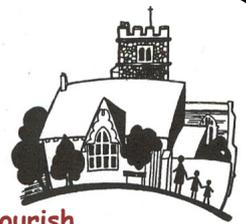


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# IN TOUCH

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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

### 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	96.2% (989)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
05/01	95.5% (67)
12/01	95.3% (68)
19/01	96.3% (54)
26/01	96.1% (57)
02/02	
09/02	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96.0% (1235)</b>

**CORRECTION!**  
 FoSMS Quiz Night is  
 on Thursday 5th  
 February in the Hall at  
 St. Mary's School.

### Family Points

486

384

354

422

Year Five and Six have had a very exciting week. On Monday, our Year Fives headed to Sayers Croft for an overnight stay and then on Tuesday our Year Sixes arrived for three nights. The children have taken part in lots of exciting activities such as the ropes course, blindfold mazes, orienteering, night walks, pond dipping, hiking up Pitch Hill, clay work, archery, team games and a disco to name but a few. It's always good to spend learning time with the children in a different setting and to see how they respond. I would like to say a very big thank you to the team who have made this possible this week: Mrs Rinaldi, Mrs Ford, Mr Phillips and Ms Brathwaite. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Rinaldi for planning, organising and leading our school journeys this year. I hope the team have something relaxing planned over the weekend and the opportunity to catch up on lost sleep!

We have finally officially reached February at the start of next week. Our annual FoSMS Quiz Night is on Thursday evening in the school hall. Hopefully you all have your tickets and have been genning up on your general knowledge! Unfortunately, we have a governors committee meeting on the same night but I look forward to seeing who is in pole position when we finish the meeting! It's always a very enjoyable evening and an event which has remained in the calendar as a firm St. Mary's favourite over many years. Good luck to all the teams!

From everyone here at St. Mary's I wish you a very restful weekend. We look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday morning! Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



### LEARNING WARRIORS

Year One: Azariah, Clement, Gabriel, Sadie, Peter and Alex  
 Year Two: Theodore, Artemis, Tolu, Henry R, Charlotte, Henry K  
 Year Three: Georgina, Chloe, Ayanfe, Mete, Amelia, Luca  
 Year Four: Mia, Amelia, Oscar, Edwin, Tess  
 Year Five: Emily, Yaryna, Zlata, Yara, Leo and Alonzo

