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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

School Attendance 25-26

TARGET	97.0%
2024-25	96.5% (1687)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
01/09	96.2% (32)
08/09	98.1% (27)
15/09	
22/09	
29/09	
06/10	
13/10	
20/10	
Total:	97.4% (59)

Figures shown in brackets above are the number of sessions missed in the term/week/so far this year



Family Points

197

178

203

200

IN TOUCH

Friday 12th September

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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 are now well and truly back into the swing of the Autumn Term. Children have settled well into their new classes, with their new teachers and there is a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school.

Our new children in Nursery and Reception have settled extremely well in their very first week of school. It always amazes me how quickly our children settle in to the routine. Thank you to parent/carers who have prepared them well for their start. One thing we would ask parent/carers with children in the Nursery to help us with is potty training. We have a larger number of children than usual in nappies. If you need further support with this, please let staff know and we will provide some support.

We have had a number of new staff join the team this year and there will be an opportunity for you to meet our new teachers over the next two weeks. Meet the Teacher meetings have been scheduled for every class. Hopefully parent/carers have seen the letter and are able to attend. Please be prompt for these sessions as there will be no-one in the office at 6pm to admit latecomers. We ask that you do not bring children to these meetings.

Next week, we have our first Key Stage Two Eucharist Service at St. Mary's Church from 9.15am. If your child is in years three to six then they will be travelling to the Church for the service on Wednesday morning. All parent/carers are invited to join us for this service. Rev'd Whittaker was in school this Wednesday to speak to the children about why we have a Eucharist Service and what will happen when we are at the Church next week. Children who have completed their communion classes can take part in the communion meal. A blessing or the choice to stay in your seat is also offered.

Attendance was looking good at the end of last year—we were close to our target of 97%. Thank you to all of you who avoided term time holidays. It would be great if we could make it to 97% this year. Some children have already missed their first few days in school when all of the routines and expectations are established. If they were adults it would be like missing your induction at work and being thrown straight in. I ask for the support of all parent/carers to make sure their children are in school everyday wherever possible. Many thanks in advance.

Finally this week, a very quick request... When contacting the school, please can we ask that you only use **one** of the administrative emails in addition to the class email. All inboxes are checked daily. Many thanks.

As I write, the sun is shining—let's hope it continues over the weekend and we don't get anymore of the showers we have had this week. Whatever the weather, everyone here at St. Mary's wishes you a very peaceful and fun weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday.

Very best wishes,
 Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher