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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 25th April 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

We hope you have all had a good break and didn't eat too much chocolate over the holiday! It's great to see all of the children back in school. We have packed a lot into a four day week!

We have had a lot of visitors this week. On Wednesday, our Improvement Partner from the local authority was in school. Mrs Rundle carried out a work scrutiny of children's RE books and completed a learning walk of the school—visiting all of the classes and observing teaching and learning. She is due to visit us again in June and will then write a report of her visit which is sent to the governing board. Mrs Rundle had lots of wonderful things to say about the work of the school and, as always, she provided challenge in areas for development.

Also on Wednesday, we were visited by Ms. Diamond-Conway—who is an adviser for the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE). Staff have been taking part in regular training with the adviser which, not only develops the teaching of RE but their pedagogy more generally. We completed our final session of Understanding Christianity training—which is a resource which supports the teaching of the Christianity units within the scheme. Speaking of Understanding Christianity—we are very grateful to the parishioners of St. Mary's Church who have fundraised for our 'Big Frieze', now on display in the Key Stage Two corridor. The 'Big Frieze' is an artists impression of the big story of God, as depicted in the bible and is used to help children to understand the concepts of creation, fall, people of God, incarnation, gospel, salvation and the kingdom of God. It also makes links to other faiths which supports our efforts to make our RE curriculum more diverse. Thank you to everyone at St. Mary's Church.

Thursday was also a busy day. We had our very first Earth Day—huge thanks to Ms. McEvoy and Mrs McCarthy for organising and leading this. All of the children joined an assembly where they were prompted to think about the ways in which we can be stewards of creation. Throughout the day, each class took part in a workshop in which they made a fish from recycled materials to remind them that Earth Day should be every day!

Also on Thursday, Year Three started their swimming lessons with their first session at Putney Leisure Centre. Thank you to Mrs Bishop, Ms. Monaco and all of the parent helpers for organising and supporting our swimmers.

Whilst Year Three were in the pool, Year Four headed to the Shree Ghanapathy Temple in Wimbledon to explore their learning about Hinduism further.

In the evening some of the governors were in action—with the Chair of the Board and Chairs of the committees meeting to plan the Board's work for the term ahead.

Finally this morning, we welcomed Rev John into school to lead our worship session. John reminded us of the loud and quiet parts of the Easter message. Many thanks to John. We were also joined by Nikki and Sophie who had returned—along with Gladiator 'Giant' - to reveal what our fundraising challenge is. On the 23rd May we will all take part in the 6000 seconds to our £6000 goal which is the remainder of the funding needed for the development of Phase Two of the playground. Huge thanks to all of the parents who have already donated generously to the sponsorship fund and to all of the parent/carers who have helped at all of our fundraising events for the playground so far. I am looking forward to finding out what the staff challenge will be! This weekend I had better begin training!

Until Monday, we wish you all a very restful and fun weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday.

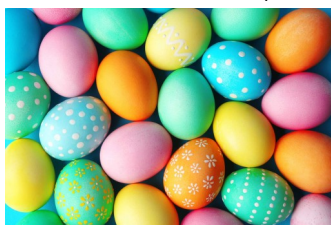
Very best wishes,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher



School Attendance 24-25

TARGET	97.0%
2023-24	94.8%
Autumn '24	96.3% (826)
Spring '25	96.1% (737)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
21/04	95.9% (44)
28/04	
05/05	
12/05	
19/05	
Total:	96.4% (1607)

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

