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Autumn Term  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

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

#### School Attendance 25-26

| TARGET         | 97.0%        |
|----------------|--------------|
| 2024-25        | 96.5% (1687) |
| Autumn 1       | 96.6% (357)  |
| Week Beginning | % (sessions) |
| 03/11          | 97.6% (27)   |
| 10/11          | 98.2% (25)   |
| 17/11          | 94.6% (75)   |
| 24/11          | 96.6% (48)   |
| 01/10          |              |
| 08/12          |              |
| 15/12          |              |
| Total:         | 96.6% (532)  |



#### Family Points

240

230

209

220

# IN TOUCH

Friday 28th November 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

Christmas has come to St. Mary's! This morning in worship we celebrated our Christmas Decoration Makers and officially turned on the Christmas lights after a rousing rendition of 'Silent Night'. We shared the book 'The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas' and lit our Advent Wreath. Over the next few weeks we will be focussing on Advent and what the season is all about for Christians as we move ever closer to Christmas. I would like to say a huge thank you to FoSMS for our glorious Christmas Trees and a big thank you to Cretos and to all our staff and children for the wonderful decorations which adorn them.

Not only did Christmas come to St. Mary's, but we also received a very special video message from Father Christmas this morning. He reminded us we all need to be on the good list, but also that he will be joining us in person at our Christmas Fair next Friday afternoon. I would like to say a very big thank you to Rochelle, Danielle and the FoSMS committee for all of the hard work I know is already going in to the event. I look forward to seeing all our families there—it is sure to be a 'not to be missed' event!

More excitement in Years Five and Six this week as the children headed to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to see the musical stage version of Wicked. This trip built upon the English and PSHE work the children did around our first Anti-Bullying Day this year. It was generally a rave review from the children who ended up giving the cast a standing ovation. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Jennings for organising this opportunity for the children and also to Mrs Rinaldi, Miss Hesketh, Mrs Ford, Ms Brathwaite and our parent volunteers for giving generously of their time to take the children to see the show.

Next week we have our first round of progress in learning meetings. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parent/carers on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss your child's progress and attainment.

Until next week, I leave you with a photo of Year Five and Six at the theatre and wish you a fun and relaxing weekend. We look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday!  
 Best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



#### CHRISTMAS DECORATION CERTIFICATES

Nursery: Isla, Thaddeus, Ana, Alcinous, Flora, Chiara, Emilia, Philip  
 Reception: Mikey, Georgina, Lara, Monty, Amy, Rosie, India, Freddie  
 Year One: Xavier, Ava, Azariah, Clementine, Sadie, Aaron, Yelyzaveta, Rosa  
 Year Two: Henry R, Henry K, Peter, Emily, Artemis, Iyla, Emilia, Charlotte  
 Year Three: Charlotte, Kayan, Reece, Maya P, Connie, Mattei, Mya W, Ayanfe  
 Year Four: Nina, Yazan, Logan, Flora, Emma, Harrison, Kenza, Cordelia,  
 Year Five: Jasmine, Yaryna, Nell, Emily, Allana, Cecilia, Alonzo, Alex  
 Year Six: Aleksei, Ruby, Danny, Edy, Elizabethjoyce, Otilie, Troy, Peter