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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	97.0% (43)
22/09	97.2% (40)
29/09	
06/10	
13/10	
20/10	
Total:	97.2% (142)

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



Family Points

445

504

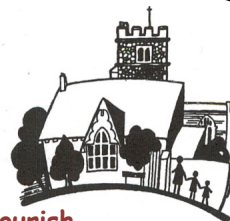
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IN TOUCH

Friday 26th September 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 was our first Celebration Worship of the new academic year this morning. It was great to see so many of the children up at the front collecting Learning Warrior certificates—especially children who are new to the school. The personal goals have been updated slightly and from now on we will be using the goals attached. Parent/Carers may find it useful to use these at home. We also gave out our first Good Manners Spotter Certificates and Birthday stickers. Oscar in Year Four shared his passion for ballet with us. He showed us some amazing photos which showed the hard work that it takes to become a ballet dancer. Some of the photos were of a previous pupil of St. Mary's, who is now a professional dancer and has inspired Oscar on his journey. We also saw pictures of Oscar and his achievements so far; such as getting into the Royal Ballet's Associate School and performing at The Royal Opera House in Sicilian Vespers. It's great to think that our pupils, past and present continue to inspire each other to do great things. No doubt Oscar will inspire another generation of dancers too! We watch with interest and pride to see what he will achieve next!

On Monday evening some of the governing board were at Southwark Cathedral to collect The Bishop's Certificate of Governance. Over the last year our board has been attending a suite of training sessions to complete the certificate. My thanks go to all governors who have attended sessions and worked to achieve the award. Governors were in school on Thursday this week for the first full board meeting of the year. They started their meeting by looking to the works that were completed on the playground over the summer. There will be four other committee meetings this term before the cycle begins again in the Spring. The board are currently looking for a parent governor to join their team. Hopefully you have all seen the email that has been sent out with details on how to put yourself forward for this role.

Also on Monday we met our new Link Inspector from the Local Authority. We conducted a learning walk and discussed the context of the school. Our new Inspector is also an Ofsted inspector, which will come in very useful as we again enter the window for inspection.

Mrs Jennings and I have also begun a round of lesson observations across the school. It has been a pleasure to join English lessons in Years Two, Three, Four and Five and see the excellent teaching that is being delivered in these classes. We look forward to visiting the rest of the year groups over the next week or so.

We have now completed all of the Meet The Teacher sessions. I would like to thank our teaching team for hosting these and trust you found them useful. If you have any feedback about how they could be improved please do let me know.

My thanks to Mr Phillips for organising and overseeing the Y3/4 mixed TAG Rugby Festival this evening. We look forward to finding out how our team have fared! Thank you also to Mrs Rinaldi for organising the Year Six Cycle Proficiency sessions which have taken place this week.

Before I close a couple of reminders about next week. There is a volunteer induction session for parent/carers who would like to volunteer in school on Tuesday at 6pm. Please sign up in the office. We hope you will also be able to join us for our annual Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church. The service will take place next Friday from 9.45am in the Church—all are welcome! All that remains for me to say is... have a restful and fun weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday at the usual time. Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

LEARNING WARRIORS



Year One: Clement, Gabriel, Xavier, Olive, Rosa, Tommy
 Year Two: Oscar, Myla, Emilia, Freddie, Jace, Jamie
 Year Three: Beatrice, Georgina, Matteo, Ayanfe, Kayan, Luca
 Year Four: Elise, Sophia, Cordelia, Mia, Emma, Logan
 Year Five: Nell, Cecilia, Jasper, Rufus, Harry, Sofia
 Year Six: Ottilie, Jack, Kayson, Max, Aleksei, Agastya

