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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**

## 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)
Spring	95.6% (764)
Week Beginning	% (sessions missed)
13/04	95.6% (69)
20/04	97.6% (38)
27/04	95.8% (67)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>95.7% (1864)</b>

Dear St Mary's Community,

Another week has flown past and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend!

It has been a packed week across many of our classes:

The children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Thursday. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Peter Pan and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

KS2 enjoyed Eucharist at the Church on Wednesday. Year 4 have been swimming and on Thursday visited the Mandir in Wimbledon. The children really enjoyed their visit and told me lots about it. They were complimented on their excellent behaviour which was a joy to hear.

Year 3 have been learning about Fairtrade and enthusiastically explained the importance of it to me. Ms Donlon has also worked with a small group making a bug hotel for the garden!

Year 5 created a newsroom interviewing 1974 tightrope walker - Philippe Petit - between the Twin Towers and Year 6 have been working very hard and are at the point where SATs are very soon. In worship today we discussed women in the Bible and the impact their story has on others. We talked about Betsy Stockten, born in 1798, enslaved in America but taught herself to read and was self educated. She was given the freedom to use the library of her owner which was very unusual. Later, she was the first unmarried African American woman to travel to Hawaii as the first to serve as a missionary. There she became a teacher at the Mission School where she taught history, English, Latin, and algebra. Along with being a missionary and teacher, Betsy also served unofficially as a doctor and nurse to a number of people and on top of this still found the time to help others to become teachers. A remarkable women who showed much resilience and compassion, living out her faith.

The sun has shone and the children have enjoyed being outside, please ensure that you have applied sunscreen before the children arrive. Hats in this weather are a really good idea!

We hope you have a lovely extended weekend and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Sara Davies

  
**Summer  
 Term**

## Family Points

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