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Spring Term

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

INSET Day:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

INSET Day:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

# IN TOUCH

Friday 2nd May 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

Last Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, a group of eleven runners took to central London to take part in the London Mini Marathon! The group ran a 2.6k route from Horse Guards Parade, passed Buckingham Palace, towards Hyde Park and ending with a finishing stretch on The Mall. A fantastic morning of marathon spirit by all. Well done to: Noah, Teo, George, William, Zahra, Max, Ben, Alonzo, Alana, Giorgia and Leo. A huge thank you to Mr Phillips for organising the event and to Ms Barham for supporting the children on the day—along with (I am sure) a lot of proud parents and families!



We had a fantastic start to the week! On Monday we were joined by Andy Instone, the Creative Director of Urban Strides street dance company. Andy is familiar to some children and families as a result of our annual involvement in the Young Voices concerts, which Andy choreographs and performs in. As well as teaching us the basics of street dance - Andy taught us so much more such as 'practice makes progress' and that we need to grab opportunities that come our way by accepting the challenge that has been placed before us. He also taught us about ROSE - which is 'rate of self evolution' a challenge to focus on beating our own personal bests and not comparing ourselves to others. It is no wonder that many of his students have gone on to achieve success dancing for Rihanna and Dua Lipa to name two of the famous faces who value Urban Striders. We are very grateful to FoSMS who have donated £250 towards Andy's visit. If there is anyone else who is able to donate towards Andy's visit - all donations are greatly appreciated and will enable us to book Andy in again next year please email SBM: [sbm@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk) for further information on how to donate.

On Thursday children in Year Two, Year Five and Year Six took part in the NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme. This child friendly programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise signs of abuse. The classes were taught to speak out if they are worried—important lessons for us all!

Also on Thursday morning Year Three enjoyed their second of ten swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre. The class were fantastic—challenging themselves to improve their skills; whether it be floating unaided, putting a face underwater or jumping into the deep end of the big pool! Great progress has been made already!

We have all enjoyed the sunshine this week. Please could we remind parents/carers to ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school and also a sun hat—we do try to keep the children in the shade as much as we can but our playground is a real suntrap! Speaking of the playground—thank you to all those who have already handed in sponsorship forms/or used the QR code to donate to our 6000 second to £6000 Challenge set by Gladiator Giant. Every penny counts towards our goal for Phase Two of our playground development—which includes shaded areas!

Finally, a reminder that this year's KS2 Sports Day is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June—we really need more volunteers to support this fantastic day so please email Kate/Richard if you are able to help out:

[stmarysks2sportsday@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysks2sportsday@gmail.com)

EYFS/KS1 Sports Day will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July—it would be great to see lots of you there—please put dates in your diary!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Bishop (Deputy 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	96.7% (53)
05/05	
12/05	
19/05	
Total:	96.1% (1660)

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

467

469

338

522