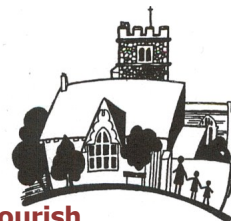


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IN TOUCH

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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 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)
Spring	95.6% (764)
Week Beginning	% (sessions missed)
13/04	95.6% (69)
20/04	97.6% (38)
27/04	95.8% (67)
04/05	97.6% (37)
11/05	96.6% (54)
18/05	95.2% (78)
01/06	96.4% (58)
08/06	97.5% (39)
15/06	96.5% (59)
Total:	95.8% (2252)


Summer Term

Family Points

415

275

435

294

Dear St Mary's Community,

Absolutely loads going on this week! Nursery have been making mini-beasts out of all sorts of bits and bobs, they are beautiful! Reception planned and designed a model and then made it! They are finishing the week with a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Year 1 attended Godly Play based on Noah's Ark and had a wonderful time. They were so well behaved that they were taken up to look at the bells and the organ—the first Year 1s to do this. Year 2 have been developing their writing skills through both extended writing and a geography project. Our intrepid Year 3 pupils became weather reporters, looking at the strange weather we are experiencing. During this hot spell, Year 4 have been investigating the impact of air pollution and the lack of green spaces in the city. I have a feeling that there might be some shared reading with Reception later today. A trip on Monday took Year 5 to Battersea Arts Centre, where they took part in deciphering clues in a murder mystery created by author Sharna Jackson. Year 5 are currently reading her book Highways Mystery. They had a great time and answered lots of questions. Year 6 have spent time discussing The Unforgotten Coat, particularly looking at metaphors and how they can convey deeper meanings. Play rehearsals are coming on apace! Today we had our third Anti-Bullying day, Power for Good combined with Refugee week. Year 6 ABA's visited all the KS2 classes and discussed what it means to be a refugee. They shared an extract from their class book The Unforgotten Coat, a story about two brothers. When they visited classes they asked each class for five acts of kindness which we will discuss in worship next week. Year 5 ABA's visited Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I am looking forward to hearing their ideas. With the flurry of inspections over the last few weeks here is a link to an Ofsted Parents guide which I thought might be useful. It explains what the new report card means [New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](#).

Dates for your diary

- Friday 26th June annual mufti day in exchange for Summer Fair donations— information attached. Everyone is included donation or not! .
- Friday 3rd July KS1 Sports Day
- Saturday 4th July Summer Fair.
- Friday 10th July KS2 Sports Day
- Friday 10th July reports go out electronically

The staff team at St Mary's is amazing and this verse from Thessalonians popped up from Every Day Faith this morning. It fits us exactly: 'therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing'.

Our prayer this week:

God, give us eyes to see your light shining in other people. Help us to encourage it, not extinguish it and give us wisdom to build each other up.
Amen

With all good wishes for the weekend,
Sara Davies

