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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 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)
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	93.9% (88)
09/02	
Total:	95.8% (1153)



I am writing this week's InTouch on behalf of Miss Payne, who is currently unwell. We are all wishing her a very speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back soon.

This week has been another busy and enjoyable one across the school. On Monday, Year 6 took part in a road safety workshop, which provided important and practical guidance to help the children develop greater awareness and confidence as they prepare for increased independence.

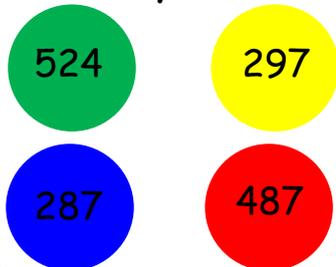
On Thursday, we enjoyed a whole-school Design and Technology Day. The children worked creatively and enthusiastically to design and produce a wide range of products, and it was wonderful to see their engagement, collaboration and pride in their finished work throughout the day. Thursday evening saw the return of FoSMS annual Quiz Night, which I hear was a roaring success. This was a fantastic opportunity for families and staff to come together for an evening of friendly competition, fun and laughter. Events like this play an important role in strengthening our school community. We are, as always very grateful to FoSMS for their continued hard work and support.

Next week is the final week of this half-term, and there is still plenty happening! We will be marking Mental Health and Wellbeing Week across the school, with activities and discussions to support pupils' emotional wellbeing. On Tuesday, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day and on Friday we will focus on Anti-Bullying Day—both important opportunities for learning and reflection.

From everyone here at St Mary's, we wish you a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday morning. Gemma Jennings—Deputy Head Teacher



Family Points



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Safer Internet Day 2026 Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

