

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES
School Year 2022-23

Autumn Term
Half Term:
Monday 24th October to
Friday 28th October 2022
Last day of Term:
Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term
INSET Day:
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
First day of Term:
Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half Term:
Monday 13th February to
Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term
INSET Day:
Monday 17th April 2023
First day of Term:
Tuesday 18th April 2023
Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st May 2023
Half Term:
Monday 29th May to
Friday 2nd June 2023
Last Day of Term:
Thursday 20th July 2023
INSET Day:
Friday 21st July 2023

IN TOUCH

Friday 7th October 2022

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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

I am sure Miss Payne has been enjoying her time with Head's in Canterbury at the Southwark Diocese Conference over the last two days just as much as our Year Six school leaders enjoyed their learning walk around the school yesterday! Abigail, Anton, Harper and Isabella spent time in each class seeing whether they could spot our school values in action. They certainly did! They all commented on how happy, calm and focused all children were in their classrooms. It was a pleasure to tour our lovely school with them and Miss Payne will be very interested in their feedback on what is going well and what they think we can improve on.

Many thanks to Reverend Jane for leading Worship this week for both EYFS/KS1 and KS2. It was lovely to hear her sharing the Moses story from the popular Jack in the Box series with EYFS and KS1 and explaining intercession prayer through prayer chatterboxes in KS2! We are also hugely grateful to Nikki Cornfield for delivering Godly Play to our children at St. Mary's Church over the course of the year. Nikki spoke this week to staff about how Godly play helps children become more fully aware of the awe and wonder of God's presence in their lives.

The very popular Y2 trip to Pizza Express went well on Wednesday—Mrs McCarthy said the children were a real credit to the school! We also had another very successful Second Hand Uniform Sale on Wednesday—even in the rain we managed to raise over £600—please could we ask that all 'new' uniform is labelled with 'new' names—otherwise it gets very confusing!

The Library was fully open this week and it is great to see it pretty much full to capacity at lunchtimes—thank you to Y6 librarians for learning the ropes so quickly and getting this up and running—they even managed to order some new posters for the room to make it an even more enticing place to be for avid St. Mary's readers!

Finally, just a reminder that if you have a scooter in the playground, please could you make sure that it is removed before you leave for the half term break—from the 28th October—all scooters remaining after this will be donated to charity or disposed of.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Amanda Bishop
Deputy Head

Whole School Attendance
2022-23

| TARGET | 97.0% |
|---------------|--------------|
| 05/09 | 92.0% |
| 12/09 | 96.3% |
| 19/09 | 95.2% |
| 26/09 | 97.4% |
| 03/10 | 95.1% |
| 10/10 | |
| 17/10 | |
| 24/10 | |
| 31/10 | |
| Total: | 95.6% |

Family Points

178

220

210

204

