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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:

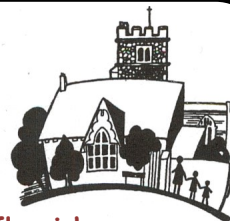
Friday 18th July 2025

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Friday 14th February 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

It's wonderful to see the sun today— it's a sure sign that Spring and brighter days are on their way, even if Winter keeps rearing its head every now and again!

Another half term has flown by and thanks to our amazing staff team, our children have had another fantastic period of learning and fun. I would like to express my thanks to the whole team, especially Mrs Bishop and Mrs Rinaldi who have taken on more than they planned to in the last six weeks. It's been great to see all of our children across the school, especially those in Years Three and Six, settled and working well across the half term.

Many thanks to Mr Phillips for leading us in our work on Safer Internet Day on Tuesday this week—the children have been learning about scamming and phishing. I tried my hand at some of the quizzes designed for different age groups and learned more than I was expecting from the 14-18 year old quiz. A lesson that we always need to be one step ahead to keep ourselves and our children safe online.

Thank you to Nikki Cornfield and Tina Thomas for hosting our Year Fours at Godly Play this week. The children looked at the Church Calendar and how the stories that they have been learning about feature at different times of the year.

Attendance has plummeted this week, taking our total attendance so far this year to 96.2%. Our target for the year is 97%. There have been 64 unauthorised sessions of absence alone this week, with more than double the number of total number absences compared to other weeks. I ask parent/ carers again to avoid taking leave during term time. All our academic term dates are published well in advance. Please make sure that you are not travelling or on holiday during term time. A huge thank you to all of our families who support the school in this.

Mrs Adams has asked me to share the Royal Academy of the Arts, Young Artists Show 2025, information with you. Mrs Adams will be making some submissions on behalf of the school, but is also inviting parent/carers to make additional submissions if they so wish. Please see attached information. Speaking of Art, below you will see our very own art installation. It comprises work from our Year One and Year Twos and depicts wildlife and visitors coexisting at Stonehenge. All materials were recycled.

A letter went out to Nursery parent/carers earlier in the week about upcoming changes to staffing. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Davidson back from her maternity leave after half term. We said thank you and goodbye to Ms Medlin today and wish her all the best for the future.

From everyone here at St. Mary's, I wish you a very restful and restorative half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February at the usual time.
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	96.5% (53)
27/01	95.8% (65)
03/02	95.8% (63)
10/02	91.5% (130)
Total:	96.2% (1180)

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

859

829

907

976

