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IN TOUCH



Friday 27th February 2026

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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

I am writing this week's InTouch on behalf of Miss Payne, who remains unwell. We continue to send her our very best wishes and hope she makes a full and speedy recovery.

It has been another exciting week at St Mary's, and the welcome appearance of the sunshine has certainly helped to lift everyone's spirits.

On Wednesday, our Nursery class made the most of the glorious weather by enjoying some gardening in the playground. The children planted a variety of seeds and bulbs, which we look forward to seeing in full bloom during the summer term.

Also on Wednesday, our KS2 choir attended the Young Voices concert at the O2. The children sang their hearts out and danced their socks off in what was a truly memorable experience. Ms Payne did a marvellous job of teaching the songs to our choir and was incredibly sad she could not attend. Our thanks go to Mrs McCarthy, Miss Donlon and Miss Braithwaite for giving up their time to accompany the children.

You may be aware that Mr Mwila (Cretos) became ill over the Christmas holidays. We are pleased to share that he is recovering well and is very much looking forward to returning as soon as he is able. Several parents and children have kindly asked about sending messages, and we would like to invite anyone who wishes to do so to write a letter or send a card with their get-well wishes. He misses everyone greatly, and receiving messages from his St Mary's family would undoubtedly lift his spirits. Please hand any cards or letters in at the school office, and we will ensure they are delivered to him.

Important dates for your diary:
 Friday 13th March - Mothering Sunday Service, 9.45am at St Mary's Church for Reception to Y6. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible.

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief. Children may wear their own clothes for a small donation.

Friday 27th March - Celebration Worship and last day of term. School will finish at 2.30pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kerry Dunford—Acting Deputy Head Teacher

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	92.8% (104)
27/02	92.3% (72)
Total:	95.6% (1257)

Family Points

357

376

388

360

