



VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

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

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	96.5% (53)
27/01	95.8% (65)
03/02	95.8% (63)
10/02	
Total:	96.3% (1092)

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



We were fortunate to have Reverend John lead worship this morning. John reminded us all that our core values are inseparable and used the story of Zacchaeus to remind us all that endurance without compassion or thankfulness could be a bad thing. We then picked up the song about Zacchaeus really quickly before a very impressive sing through considering we had only learned it five minutes before. Just one example of how amazing all of our children are here at St. Mary's! We were also really fortunate to have Reverend Helena in school to lead both Phase One and Two worship earlier in the week. I'll say it again, we are so fortunate to enjoy such a close working relationship with our Church and to benefit from great support from our clergy.

This morning Red family had their treat for winning the Autumn Family Cup Tournament. Many thanks to Mrs McCarthy for organising and to all of the staff who supervised the children's extra play and opportunity to decorate biscuits—great fun was had by all!

This week has been children's mental health week and teachers across the school have been carrying out activities large and small with the children. Please see 'Tips for Families' attached with In Touch for further ideas on how to support your child at home.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day and Mr Phillips, who has taken over the leadership of Computing, will write to you all with further links and resources which will hopefully support the work that you do at home to keep your child safe while online. Look out for the letter which will come home next week.

Today, I spoke to all of the children from Reception upwards about how wonderful it was to see so many of them being celebrated for displaying our personal goals, our school values and wonderful manners this morning in worship. There has been some concerning behaviour reported following extra curricular clubs this week and I reminded the children that our goals, values and manners need to be on display at all times. I trust that parent/carers who have children in clubs will reinforce this message at home.

Finally this week, I leave you with the picture of our wonderful Nursery children at the Polka Theatre and some amazing home learning in the shape of Year Fours' volcanoes! Wishing you all a very relaxing and fun weekend, Best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

