS2 will take part in a BHM workshop with Bigfoot Theatre Company. Our Early Years and KS1 children will take part in a storytelling workshop later in the month. We thank Miss Barrett for booking these opportunities for the children and also Mrs Bishop who has taken on the role of Subject Leader for History. Throughout the month children will be celebrating black achievement in various activities in class—particularly focussing on the theme of reclaiming narratives. Please support this work at home by asking your child about the work they are doing.

A few final notices—we have a second hand uniform sale coming up next Tuesday, Y1 are off to Pizza Express on Wednesday and Y6 have a TfL Safe Travel Workshop on Friday. My thanks in advance to Mr Phillips for organising our involvement in the Barnes TAG Rugby Festival.

Well, that's it for this week. All that remains for me to say is 'a very happy weekend!' from all of us here at St. Mary's—we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday! Best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

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	98.1% (29)
23/09	97.0% (46)
30/09	
07/10	
14/10	
21/10	
Total:	96.8% (184)

Family Points

283

253

277

250

HARVEST FESTIVAL

