

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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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 17th January 2025

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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

As the cold weather continues, the children and staff go on with business as usual, working hard and having fun regardless. Spring Term class newsletters are now available on the website and homework was set for all children this week.

Attendance for the Autumn Term was an improvement on last year, but we are still 0.6% off our target for the year. I am very grateful to all parent/carers who have prioritised attendance and have avoided taking leave during term time so far this year. Hopefully we will all stay well through the cold snap we are in and we look forward to brighter days ahead when coughs and colds are less likely.

This week our French lessons in Key Stage Two started. We are very lucky to have a number of amazing specialist teachers at St. Mary's, not least of which is our passionate French Teacher, Madame Claudine. Elle est fantastique! I think I need to join class next week...

Today our Year class travelled to Neasden to visit the stunning Hindu Temple there. Amongst other things, pupils were in awe of the structure and admired the work of the builders. All of our classes will take at least one trip which enhances their learning in RE this year and Year Six have already developed their learning in RE with a trip to Southwark Cathedral to see the wonderful Gaia exhibition. Many thanks to the Year Six Team, to Mrs Rinaldi and to Ms Donlon—who joined Year Six today—for making these memorable trips happen for our older children.

Next week, some children in Years Five and Six are off to London's O2 Arena for the Young Voices concert on Monday. We are very much looking forward to our parents and carers seeing us sing in the world's largest children's choir! On Tuesday, KS2 children have their half-termly Eucharist Service from 9.15am. Parent/carers are welcome to join us in the gallery seating. There is a volunteer induction session for all parent/carers who wish to support on school trips but have not yet completed their training on Tuesday evening at 6pm—please sign up via the office. On Wednesday, Mr. Phillips and Mrs Rinaldi are taking a Year Five/Six team to Sportshall Athletics and on Thursday Mr Phillips and Ms Donlon are taking a group of children to take part in an Inter-School Sports Festival with Hotham School. Governors are meeting in school at 6pm. Finally on Friday, the School Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are meeting to further their work on the school. It promises to be another busy but fun week packed with learning.

Until then, everyone at St. Mary's wishes you a relaxing but fun weekend and 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	96.3% (826)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
06/01	95.6% (54)
13/01	98.0% (31)
20/01	
27/01	
03/02	
10/02	
Total:	96.4% (911)

Figures shown in brackets above are the number of sessions missed either in the term, week or the total missed so far this year!

## Family Points

372

343

355

427

