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Autumn Term

Half Term:
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st
October 2025
INSET Day:
Monday 3rd November 2025
Last day of Term:
Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

INSET Day:
Monday 5th January 2026
First day of Term:
Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term:
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th
February 2026
Last day of Term:
Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

First day of Term:
Monday 13th April 2026
Bank Holiday:
Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term:
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
2026
Last Day of Term:
Friday 17th July 2026

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	96.9% (44)
06/10	95.9% (59)
13/10	96.9% (43)
20/10	
Total:	96.9% (288)

Family Points

429

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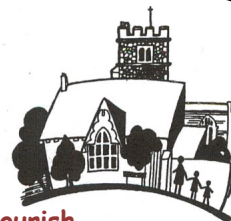
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IN TOUCH

Friday 17th October 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's been a very exciting week at St. Mary's! I am very grateful to the Musical Director of St. Mary's Church, Richard Quesnel, for offering our children in Year Five and members of the Junior Choir a behind the scenes tour of St. Paul's Cathedral and the opportunity to sing in such an amazing landmark. First they practised in the choir rehearsal room before moving to the main nave of the cathedral to practise with the powerful organ! Following this the children led the singing in today's Eucharist Service with the Church Junior Choir providing the song during communion. Fabulous performances from all of our pupils and choir were given. We ended the day with a short tour of the Cathedral, sneaking some looks at places that were used in a range of films including Harry Potter! Many thanks to Mr Phillips and Ms. Cyz for accompanying the children on their visit. Mr Phillips said it was a good day, with good behaviour and lovely singing as well as very tired legs!

Year One were also out and about today. They visited Gootopia in Wandsworth to extend their learning about the properties of materials, which they have been covering in their science lessons in school. They learned an interesting fact—slime is not a liquid or a solid but it can be both! This means that slime is a non-Newtonian fluid!

On Monday, the children had a chance to update their immunisations with flu jabs available in school. The local authority have asked us to remind you of the national guidance from the NHS on when children are feeling unwell and whether they should attend school. You can find this guidance at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It was great to speak to some parents online at the FoSMS AGM on Wednesday evening. I would like to say a very big thank you to Rochelle Pearson and Danielle Sinniah for taking on the role of Co-Chairs of FoSMS this year and to Katerina de Klerk, Michelle Loynes, Chess Maughan, Georgina Ingram, Francesca Lowe and Ioanna Kougia for making up the committee.

I'm also very grateful to Reverend Helena for leading worship this week. I was very disappointed not to be chosen as a volunteer for the doughnut eating competition! We finished the week by joining altogether to think about what spirituality is and how it can help us to cope with the 'Ows', the 'Wows' and the 'Nows' of life.

I'll leave you with two pictures from our trips this week and the hope that you all have an opportunity to recharge your batteries over the weekend whilst also having lots of fun. Everyone here at St. Mary's looks forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday! Until then, have a great weekend, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

