

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 8th November 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

Thank you to parent/carers who made attendance a priority last half term. For the first time in a long time we met our target of 97%! Can we keep it up for the remainder of the year?! We appreciate that there are sometimes genuine reasons why children are not in school. The DfE are heavily focusing on getting children back to school following the pandemic. Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence of medical appointments and other absences we are just challenging absence robustly as requested by the department.

It's been a great week for the staff team. On Monday they were at St. Mary's Church to take part in a joint Wandsworth Church School conference entitled: 'What's so Special About Church School Education?' As well as joining in with some assembly bangers they heard from a variety of speakers who spoke on a range of different topics within the theme.

Then on Thursday evening, a group of teachers set the annual FoSMS Quiz. Special thanks to Mrs Rinaldi, Mr Phillips, Mrs McCarthy, Mr Lett, Ms Hesketh and Mrs Bishop—our amazing quizmasters for the evening. Huge thanks to Nikki and the FoSMS Team for organising the event itself and to the Winchester Club for generously allowing us to use the venue free of charge. Congratulations to the Year Two team who won best table and the Governors who won the quiz! We look forward to next year's event when Year One parent/carers will be in the quizmasters seats! Thank you FoSMS and quizmasters for another great event!

In school this week, we have had our individual photographs taken, the Eco Committee, School Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have all met and Year Six welcomed a magistrate into their class and learned more about the British Value of the rule of law. Hopefully we have some budding magistrates in our midst!

Looking ahead to next week, hopefully you will have all seen the letter about our Anti-Bullying Day next Friday? Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. We will be marking this event on the Friday in school. Please see the letter that came home earlier this week for more details. If you can send the children to school wearing odd socks that would be great. It doesn't have to be anything fancy—just odd socks! We will be collecting monies for the Anti-Bullying Alliance who support bullying work in schools—thank you in advance for your generosity.

On Monday we will be marking Remembrance Day with a special act of worship for reception to Year Six, which will culminate in us marking the two minute silence. Year Four are then out to visit the cenotaph to extend their learning on remembrance. I have very much enjoyed reading the remembrance poems they have been writing this week. I have given out an unusual number of Head Teacher's awards and hope to read some more poems and give out some more awards next week!

Until then, from everyone here at St. Mary's have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back here at the usual time on Monday! Very best wishes,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

School Attendance 24-25

TARGET	97.0%
2023-24	94.8%
Autumn 1	97% (357)
Week Beginning	
04/11	97.3% (33)
11/11	
18/11	
25/11	
02/12	
09/12	
16/12	
Total:	97% (390)

Family Points

753

654

564

579

