

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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Spring Term

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

INSET Day:

Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Day:

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

IN TOUCH

Friday 28th 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 has been great to welcome Mrs Davidson back into school this week. She has enjoyed meeting our wonderful Nursery class and getting to know the children. I am very grateful to Ms. McDougall for supporting this transition. Our Nursery children were not phased by the change and it was business as usual with lots of learning through play happening in the classroom as usual.

We also welcomed back a former pupil when we gained a new group of volunteers from Lady Margaret School (LMS). I am very grateful to Elisabeth Stevenson, Head Teacher at LMS, and to Reverend Helena for this link. Not only do we benefit from the hours that the volunteers commit to the school, but it is lovely when there is a former St. Mary's pupil—or two—in the group. It's great to hear the news of what they are doing and what they are working towards.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March (even though the International Celebration is on the Thursday). We alternate in celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day and this year we will be celebrating our love of books with over 100 other countries. We are celebrating in many ways over the course of the day, but one thing we will all do is dress up as our favourite book character. The staff are giving a lot of thought to their costumes and I am looking forward to seeing who everyone decides to come as. Whole School home learning this week is for the children to think about who they are going to dress up as and why.

The 1st March is National Offer Day. This is the day that children in Year Six will receive notification of which state secondary school they have been offered. We ask that parents in Year Six are sensitive to other children and families when talking about schools. There is a school for everyone and it is about finding the right one for every child. We also ask that, if you are a parent in Year Six, you share with us which school your child will be going to, so we know where they are headed and can ensure transfer activities are arranged with the correct schools. Thank you in advance.

Details of our next parent/teacher meetings will be coming out very soon. We are currently working on changing the approach to these for the new academic year. More details will be shared in due course but for now these will follow the usual format.

As always, in the first week of term, class newsletters are available through the school website. Please make sure you read this communication from your child's teacher.

I leave you this week with a picture of some of our Year Two children on their trip to Pizza Express earlier today. As you can see this is the best bit of the trip—the part where they got to eat all of their hard work! Huge thanks to all of the parent/carers who accompanied the trip and to the Year Two team for planning and delivering this experience for the children. From everyone here at St. Mary's we wish you a very happy and fun weekend. Let's hope the sunshine we have seen today hangs around! Best wishes, Cheryl Payne, Head Teacher



School Attendance 24-25

TARGET	97.0%
2023-24	94.8%
Autumn '24	96.3% (826)
Spring 1 '25	95.5% (396)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
24/02	97.8% (33)
03.05	
10/03	
19/03	
24/03	
31/03	
Total:	96.2% (1255)

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

821

747

806

778