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Autumn Term
Friday 19th December 2025

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 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)
01/12	94.7% (74)
08/12	
15/12	
Total:	96.5% (606)

Family Points

369 278
351 374

IN TOUCH

Friday 5th December 2025 Issue 750

VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

Last week, we shared our Class Christmas Trees with you. This week it is the turn of our big whole school Christmas trees! I would like to say a huge thank you to Ian from Putney Christmas Trees! You can see how magnificent they look in the photos below and I hope many of you will have seen how marvellous they are in person. Thank you Ian and thank you for your generosity in offering all our families a discount when mentioning St. Mary's when they come to buy theirs. We wish you and everyone at PCT a very happy Christmas and 2026! THANK YOU!

This week we have seen many of you in school for our Progress in Learning meetings. Thank you for making the time to come in and meet with us. We trust you found the meetings useful and enjoyed looking at your child's work. We look forward to meeting with you again next term.

Some of you were also in school for the termly WCET concert in which our children who are learning instruments in school perform. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for our children to practise playing in front of an audience!

Today is a very exciting day in the St. Mary's calendar as it is our Annual Christmas Fair. The Fair will take place after school today and parent/carers should pick up the children from school in the usual way and then enter via the Charlwood Road entrance. I look forward to seeing many of you at what promises to be the hottest ticket of the season. The real Father Christmas will be with us and there will be some wonderfully festive stalls as well as all of the usual favourites. Huge thanks to Rochelle and Danielle our Co-Chairs and all of the members of the FoSMS Committee for all of the hard work that has gone into planning, executing and tidying up after the event—I am very grateful to you all!

Thank you to governors who are on the Faith Group and Resources Committee for meeting this week. Some of our governors will be in school again next week to see the school in action. Our governor working mornings are an opportunity to see if all of the things I tell them in meetings stack up in practice and so they have real experience of the school in action to challenge and support our work.

I would like to say a very big thank you to FoSMS for our Christmas Shows—which have become a bit of a tradition here at St. Mary's. Quantum Theatre will be in school on Monday performing 'A Christmas Carol' for Years One to Six and on Wednesday our Early Years pupils will enjoy 'The Grumpiest Elf'. The Christmas shows are a real highlight of our festive period in school and we are very lucky to have such a supportive and generous parent/carer body to provide such treats for the children—thank you all! See you at the fair soon!
Best wishes, Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher