

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 22nd 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

Yellow Family had their treat for being Family Point winners last term and enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows during some extra play time on Monday. We could all have done with the same as the week went on and the cold weather set in! Please could we remind everyone to wear warm coats to school and ensure hats/scarves/gloves are all clearly labelled.

It was lovely to welcome Reverend Helena in to school on Thursday to lead Worship across the Key Stages. Reverend Helena also organises our link with Lady Margaret Sixth Form students who volunteer on Wednesday afternoon in classes as part of the school's wellbeing programme. We are very lucky to have such wonderful support from local church school's and our parish team. Speaking of our church, please do save the date for the Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church in support of The Children's Society—Sunday 1st December at 10am.

Our equally wonderful FoSMS team are in full action mode again! Please do look out for posters and invitations to some fantastic events in the coming weeks (see attached). Our Eco Committee are particularly pleased with the great initiative to recycle Christmas jumpers, Christmas pj's and nativity costumes! Thank you, in advance, for all the hard work that goes into the planning of these events and for your continued generosity when supporting them too!

Preparations for the festive season have certainly begun in school. Next week we look forward to our Christmas trees arriving and decorating them with our handmade decorations. Thank you to the Christmas Tree Stall at St. Mary's church who have so generously donated the two trees this year. Baubles for the school tree are at this moment being decorated by all the children and the advent calendar art work is being prepared! We invite you to join us at a special celebration worship next Friday from 9.15am. We will be lighting the first candle on our advent wreath. Instead of Learning Warriors, we will be awarding certificates to our most successful Christmas decoration makers. We will then officially turn on our Christmas lights which is always a very special event. We do encourage you to be with us if you can make it.

I end with some great photographs and a report from Year Six on the amazing visitor we had in school today. Jake Jarman won a Bronze medal at the Paris Olympics and an historic four gold medals at the Commonwealth Games (2022) in Gymnastics. This morning he visited every class and talked to Key Stage 2 in Assembly. Huge thank you to Mrs Rinaldi for making this happen—we were all inspired!

School Attendance 24-25

TARGET	97.0%
2023-24	94.8%
Autumn 1	97% (357)
Week Beginning	
04/11	97.3% (33)
11/11	95.2% (48)
18/11	97.4% (40)
25/11	
02/12	
09/12	
16/12	
Total:	97.1% (478)



PARIS 2024



'Jake Jarman is an extraordinary gymnast. He spoke to us about his wonderful journey to becoming an Olympian athlete which actually began with him hanging from monkey bars at his local park! He showed us his Bronze medal which has a piece of the Eiffel Tower embedded in it. He then visited all the classes and answered questions about becoming a world class gymnast. We all loved hearing what he had to say about professional sport.'
Corine and George Y6

Have a lovely weekend! Amanda Bishop (Deputy Head Teacher)

Family Points

326

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