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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	96.9% (44)
06/10	95.9% (59)
13/10	96.9% (43)
20/10	94.9% (70)
Total:	96.6% (358)

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



Family Points

277

400

319

333

IN TOUCH

Friday 24th 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

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Celebration Worship session this morning. As always, it was lovely to see our children up at the front celebrating achievement both in and out of school. One of the pictures below shows pupils at a cross country event at Richardson Evans at the weekend. It was great to see them receiving their certificates. Huge thanks to Mr. Phillips for leading this event on a Saturday! In worship, we thought about gratitude and asked ourselves whether we show gratitude when we compare ourselves to others. Flora put it beautifully when she shared this thought: When we compare and work out all the beautiful differences between ourselves and others, then we are! We all made a pledge to ourselves not to allow our joy to be taken from us when we compare ourselves and fall short. I reminded everyone that only they can do them and shared the verse from Psalms which says: 'You are beautiful, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made.' Psalms 139:14.

It's been a very busy final week of the half term, Year Two got very wet on their trip to the wetlands, but strapped on their endurance, adapted to a different learning environment and carried out their activities with smiles on their faces!

Year Six had a visit from Rev'd Kieron who came in to speak to them about the YMIC programme. Kieron asked them to imagine what their perfect Church would look like and invited all of the children to join him at the YMIC summer party—more details to follow in the Summer Term.

We held our Annual Open Evening on Tuesday. It was a well attended event and it was good to hear lots of positive comments about the school from prospective parents. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school for their child/ren—we have places in most classes across the school. If you feel you can recommend St. Mary's—please do! I would like to say a very big thank you to our staff team who worked hard to get the school ready for the event, those who supported the event itself by conducting tours and talking with our visitors and our wonderful Year Six pupils who also conducted tours and spoke to parent/carers. A special thank you goes to Zahra for taking the time to write a speech and for heartily recommending St. Mary's!

October is Black History Month. I would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs McCarthy for planning our focused work and for booking some exciting workshops for children across the school. Below you can see Year One taking part in a workshop with Freshwater Theatre Company. They are exploring the life and achievements of Mary Seacole from her Jamaican roots to her heroic nursing during the Crimean War.

Year Two were headed to Polka Theatre on Wednesday when unfortunately we received news that the performance had been cancelled. Miss Jack will arrange a further visit, but again Year Two coped well and enjoyed their time in the park.

Our Year Sixes were at the Church on Thursday for Godly Play. I remain very grateful to Nikki for leading this sessions and to Tina for gatekeeping.

Before I close, just a reminder that staff have training on Monday 3rd November and so school will start for all children on Tuesday 4th November. Wednesday the 5th is individual photo day—so please make sure hair is brushed and ties are straight and you are already for your close ups!

Until then have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Tuesday 4th November! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



LEARNING WARRIORS

Year One: Aaron, Alba, Ava, Yelyzaveta, Aziliz, Killan
 Year Two: Pasha, Adrien, Edith, Isabella, Sophie, Lily
 Year Three: Leo, Jaxon, Reece, Matteo, Evan, Maya, Mya
 Year Four: Teddy, Alanna, Tess, Nina, Scarlett, Charlie
 Year Five: Leo, Yara, Francesca, Amelie, Celine, Alonzo
 Year Six: Edy, Adriana, Eleanor, Zahra, Shasmeen

