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Autumn Term

Half Term:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

INSET Day:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Last day of Term:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

First day of Term:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Last day of Term:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Summer Term

First day of Term:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Bank Holiday:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half Term:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Last Day of Term:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# IN TOUCH



Friday 11th October 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 and productive week here at St. Mary's. We sadly had to say a fond farewell to Reverend Jane in our KS2 Worship on Wednesday. We wished her well in her new adventures at St. Mark's in Wimbledon and thanked her for all she has contributed to the school—she will be missed by us all! Miss Payne presented Reverend Jane with a beautiful Community Cross to remember us by, which she said would remind her of all she has learned during her time with us.

Year Five are the first class to take part in Godly Play this year—a very special time to visit our church and explore Bible stories in such a creative and reflective way. As always, many thanks to Nikki Cornfield and Tina Thomas for delivering these sessions with so much thought and care. Next week it is Year Sixes turn—I am lucky to be going too!

On Thursday evening we welcomed parents and carers to a Reading workshop run by the charity Learn to Love to Read (L2L2R). As Barack Obama once said, "Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible!" We hope those who attended found the session useful and informative. Thank you to Miss McEvoy for organising the event.

As I write the Y3/Y4 Girls Football Festival is in full swing—many thanks to Mr Phillips for taking the children to the event—we can't wait to find out how they got on when they return—I know they were very excited!

After Friday Worship this week, KS2 children were invited to apply to be members of our 2024-25 Eco Committee. We will have three representatives from each class who will work with me to continue to promote a 'green curriculum' here at St. Mary's. So... those children with a passion for the environment and sustainability please apply by Friday 18th October.

Finally, I am sure you have seen posters advertising our FoSMS Quiz Night—if not see below! It is always a really great event so do please book a table for you and your friends! Teachers are setting the questions so I am sure it will be an interesting night!

Wishing you a very happy and restful weekend from all of us here at St. Mary's. We look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday and welcoming Miss Payne back after her annual Diocesan Head's Conference in Canterbury.

Amanda Bishop (Deputy Head)

## 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	96.1% (59)
07/10	97.3% (41)
14/10	
21/10	
Total:	96.8% (284)

## Family Points

499

400

469

484

SCAN / CLICK TO BOOK

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER  
8PM START - Table set up 7.30pm  
WINCHESTER HOUSE BALLROOM  
10 LOWER RICHMOND ROAD SW 15 1JN

PRE-ORDER DRINKS FOR GREAT DEALS  
PRE-ORDERS OPEN FRIDAY 11 OCT - WINE, BEER & SOFT DRINKS  
BYO FOOD | GET TAKEAWAYS DELIVERED PRE-8PM

PRIZE FOR THE BEST DECORATED TABLE  
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW!!

TABLE OF 8  
£80

Gather parents from your children's class and book a table for an evening of Fun, Facts, and Friendly Competition! This year, our very own teachers are crafting the questions...no pressure! Our advice...get sweating!



We continue with our BHM celebrations next week in EYFS/KS1. Wendy Shearer (author) is coming into classes to deliver an immersive storytelling performance of African & Caribbean folktales, myths, legends & true tales.

